

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **TNPA EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR LNG TERMINAL PROPOSALS**

*[Gqeberha, 14 April 2023]* Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) has extended its Request for Proposals (RFP) deadline for the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Terminal Project to 14 July 2023.

This follows a request from a number of potential bidders to the RFP for an extension, based on justifiable reasons provided. Some of the reasons cited include allowing time to conclude negotiation agreements, setting up a consortium and its financial structures, as well as necessary feasibility studies appreciating the quality of bids that they would want to submit.

In December 2022, TNPA issued an RFP seeking to appoint a Terminal Operator to design, construct, maintain and operate a Liquefied Natural Gas Terminal at the Port of Richards Bay. This project is in line with the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) 2019 which is expected to deliver up to 3 000 MW of gas-to-power by 2027. This is also a response to ensure that the country will have consistent new generation capacity coming on stream to mitigate against load shedding, as well as provide diverse energy resources.

“We’re aware that the new timelines will have an impact on the overall project schedule in respect to the delivery targets, however considering concerns raised by potential bidders, we consented to an extension of the bid process, and are confident that this will also ensure that TNPA receives quality bids for this critical project” stated Linda Myeza, TNPA’s Oil & Gas Sector Specialist.

“It is imperative that TNPA ensures a fair, transparent, and efficient process in attaining a preferred bidder, hence it was important to listen to the various requests from the potential bidders” emphasised Linda Myeza.

TNPA is encouraged by the participation of diverse entities in this process, and is looking forward to the quality bids that it will receive from the bidders. Following the closure of the RFP process, TNPA aims to appoint a Terminal Operator by end-October 2023, and encourages all bidders to work towards their submissions for this RFP by the new deadline of 14 July 2023.

RFP documents can be accessed from the National Treasury's e-tender publication portal

<https://www.etenders.gov.za> and/or the Transnet website:

<https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net/Home/TenderDetails?Id=19592>

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