

MEDIA RELEASE

AIRPORTS COMPANY SOUTH AFRICA LAUNCHES NOMBUSO DISABILITY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

NDWEDWE, KWAZULU-NATAL, 14 SEPTEMBER 2018 - Airports Company South Africa today celebrates the unveiling of the newly refurbished and expanded Nombuso Disability Development Centre in Ndwedwe, Kwazulu-Natal.

The handover was celebrated by Kwazulu-Natal premier, Willies Mchunu, Deputy Minister of the Department of Social Development, Mrs Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu and Airports Company South Africa management, along with the learners and teachers who expressed their delight with the upgraded facilities that will support the improvement of educational outcomes in the rural school.

Airports Company South Africa's Group Executive for Corporate Affairs Refentse Shinnars, said: "This project, which forms part of the Izingane kuQala pilot project for persons with disabilities has highlighted the power and importance of partnerships in bringing about inclusive growth and upliftment in vulnerable communities. If we are going to ensure inclusive growth and opportunities in the communities in which we operate, it's imperative that we work in ongoing partnerships, where government, families, organs of civil society and the corporate sector all work towards a common goal, rather than in silos."

The centre, which currently houses 32 children with physical and intellectual disabilities as well as six volunteers, will now be able to cater for the hundreds of learners with disability on the waiting list within the district.

In place of the old, dilapidated structure, Airports Company South Africa has built a new disability friendly school with four classrooms (one stimulation room), computer laboratories with laboratory furniture, a fully furnished and equipped administration block that includes a reception and waiting area, a kitchen/dining area with storage, sick bays, two jungle gyms, sports facilities and ablution facilities for learners and staff.

“Children with disabilities living in rural under-serviced communities often find themselves confined to their homes and deprived of any meaningful early childhood development services and educational opportunities. This doesn’t have to be so, and Airports Company South Africa is passionate about providing educational opportunities and support for people with disabilities in the communities surrounding our airports.”

“As part of Airports Company South Africa’s socio-economic development strategy, we also support the development of emerging businesses operating in communities we support. As part of this project, Airports Company South Africa empowered a female contractor Bavelile Trading and Projects (appointed for the construction of the school), through its enterprise and supplier development programme,” Shinnars said.

The contractor received project management support, which includes technical skills, safety and environmental compliance – ensuring an accident and safety incident free report during the construction of the school. This project contributed immensely to local procurement and created 71 employment opportunities for locals in the area. This empowerment exercise will assist in increasing the contractor’s CIBD level, which will see the contractor compete with bigger players in the construction industry in the future.

Airports Company South Africa is a state-owned company of the Department of Transport and a strategic partner of Project Izingane kuQala. Other partners to the project include Dalton Sugar Lodestar

Foundation, ESKOM, Tongaat Hulleys and the MTNSA Foundation. The centre will also be registered and supported by both Department of Social Development and Basic Education.

ENDS

Notes to editors about Airports Company South Africa

Airports Company South Africa is the largest airport operator in Africa. Our mission is to develop and manage world-class airport infrastructure for the benefit of all stakeholders.

We manage South Africa's nine principal airports*. In fulfilling this task, Airports Company South Africa enables more than 80 percent of South Africa's commercial air travel. Our airports process 40 million arriving and departing passengers a year.

In the 2016/17 financial year, Airports Company South Africa reported total revenue of R8.6 billion. Currently 63% of Airports Company South Africa revenue is derived from regulated tariffs for aircraft landing and parking fees and a passenger service charge. The remaining 37% is non-aeronautical revenue generated by airport retail, parking, property and other services.

Airports Company South Africa's global footprint extends to technical advisory services and support, airport management, and operating concessions in India, Brazil, Munich, and Ghana.

We also frequently feature among the winners of independently-judged global airport awards. In the 2017 Airports Service Quality awards presented by Airports Council International no less than four of our airports were honoured:

- King Shaka International Airport achieved first place in Best Airport by Region;
- Cape Town International Airport achieved third place in Best Airport by Region;

Tel +27 11 723 1400 Fax +27 11 453 9354

The Maples, Riverwoods, 24 Johnson Road, Bedfordview, Gauteng, South Africa, 2008

P O Box 75480, Gardenvue, Gauteng, South Africa, 2047

www.airports.co.za

- Cape Town International Airport was named Best Airport in Africa (over 20 000 air traffic movements) in the Safety Awards;
- Bram Fischer International Airport achieved first place in Best Airport by Region in the under 2 million passengers category as well as Most Improved Airport; and
- Upington International Airport joined the 2016 Director's Roll of Excellence for being ranked in the top five airports for its category, size and region from 2006 to 2015.

For more information please visit www.airports.co.za.

**South African airports we operate are: O. R. Tambo International Airport, Cape Town International Airport, King Shaka International Airport, George Airport, Bram Fischer International Airport, Upington Airport, Kimberley Airport, Port Elizabeth Airport and East London Airport.*