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Transnet launches a state of the art innovative Pipeline National Operating Centre

Today, Transnet SOC Ltd officially launched a new National Operating Centre (NOC) in Pinetown, Durban which will service Transnet Pipelines (TPL).

Transnet Pipelines is a division of Transnet and a custodian of the country's strategic pipeline assets. TPL services two key industries fuel and gas, by operating and maintaining a 3 800 kilometre high-pressure underground pipeline network in South Africa.

For optimal business performance, the control centre will be a stand-alone facility with state of the art systems and will serve as a nerve centre for Transnet Pipelines.

Prior to the establishment of the new control centre, Transnet Pipelines operated its functions from different platforms. The new centre will now function as a security hub and a planning centre among other functions.

The control centre was previously based at TPL's head office in the Durban CBD.

As a contingency measure, the new NOC has a dedicated back-up power supply network to ensure that operations run smoothly in cases where there are power supply challenges.

The amalgamation of the planning, control and security functions in one safe location will also improve the efficiency of the pipeline.

These new developments will also provide the master control room with a visual of the Transnet New Multi-Product Pipeline (NMPP) facilities and functions.

Through cutting-edge technology used at the centre, operators in the master control room will be able to track the NMPPs activities through high-tech visuals and controls.

NMPP is the company's 555km and 24-inch trunk-line which is responsible for transporting two grades of diesel; Diesel 500 and Diesel 50, two grades of petrol; Unleaded 93 Octane and Unleaded 95 Octane and Jet fuel from Durban to Johannesburg.

To maintain excellent customer service, the control centre has a built-in war room designed to ensure that TPL timeously and responsively manages all pipeline incidents.

Transnet Group Chief Executive, Mr Siyabonga Gama said: "the National Control Centre is aligned to the Transnet 4.0 strategy which embraces the 4th industrial revolution. The new centre reiterates our commitment to building a Transnet that is technology-driven. Our mission is to provide our customers with a fully integrated fuel logistics supply chain solution."

"The new control centre will allow us to reach our goal of ensuring security of supply by supplying over 17 billion litres of fuel per annum to the country's economic hub," Gama added.

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Editor's note:

About the NMPP

The New Multi-Product Pipeline (NMPP), is designed to have three pump stations, a coastal and an inland terminal, (TM1; the coastal terminal in Durban and TM2; the inland terminal in Jameson Park near Heidelberg) a 24-inch 555km trunk-line from Durban to Gauteng and a network of 16-inch pipes around Gauteng.

In 2012 the 24-inch 555km trunk-line and the inland network of pipelines were commissioned. In October 2017, Transnet commissioned the petroleum accumulation facility at Jameson Park with a capacity of 180 million litres. This accumulation facility ensures operational efficiencies and flexibility in the delivery of product to the inland market.

About Transnet

Transnet is South Africa's State-owned freight transport and logistics company and is the custodian of rail, ports and pipelines.

At Transnet, we are uniquely positioned to provide integrated, seamless transport solutions for our customers in the bulk and manufacturing sectors.

Our infrastructure and services are intended to benefit South Africa as well as the Southern African Development Community (SADC) as a whole, facilitating economic, domestic, regional and global activity. We conduct all our business in terms of our values, ensuring that in everything we do, Transnet builds, delivers, innovates and cares.

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