

MEDIA STATEMENT

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KZN LOGISTICS HUB PROGRAMME GAINS MOMENTUM

[Durban, 24 March 2023] The KwaZulu Natal Logistics Hub, a flagship programme of Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA), has recorded a critical milestone following the handover of the refurbished hangar to the South African Air Force (SAAF) at the Durban Air Force Base earlier today.

The KZN Logistics Hub is TNPA's ambitious programme which aims to expand the capacity of the Ports of Durban and Richards Bay to focus on increased export volumes in specified segments, address congestion, improve efficiencies and make these ports globally competitive.

The TNPA KZN Logistics Hub programme is underpinned by the masterplans the KZN ports, which entail 33 flagship projects with an estimated investment of more than R140 billion. Critical to the successful implementation of these projects is the acquisition of certain portions of land or freed for precinct development to take place.

The refurbishment of the hangar includes existing offices, stores, electrical and mechanical works, and the replacement of leaking roof sheets.

"Today's event is about handing over two buildings, the helicopter service and operations hangars. Refurbishment involved, among others, building new offices, repairing existing offices, and mechanical workshop, armament and survival workshops. The project also involved mitigating traffic challenges experienced by the SA Airforce. The benefits of the project are the creation of a stimulating, safe working environment; efficiency in operations and related tasks; and having a functional building in which to perform related works," Johnny Mokheseng, Programme Director: Port of Durban.

The refurbishment, which was project-managed by COEGA Development Corporation, created 49 direct jobs and is at a cost of R17 million. The Durban Port Masterplan is expected to create 500 000 direct and indirect jobs over the next ten years.

“We, therefore, appreciate the SANDF for embracing and rallying behind a vision that was conceived by others. We appreciate the SANDF for choosing to collaborate with us for the betterment of the lives of our people,” he further attested.

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