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PORT OF CAPE TOWN LAUNCHES OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME BUILT ON PEOPLE, PERFORMANCE AND PARTNERSHIP

Cape Town, 26 November 2026 – The Port of Cape Town today entered a new phase in its operational improvement journey with the launch of a three-year Operational Excellence Programme aimed at enhancing efficiency, reliability and competitiveness at one of South Africa's most important trade gateways.

Built on the pillars of People, Performance and Partnership, the programme brings together Transnet, the International Labour Organization (ILO), Port of Antwerp-Bruges International (PoABI), the Government of Flanders, organised labour and industry stakeholders in a shared effort to strengthen operational performance and service delivery while building long-term capability across the port ecosystem.

The initiative marks a significant milestone in the implementation of the strategic partnership established between Transnet, Port of Antwerp-Bruges International (PoABI) and the APEC-Antwerp/Flanders Port Training Centre during the World Economic Forum in Davos in January 2026. With an estimated programme value of USD 1.2 million, including approximately USD 760,000 in funding from the Government of Flanders and development partners, the programme will support operational improvement, workforce development, workplace cooperation and supply chain coordination at the Cape Town Container Terminal over the next 18 months.

The Port of Cape Town plays a critical role in South Africa's export economy, particularly as a gateway for agricultural exports such as fruit, wine and other high-value products that depend on reliable logistics and efficient access to international markets.

Transnet Port Terminals Managing Executive for Durban and Cape Town Terminals, Earle Peters, said the programme represents the next phase of the terminal's improvement journey. "We are investing not only in what the terminal has, but in how the terminal works. By strengthening planning, maintenance, decision-making and collaboration, we are building a

more reliable and resilient operation capable of delivering sustainable improvements for our customers and the economy."

A key feature of the programme is its focus on empowering employees and fostering a culture of continuous improvement. Through training, coaching and collaborative problem-solving, workers, management and organised labour will play an active role in identifying and implementing operational improvements.

The programme will draw on international expertise from Port of Antwerp-Bruges International and the Government of Flanders to support practical implementation, knowledge-sharing and institutional capability development. It will focus on delivering measurable improvements in productivity, operational reliability, workforce capability and collaboration.

As part of Transnet's broader Reinvent for Growth strategy, the initiative is expected to strengthen the Port of Cape Town's position as a reliable, efficient and competitive gateway for South African trade, while creating a foundation for future operational excellence initiatives across the country's port system.

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