MEDIA STATEMENT

TNPA EXPANDS MARKET ACCESS OPPORTUNITIES AT DURBAN'S ISLAND VIEW PRECINCT

[Durban, 18 November 2026] Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) has issued an Expression of Interest (EOI) to assess market demand and identify prospective participants seeking access to allocated petroleum storage and handling capacity at the Port of Durban's Island View Precinct.

The Port of Durban's Island View Precinct is a South African National Key Point, handling approximately 74% of the country's liquid bulk imports. Its ongoing development is critical to transforming the sector and ensuring the country's security of supply. The implementation of Third-Party Access supports Transnet's Reinvent for Growth (R4G) strategy by broadening market access, advancing transformation and unlocking investment in strategic port infrastructure.

Through this programme, qualifying participants will be able to utilise existing petroleum storage and handling capacity within the precinct, supporting greater competition and broader participation in the sector. This implementation programme provides distinct but complementary opportunities for qualifying New Market Participants and New Entrants through a phased approach, designed to ensure fair, transparent and operationally sustainable access for eligible stakeholders. Upon completion of the adjudication process, qualifying participants will engage directly with the relevant Terminal Operators to conclude commercial agreements governing the utilisation of the allocated capacity.

"This programme represents a significant step towards creating a more inclusive and competitive liquid bulk sector. As TNPA, we remain committed to creating opportunities for new market entrants, supporting investment in strategic infrastructure and strengthening the long-term sustainability of South Africa's energy value chain. Importantly, the programme balances broader market participation with the responsible management of critical port infrastructure and national energy supply chains," said Mpumi Dweba-Kwetana, Port Manager, Port of Durban.

The current EOI relates exclusively to participation in existing terminal capacity and should not be construed as an invitation for the development of new petroleum storage infrastructure. EOI documents can be accessed on the Transnet e-tender portal **here**. Interested parties have until 29 January 2027 to submit their Expressions of Interest. **-ENDS-**

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Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) is responsible for the safe, effective, and efficient economic functioning of the national port system, which it manages in a landlord capacity. It provides port infrastructure and marine services at the eight commercial seaports in South Africa – Richards Bay, Durban, Saldanha, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, East London, Mossel Bay, and Ngqura. It operates within a legislative and regulatory environment and is governed by the National Ports Act (Act No. 12 of 2005). For more information visit: https://www.transnet.net/TNPA

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