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Subject: SAAF MUSEUM ANNUAL AIR SHOW “PIONEERING OUR FUTURE” TO BE HELD ON 05 – 06 MAY 2017 AT AFB SWARTKOP AIRFIELD

The South African Air Force (SAAF) Museum annual Airshow and Youth Aviation Awareness Programme will be held on 05 and 06 May 2017 from 08h00 until 18h00 at Air Force Base Swartkop alongside Old Johannesburg road in Valhalla, Pretoria.

The SAAF Museum Airshow is designed to offer aviation enthusiasts, aviation institutions and publications, the general public as well as current and former members of the SAAF an opportunity to reflect on the memories and representations of history. Thus, the events will depict the evolution of military aviation from both static and flying conditions.

The theme for this year is: **Pioneering our Future**. The SAAF Museum continues in its endeavors to bring forth the collective history of military aviation in South Africa, as this remains a contested terrain.

The SAAF Museum hopes to raise aviation awareness and highlight to the public the significance of the Museum in preserving the SAAF heritage. Emphasizes will be made on the historical role of museums in the development of society. Museums “are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among peoples” of the world.

The Career Expo / Aviation Awareness will introduce the youth from various strata of society to the world of aviation. There will be exhibits from the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) and aviation related industries.

The following aircraft will form part of the flying programme; Gripen, Hawk, Rooivalk, Oryx, Puma, Allouette II and III, Silver Falcons and other SAAF Museum aircraft, complimented by various civilian aircraft.

Tickets are available from Computicket at R80, 00 (children under 16 years free). Children under 16 years old will be given wristbands at the Air Show entrances. In the event where a child is separated from his/her parents, the former will be taken to a childcare centre and parents should immediately approach a mobile South African Police Service station at the Base. Lost children will be kept at the childcare centre, which will be situated inside the Base.

Gautrain bus services will transport members of the public to and from the Centurion Gautrain station, normal fares apply. Aviation enthusiasts are encouraged to make use of this service, as it will allow for easy access to the Base. The City of Tshwane will provide a return transport service from various pick up points to the Air Show.

Public parking will be available around Air Force Base Swartkop alongside Old Johannesburg and Snake Valley road. Military Police in conjunction with Tshwane Metro Police and the South African Police Services will direct and coordinate traffic flow.

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