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**Media Statement  
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**Air Traffic Company breaks down career barriers in aviation for learners**

The Air Traffic and Navigation Services SOC Ltd (ATNS) on Friday, 09 February 2024, hosted over 40 learners from various townships in East London for a Career Tour at the King Phalo International Airport.

The initiative, which is part of the ATNS Corporate Social Investment, was in partnership with the Airports Company of South Africa (ACSA). The learners in grades between eight and 10 at the Academy of Science and Technology were taken on a tour through the ATNS tower, its technical services and the general aviation community that included the Airport Fire Services.

In its 30 years of existence, ATNS has been actively involved in the aviation industry career awareness initiatives. This has resulted in matriculants from mostly previously disadvantaged and remote communities showing unparalleled interest and taking up training and becoming Air Traffic Controllers.

The ATNS career awareness and recruitment drive has been a game-changer in the industry. Not only has it brought transformation to the fore, but it has addressed the societal challenge of youth unemployment. With its catchy, ground-breaking youth-friendly slogan, “Kasi-to-the-Skies”, ATNS has partnered with significant aviation role-players in South Africa, including the national Department of Transport, to form the Joint Aviation Awareness Programme (JAAP).

JAAP has proven effective in rolling out sustainable and effective career awareness campaigns. The last event under the banner of JAAP attended by scores of learners was in December 2023 to mark the International Civil Aviation Day celebrations at the Bulumbu Airport in Bhisho, Eastern Cape.

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