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## **MEDIA INVITATION**

**Date: 10 MAY 2017**

**Subject: ACCEPTANCE PARADE OF HONORARY COLONEL 44 SQUADRON:  
HON COL L.T. MOLOTLEGI**

The South African Air Force (SAAF) will host the acceptance parade of Honorary Colonel, Kgosi Leruo Tshekedi Molotlegi, the 36<sup>th</sup> King of the Royal Bafokeng Nation who has served as King since 2000. He is a fixed wing and rotorcraft pilot and in 2010 he was appointed Honorary Colonel of 16 Squadron. In 2017 he accepted the position of Honorary Colonel of 44 Squadron. The acceptance parade of Honorary Colonel will take place at Air Force Base Waterkloof (AFB) (44 Squadron) on Thursday, 11 May 2017. Reporting time at AFB Waterkloof (44 Squadron) is 9:30 for 10:00.

The appointment of Honorary Colonels is an established South African National Defence Force tradition, they help build relationships for the units at which they are attached through the Honorary Colonel network and assist in ensuring the maintenance of various customs and traditions. They also build and develop community support for their units by providing a public profile for the unit.

You are cordially invited to send a journalist and / or a photographer to cover the event. Journalists assigned to cover this event should RSVP to Sergeant V.S. Cekwana (012) 312 2255 on or before Wednesday, 10 May 2017 at 15:30.

**Ends.**

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