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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MEDIA INVITATION

DATE: 16 January 2018

EMBARGO: None

SUBJECT: THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE TO HOST ARMED FORCES DAY 2018 MEDIA LAUNCH IN KIMBERLY ON THURSDAY, 25 JANUARY 2018

The President of the Republic of South Africa (RSA) and Commander-in-Chief of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) proclaimed that 21 February each year will be observed and commemorated as Armed Forces Day (AFD). The Chief of the South Africa National Defence Force (C SANDF), General Solly Shoke, has authorised the hosting of the Armed Forces Day Celebration 2018 on Wednesday, 21 February 2018 in Kimberley, Northern Cape.

The South African Air Force will host a media launch on Thursday, 25 January 2018 at 10:00. The media launch will be held at Mitthah Seperepere Convection Centre, West Circular Road, Big Hole Complex, Kimberley, to announce various activities scheduled as part of the Armed Forces Day 2018 celebrations. The Chief of the Air Force (CAF) as the appointed Chief Executor for Armed Forces Day (AFD) 2018 will address the media to give an overview of the Armed Forces Day 2018 celebrations. A Question and Answer (Q&A) session has been scheduled between the appointed military principals of the SANDF/DOD and members of the media.

You are cordially invited to send a journalist and/or a cameraperson to attend and give coverage of the media launch.

Interested members of the media based in Gauteng will be flown aboard an SA Air Force aircraft in the morning of Thursday, 25 January 2018 and back to Pretoria in the afternoon of the same day. Reporting time is 06:30 in the morning at Air Force Base Waterkloof, Centurion.

RSVPs must reach Candidate Officer Donald Nyalungu at **071 524 1096** on or before Monday, 22 January 2018 12:00 and to include full name and surname, ID no, media house and contact details. No accreditation is required to attend the media Launch. RSVP's will be treated on a first-response-first-seat basis as seating is limited on the aircraft. No exceptions will be made for late RSVPs. Kimberley-based media to also confirm attendance with Candidate Officer Donald Nyalungu at (012) 312 2255 or email: saafmedialiaison@gmail.com

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