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Subject: HANDING OVER OF CESSNA 150 (REPLICA) AIRCRAFT FROM NIGERIA TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE (SAAF MUSEUM) ON 07 MARCH 2015 AT 09H15

On Saturday, 07 March 2015, the Chief of the South African Air Force (CAF), Lt Gen F.Z. Msimang will receive a Cessna 150 (replica) aircraft from the Nigerian Civil Training Centre. The handing-over ceremony will be held at the South African Air Force (SAAF) Museum, at 09h15.

The ceremony serves as a milestone in the history of the SAAF. It is an opportunity to reflect on the training of Non-Statutory Force (NSF) pilots' pre-1994 and to recover the success story over this period and time.

The aircraft produced the current and former leaders in the SAAF. In the late 1970s, Maj Gen G. Malinga (Deputy Chief of Air Force), Maj Gen M.M. Mangethe (retired), Maj Gen L. Ngema (retired) and more, were trained and qualified as pilots on this aircraft.

Maj Gen H.T. Paine (retired) will officially handover the aircraft's lock-book to the CAF that will soon form part of the SAAF Museum inventory under the command of Lt Col M.F. O'Connor. The former graduates are expected to accompany the CAF to this special occasion.

The ceremony coincides with the SAAF's 95th anniversary celebration and the flying day which precedes the airshow to be held on 09 May 2015 at the Museum.

You are cordially invited to send a journalist and photographer to cover the event. Journalists who are assigned to cover the event are requested to RSVP on or before 06 March 2015 at 16h00 to Corporal M.S. Chauke, 012 312 2255/ 0710736090.

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