MEDIA STATEMENT

TRANSNET ACCELERATING THE MOVEMENT OF CRITICAL PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS THROUGH THE PORT SYSTEM

[Durban, 23 November 2026] Transnet SOC Ltd. ("Transnet"), working closely with Durban Gateway Terminal (DGT), continues to make significant progress in facilitating the movement of critical pharmaceutical products through South Africa's port system, in support of efforts by the Department of Health to address medication shortages.

As part of measures announced by Transnet to prioritise essential cargo, the Department of Health provided a list of pharmaceutical containers requiring urgent evacuation from the port system. Transnet and DGT have since worked closely to monitor and prioritise the movement of these shipments.

Of the 41 containers identified by the Department of Health:

- 18 containers have been successfully cleared and delivered to their intended destinations.
- Seven containers are expected to arrive in South Africa between 23 November and 2 December 2026.
- 16 containers destined for DGT have not yet been nominated by the shipping line for berthing.

In line with measures announced by Transnet on 18 November 2026, the option of berthing and discharging urgently needed pharmaceutical cargo at alternative terminals continues to be considered where necessary to alleviate congestion and ensure the expedited movement of critical medical supplies.

Transnet remains committed to working closely with the Department of Health, shipping lines, terminal operators and other key stakeholders to ensure the efficient handling and evacuation of essential pharmaceutical products as they move through South Africa's port system.

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