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Dear valued customers and stakeholders

NOTICE OF THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES IN POTENTIAL PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN RAIL AND PORT **FREIGHT LOGISTICS PROJECTS, 23 MARCH 2025**

On 23 March 2025, The Minister of the Department of Transport, the Honourable Ms Barbara Creecy announced the Request for Information (RFI) to develop an enabling environment for private sector participation and enhanced investment in rail and port infrastructure and operations.

This is an exciting step forward and Transnet Port Terminals calls on its customers and stakeholders to consider this opportunity to make proposals for Terminal and logistics partnerships in response to the RFI.

The RFI focuses on the following corridors, and associated terminals:

- Northern-Cape to Saldanha Bulk Minerals Corridor primarily for iron ore and manganese exports, and the Northern-Cape to Nelson Mandela Bay Corridor, primarily for manganese exports. This includes the complete pit-to-port rail, port, terminal infrastructure, and equipment supporting the transport of iron ore from mines in the greater Sishen-Postmasburg region to the Port of Saldanha, as well as the movement of manganese from mines located between Hotazel and Postmasburg to the Port of Saldanha, and to the ports of Port Elizabeth and Ngqura in Nelson Mandela Bay, and the back of port arrangements.
- Limpopo and Mpumalanga to Richards Bay Bulk Minerals Corridor PSP Project for coal and chrome exports, including provision for magnetite exports in port. This includes the full pit-to-port rail, port, and terminal infrastructure and equipment supporting coal exports from mines in Lephalale, Limpopo; chrome exports from the 'Western Limb' mines in the Rustenburg-Brits region in North West; and coal exports from various mines across Mpumalanga and KwaZulu-Natal to the Port of Richards Bay. Particular attention is given to the Bayvue precinct, where non-RBCT coal, chrome, and magnetite are handled through the Dry Bulk and Multi-Purpose Terminals, and the back of port arrangements.

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 Intermodal Supply Chain PSP Project focused on the container and automotive sectors, including the potential designation of the South African container port system as a regional transhipment hub for major shipping lines. This includes the port, container and automotive port terminals, back of port arrangements, and railway and inland terminals for the Gauteng—Durban port (KZN), Gauteng— Eastern Cape (East London, Port Elizabeth, Ngqura), and Gauteng—Western Cape (Cape Town) corridors.

The RFI must be completed online and can be accessed through the Department of Transport's website or directly at www.psp-rfi.co.za. The portal will remain open for eight weeks, from 24 March to 9 May 2025. Submitted responses will be reviewed and feedback will be provided.

Following the conclusion of the RFI phase, the Request for Proposal (RFP) will be undertaken through the PSP Unit. The PSP Unit and Transnet will develop the policy-aligned PSP Programme, which will enter the formal procurement phase from the end of August 2025.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information.

Kind regards

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