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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND AIRPORTS COMPANY SOUTH AFRICA UNVEIL NEW INFRASTRUCTURE FOR MPUMALANGA SCHOOL

MPUMALANGA, 25 MAY 2018 – Airports Company South Africa (ACSA), a state-owned company of the Department of Transport today handed over a computer centre and science laboratory, a library and new, modern ablution and sanitation facilities at the Inkomazi Senior Secondary School in Mangweni.

The handover was celebrated by the Department of Transport and Airports Company South Africa along with hundreds of learners and their teachers who expressed their delight at the upgraded facilities expected to improve educational outcomes in the rural secondary school.

The Deputy Minister of Transport, Ms. Sindisiwe Chikunga was joined by the Mpumalanga MEC for Public Works, Roads and Transport Ms. Sasekani Manzini and Chief Executive Officer of Airports Company South Africa, Mr. Bongani Maseko.

“As the Department of Transport and our entity, Airports Company South Africa, we are extremely delighted with this achievement. It is definitely an important milestone in the improvement and betterment of the education of our learners. Mathematics and Science are critical subjects for the transport sector but for many other disciplines as well. We encourage our learners to work very hard because we want transport engineers, pilots, scientists and many more,” said Deputy Minister Chikunga.

This project forms part of Airports Company South Africa’s socio-economic development programme, which continues to support teacher and learner development initiatives and provide infrastructure support for disadvantaged communities.

Refentse Shinnars, Group Executive for Corporate Affairs at Airports Company South Africa said: “Seeing the faces of the learners and teachers at Inkomazi Senior Secondary School today was extremely moving. We are honoured as Airports Company South Africa to contribute to making such

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an impact to the lives of youth in the remotest rural parts of our country to ensure that they have the facilities and support to reach their full potential.

This infrastructure project supports our socio-economic development mandate to promote social cohesion and inclusion, and promotes transformation through education programmes and youth empowerment initiatives.”

The Department of Transport has a partnership with numerous institutions of higher learning and TVET colleges and provides bursaries to deserving students to study in various transport related education fields. Education is a key factor in fighting socio-economic imbalances and it is our responsibility as key role players in South Africa’s economic development to contribute to the country’s social and economic development agenda.

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