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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Subject: MINISTER MAPISA-NQAKULA TO OFFICIATE PASS-OUT PARADE**

On Saturday, 22 July, 2017, Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Ms. Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula, will preside over the passing out parade of Young Falcons in Queenstown, Eastern Cape.

Since the 9th of July 2017, the South African Air Force (SAAF) in partnership with Denel, have been hosting camps where learners are taught skills in both academic and vocational courses in the Eastern Cape and Gauteng respectively. The camps cater for Grades 10 to 12 learners studying maths and science. The main objective is to provide platforms and opportunities where learners can engage with maths and science while also gaining insight into the world of aviation.

In order to develop the Young Falcons, both Denel and the SAAF have deployed specialist teams comprised of, inter alia, engineers, aviation instructors, technical personnel, wellness instructors and life skills mentors.

The purpose of these camps can be summed up in one word, education. We strive to equip young people with skills needed for future success while strengthening their commitment to the country, said Minister Mapisa-Nqakula.

**Members of the media are invited to attend the ceremony as follows:**

Date: 22 July 2017

Time: 09h00 for 09h30

Venue: J.J. Serfontein School, 1 Waterbok Street, Madeira Park, Queenstown

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