



**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS**  
Republic of South Africa

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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**DATE:** Wednesday, 27 April 2016

**EMBARGO:** None

**SUBJECT:** **MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS, NOSIVIWE MAPISA-NQAKULA, TO LEAD MANDELA DAY/67 MINUTES CAMPAIGN OUTREACH BY THE DEFENCE INDUSTRY TO MOUNT ARTHUR GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL IN THE EASTERN CAPE.**

The Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Hon. Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula - MP, will tomorrow the 28th of July 2016, lead captains of the local defence industry in a Mandela Day/67 Minutes of public service outreach campaign, in honour of the late former President Nelson Mandela's 67 years of public service.

At the formation of the South African National Defence Industry Council (SANDIC) last year, which comprises a cross sector of entrepreneurs in the defence and armaments space in partnership with government, Minister Mapisa-Nqakula lamented the high rate of unemployment among young people, calling on SANDIC to work tirelessly to create employment opportunities particularly in the scarce skills sectors of the economy.

Minister Mapisa-Nqakula also challenged the local defence industry to take a keen interest in the provision of quality public education in the country, adding that indigent youth were among the most vulnerable in society and required aggressive interventions to improve their prospects.

SANDIC has since responded with a R210 000.00 donation, through its fundraising efforts, to Mount Arthur Girls High School in Ladyfrere in the Eastern Cape.

Minister Mapisa-Nqakula will tomorrow lead a Mandela Day / 67 Minutes of outreach to the school accompanied by some of the local defence industry captain as well as key partners in development efforts at the school MedPost.

Media are invited to accompany the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans on this visit as follows:

Meeting Point: East London Airport

Call Time: 07h30 for 08h00

Departure: 08h10 to Mount Arthur Girls High School in Ladyfrere (SAAF Oryx Helicopter)

Program Duration: 09h30 - 11h07

Return: 11h30

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