

## **Transnet Freight Rail Resumes Operations on the Cape Main Line**

[Cape Town, 12 September 2024] Transnet Freight Rail (TFR) confirms that operations on the Cape Mainline resumed to full capacity on 6 September 2024, following the refurbishment of the rail section that was heavily damaged by flooding in July 2024.

The rail infrastructure was significantly damaged in De Wet and Sandhills, which necessitated the closure of the Mainline between the Worcester and De Doorns section. TFR's technical teams tackled significant challenges during the recovery process. Critical activities included river diversions, embankment stabilisation, and the reconstruction of superstructure elements such as ballast beds, sleepers, and rails. The complexity of the project was heightened by severe weather, difficult terrain, and strict environmental regulations.

Despite these challenges, TFR's teams worked diligently to ensure the line was restored to a safe operational standard. We extend our gratitude to our customers and stakeholders for their patience and support throughout this period.

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