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Transnet Chief Group Executive, Mr Siyabonga Gama makes it to the Global Ports Forum ‘Hall of Fame 2018’

Transnet’s Group Chief Executive, Mr Siyabonga Gama has been recognised for his valuable contribution and role in the global ports and terminal industry.

Mr Gama’s 24 years of experience in various managerial positions at Transnet has been recognised globally at a Global Ports Forum Awards, an international port and terminal prestigious event held last night, Thursday at 22 February 2018 at the Grand Hyatt in Dubai.

According to the Global Port Forum, the criterion in the “Hall of Fame” category recognises an exemplary role model of unparalleled standing in the port and terminal industry.

The ten-year-old Singapore- launched Global Port Forum made up of worldwide port experts also recognises contributions made by organisations and individuals in different parts of the world. Based on the nominations received worldwide, the awards’ jury use a well-defined criteria and process to select and award winners under each category.

Commenting on his achievement, Mr Gama said: “Such recognition comes with vision for the company, hard work and depends a lot on supportive workforce that I have been honoured to work with over the past 24 years.”

Mr Gama was not the only winner, Transnet’s Port of Richards Bay walked away with a Port / Terminal of the Year 2018 – Africa award, while TNPA’s Chief Operations Officer, Phyllis Difeto took home the Woman of the Year in Port and Terminal Industry 2018 award.

The Port of Richards Bay was acknowledged for enhancing capacity and productivity with sustainable and consistent growth providing value added quality services for customers delight.

The Bulk Logistics Port/Terminal Award was awarded to the Richards Bay Coal Terminal.

“Such achievements point out that Transnet’s role in the globe as a logistics and transportation company is well recognised and appreciated. Transnet would like to

congratulate the Port of Richards Bay as well as the Ms Difeto for putting Transnet's name on the global map," added Mr Gama.

Transnet's global recognition comes at the time when the company is going through a strategic transition phase from the Market Demand Strategy, an infrastructure investment programme to Transnet 4.0 which will assist the company to embrace the rapid technology changes in the sector.

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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 heavy haul lines for export coal and export iron ore.

Transnet Advanced Manufacturing, also known as 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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