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To: All Media
Attention: Sport Editors/Journalists
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SA Olympic Team Send-Off in Ekurhuleni, Gauteng

Well-wishers and members of the public will have the last and only chance to see and bid farewell to their South African Rio Olympic-bound stars, when the team parades the streets of Ekurhuleni on Saturday, 23 July.

Part of the 139 Team SA made up of runners, swimmers, football and rugby stars among others will be in the parade taking place in Reiger Park, a suburb that as recent as 2015 was in the news for several horrific crime incidents including hijackings, kidnapping and gang related attacks.

Organized jointly by the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC), Gauteng Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation and the City of Ekurhuleni the street parade is a grand sendoff for the team giving athletes and the public opportunity to interact. It is also meant to boost the morale of the team by exposing athletes to the passionate support, spirit and hopes of the nation.

The team jets off to Brazil on 24 July to join more than 10 500 athletes from 207 countries for the biggest international sporting event taking place from August 5th to 21.

Details of the Team SA Send-off parade are as follows:

Date: 23 July 2016
Time: 10h00
Venue: Reiger Park Stadium, Ekurhuleni

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