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## Substantial progress achieved after KZN storm damages

State-owned freight and logistics company Transnet has made substantial progress in getting most of its operations back online after a violent storm in KwaZulu-Natal earlier this month.

Transnet is pleased to announce that 100% of marine operations at the Port of Durban have resumed. On the terminal side, availability of the Rubber-Tyred Gantries (RTGs) at Pier 1 has increased from 11 to 15. A total of five ship-to-shore cranes are operational, whilst one is still under repairs. At Pier 2, a total of 11 ship-to-shore cranes are back online, with 4 cranes still under repairs.

Transnet is also relieved to report that its railway Natal Corridor line is now fully operational. This is after the railway network also suffered damages, with both the Natal Corridor (Mainline) as well as the South Coast line experiencing a number of delays as a result of the storm.

The Durban complex has also returned to normality on the Natal Corridor with all trains operating according to the Integrated Train Plan running as scheduled. The South Coast line is yet to return to full operation.

Since the storm on the morning of 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Transnet's employees in the affected areas have been working tirelessly to limit further operational disruptions and loss of revenue.

The severe weather, which resulted in KwaZulu-Natal being declared a provincial disaster, left a trail of destruction in one of the country's busiest logistic hubs. The storm disrupted marine, terminal and rail operations in the Port of Durban and surrounding areas. Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA), Transnet Ports Terminals (TPT) and Transnet Freight Rail (TFR) experienced major disruptions on their service delivery commitments.

All affected divisions have reported damage to their infrastructure, which included cargo handling equipment, buildings, vehicles, railway lines and quay walls.

Thorough assessments are still ongoing, with evaluators being on site since the 12 October 2017. While assessments of the full extent of the losses are underway, Transnet would like to assure all its affected stakeholders that everything is being done to bring all operations back to normality as soon as possible.

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## About Transnet

Transnet is wholly owned by the Government of the Republic of South Africa. The company is uniquely positioned to provide integrated, seamless transport solutions for its customers in the bulk and manufacturing sectors. This is part of its drive to improve the efficiency and competitiveness of the South African economy.

Transnet has five operating divisions:

**Transnet Freight Rail** transports bulk and containerised freight along 20 500 kilometres of which 1 500 kilometres comprises rail networks heavy haul lines for export coal and export iron ore.

**Transnet Engineering** manufactures and maintains rolling stock. It consists of eight product-focused business units which provide services ranging from rolling stock refurbishment, conversion and upgrades, to the manufacturing of locomotives, coaches and wagons.

**Transnet National Ports Authority** is responsible for the safe, efficient and effective functioning of the national ports system, which it manages in a landlord capacity. The National Ports Authority is also a provider of port infrastructure and marine services at all commercial ports in South Africa.

**Transnet Port Terminals** owns and operates 16 cargo terminal operations situated at seven South African ports. It provides cargo-handling services for the container, bulk, automotive and break-bulk sectors.

**Transnet Pipelines** transports a range of petroleum products and gas through 3 000 kilometres of underground pipelines, which traverse five provinces, thereby ensuring the security of supply of petroleum products to the inland market, especially Gauteng. Transnet Pipelines is gearing itself for full commissioning of the new Multi-Product Pipeline.

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