

Transnet accelerates the delivery of the Ngqura Liquid Bulk Terminal

[Johannesburg, South Africa, 15 March 2021] Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) has made great strides in its efforts to accelerate delivery of the Port of Ngqura Liquid Bulk Terminal. This will be realised through a robust construction programme that will be executed by the Coega Development Corporation (CDC), which has been appointed as an implementation agent for TNPA for a period of two years.

The aim is that the Terminal must be operational before the closure of the Port of Port Elizabeth liquid bulk facility, which is scheduled for 31 December 2021.

In November 2020, the successful bidder to build, operate and transfer the Port of Ngqura liquid bulk facility communicated its decision to discontinue the construction project as it had not found a commercially viable business case for the proposed terminal. The successful bidder's decision posed the risk of significant delays in the construction of the Ngqura facility, to which the PE liquid bulk operation is planned to relocate. Furthermore, delays in the readiness of the Ngqura facility would result in the road haulage of the liquid bulk products from port import facilities in East London and Mossel Bay as an alternative supply solution, which is not sustainable due to the risk of road infrastructure deterioration as well as safety, health and environmental risks.

The current location of the PE Tank Farm forms part of phase 2 of the waterfront development, a much-anticipated development in the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, which will contribute towards the facilitation of economic transformation through job creation and enhance the tourism profile of the city.

The CDC is currently responsible for the implementation of the planning, design and construction of similar tanks at the Coega Special Economic Zone, to create a liquid bulk storage solution for a current Port of PE customer impacted by the pending closure of the liquid bulk facility. Given the TNPA's urgency for the delivery of tank solutions at the Port of Ngqura, the progress made by CDC through this assignment positions the CDC as the best public entity to assist TNPA.

The Implementation Agent agreement with the CDC will see TNPA also receive technical support, delivery services and systems for the overall delivery of port infrastructure on an assignment-by-assignment basis. The agreement is confined to a period of two years, effective 26 February 2021, to

allow TNPA to rebuild its internal capacity, and to ensure that future projects of this nature can be delivered by TNPA as the authority, in accordance with the provisions of the Ports Act.

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