



## **Transnet welcomes the arrest of two fuel theft suspects**

**[Johannesburg, 13 July 2020]** Transnet commends efforts by law enforcement authorities in the arrest of two fuel theft suspects in Rustenburg, North West at the weekend.

The arrest, the second in three weeks, was achieved through a joint security initiative between the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation ("Hawks"), National Crime Intelligence, SAPS and Transnet security officials.

The two suspects were apprehended while extracting diesel from the pipeline to a petrol tanker.

Transnet continues to urge all petroleum retailers and members of the public to refrain from buying fuel from unregistered traders, to curb the demand for illegal petroleum products.

The pipeline is classified as essential infrastructure, therefore tampering, or colluding to tamper, is a Schedule 5 offence in terms of the Criminal Matters Amendment Act, Act 18 of 2015.

Transnet calls on all its stakeholders to join in on the fight against petroleum theft by reporting any suspicious bakkies, tankers or activity near the company's infrastructure by calling the TPL toll free number 0800 203 843 or report the matter to your nearest police station.

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