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TNPA ADDRESSES BEACH EROSION CHALLENGES AT ALKANSTRAND BEACH

[Richards Bay, 03 November 2023] Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) has made significant progress in addressing the beach erosion challenges at the Alkanstrand Beach in Richards Bay. This comes after the activation of the Beach Restoration Project by TNPA, in response to recent adverse weather conditions that have caused erosion to the beach's shoreline and displaced sandbags that are meant to maintain its shore's stability.

To date, the Ports Authority has achieved notable milestones which include the refurbishment of the floating line, the installation of geo sandbags, thorough clearance of debris along the shore, sandbag placement on eroded sections and the commencement of sand pumping using the Ilembe Dredger for beach restoration.

TNPA Port Manager for the Port of Richards Bay, Dennis Mqadi said: "TNPA is committed to preserving and enhancing our coastal resources. Through the first phase of the project, the sand filling of the eroded section from the shore will create a more stable bathing area of approximately 250 meters."

The working teams will continue to fill the sandbags to create a stockpile during the day which will be distributed after 18:00 each day, weather permitting. This measure will allow the extension of a stable bathing area up to approximately 300 meters.

The City of uMhlatuze and TNPA have committed to collaborate further by establishing working teams to ensure a seamless restoration process of Alkanstrand Beach.

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