



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **TRANSNET AND SAPS SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**[Kempton Park, 13 September 2024]** Transnet SOC Ltd. ("Transnet") and the South African Police Service (SAPS), today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at Transnet School of Rail, Esselen Park, Kempton Park.

The primary purpose of the MoU is to strengthen collaborative efforts between Transnet and SAPS in the fight against theft and vandalism of essential infrastructure across Transnet's logistics network. Enhancing security at Transnet's key operations is paramount for maintaining operational efficiency, economic stability and national security.

The strategic partnership between Transnet and SAPS is a step in the right direction in efforts to turn the tide against the disruptive incidents of theft and vandalism.

Michelle Phillips, Transnet Group Chief Executive, commented: "The signing of this Memorandum of Understanding between Transnet and the SAPS represents a critical step forward in securing our country's essential infrastructure and combating organised crime."

"Our partnership with SAPS has already yielded significant successes. One notable example is the dedicated support that SAPS provided to Transnet Pipelines where specialised resources helped us combat the theft and damage to our fuel infrastructure. By working together, we can ensure the continued reliability and efficiency of our critical infrastructure," Ms Phillips said.

General Fannie Masemola, SAPS National Commissioner said, "This MOU will ensure joint implementation of optimised policing and security of Transnet's critical and essential infrastructure; ensure effective deployment of SAPS personnel in conjunction with existing Transnet security resources and coordinate each other's performance to minimise duplication of functions; and coordinate and integrate SAPS and Transnet roles to maintain a safe and secure Transnet critical and essential infrastructure."

"The protection of critical and essential infrastructure is a priority for the SAPS, and a partnership such as this one is greatly welcome as it will enable better coordination of resources between the SAPS and Transnet. Damage to Transnet infrastructure constitutes economic sabotage, and in line with our mandate, we must act against any form of attacks on Transnet infrastructure," General Masemola added.

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