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**SPEED, POWER AND SIZE WILL DRAW VISITORS TO AFRICA'S TOP SHOW –
AAD 2016**

The fastest car ever built and some of the largest airlifters yet seen in the African skies will be among the main attractions at this year's AAD 2016. Add to this the spectacular aerobatics of the SA Air Force's Silver Falcons and regular flypasts of fighter planes, helicopters and executive jets, and it is clear why organisers of the Africa Aerospace and Defence Exhibition expect more than 100 000 visitors to the continent's largest show.

AAD 2016 is hosted again at the Air Force Base Waterkloof in Tshwane from 14 to 18 September. The first three days are taken up by trade visitors and official delegations from more than 80 countries but the gates will open for the public at 06h00 on Saturday and Sunday to visit the exhibitions and watch the pilots putting the aircraft through their paces.

One of the top attention-grabbers will be a full scale replica of the Bloodhound supersonic car which has been designed to break the 1 000 miles per hour speed barrier for the first time ever. The pencil-shaped car powered by jet and rocket engines will attempt to break the world land speed record at Hakskeenpan in the Northern Cape next year.

The model will form part of the Youth Development Pavilion at AAD 2016 but will be accessible to all visitors to the show. More than 3 300 high school learners from all provinces will attend the show in groups to get hands-on experiences working with sophisticated technology and learn more about career options in the modern, high-tech defence sector.

Some of the world's largest military transport planes will dominate the runways at AFB Waterkloof and impress the aviation enthusiasts when they take to the skies. The Boeing KC-135 stratotanker is used by the US Air Command to refuel fighter jets in flight and saw extensive war time service during Operation Desert Storm. Returning to

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AAD 2016 is the giant C130J Super Hercules, one of the world's largest military transport planes.

The Airbus C295 will be on static display and the American presence at the show is rounded out by the MQ-9 Reaper, one of the world's most advanced unmanned aerial vehicles deployed in both combat operations and for research purposes by NASA.

A number of modern executive jets will make their first appearances at a South African air show. Among these, will be the Russian-made Sukhoi Superjet 100, the Citation Latitude and two twin-engined light jets manufactured by Diamond Aircraft, the DA62 and the DA42. A total of 95 different aircraft will either fly or be on display at the show. The Silver Falcons will perform at scheduled intervals during the weekend while the public will also get the opportunity to take closer looks at the Gripen and Hawk fighter jets used by the SA Air Force.

Defence enthusiasts will be able to visit the numerous pavilions where some of the top technology companies will have their latest products on display especially in the fields of landward defence, armoured vehicles, missiles, automatic rifles and security technology.

AAD 2016 is also the major showcase for the South African defence industry where companies such as Denel, Aerosud, Paramount and Reutech will display their technologies next to that of global names such as Thales, Indra, Rheinmetall and Russian Helicopters.

The public can buy tickets through Computicket at R70 or at the gates on the day at R80. VIP packages which give visitors access to restricted areas cost R1 000 for adults and R500 for kids.

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