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AIRPORTS COMPANY SOUTH AFRICA LAUNCHES LEARNER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN COMMEMORATION OF MANDELA DAY CELEBRATIONS

BEDFORDVIEW, 19 July 2018 – Today Airports Company South Africa launches a learner development programme at two schools in Ekurhuleni, the home of its flagship airport, O.R. Tambo International Airport, namely Tsakane Ext 8 Secondary School in Tsakane, and Kwa-Dukathole Comprehensive School in Katlehong.

The programme which runs on Saturdays, and over the school holidays, is targeted at Grade 12 learners and covers Mathematics, including Maths Literacy, Science, Accounting, Business Studies, English, Life Sciences, History and Geography. Learners are supplied with study guides, text books as well as scientific calculators.

Refentse Shinnars, Group Executive for Corporate Affairs at Airports Company South Africa said, "We are mindful that education is one of the keys to breaking the cycle of poverty. Our learner development projects are targeted at schools from marginalised communities that have been identified by the Department of Basic Education as the lowest performing. As a state-owned company, we decided to heed the call to get involved, mainly for schools in communities surrounding our airports.

"We are aware that we cannot do this alone and hence we have called upon the teachers and parents to get involved with this project in order to assist us in ensuring that we run a sustainable project, and at the same time equip our learners with the necessary tools to prepare them for the future," added Shinnars.

In Madiba's words, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world'. It is in the same vein that Airports Company South Africa prioritised education as one of the most important focus areas in its Socio-Economic development strategy, to help improve the state of our country and transform the lives of the less privileged in society.

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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;
- 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.

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*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.

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