

# **MEDIA STATEMENT**

## **TNPA ROLLS OUT INTEGRATED PORT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AT ITS PORTS**

*[Gqeberha, 4 April 2023]* Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) has relaunched the Integrated Port Management System (IPMS) at its eight commercial ports as part of its digital transformation strategy that will create a smart port system by 2028.

IPMS offers state of the art vessel management technology and is globally recognized as a system that facilitates efficient vessel monitoring through the automation of traditionally managed operations. The system provides near-real-time access to operational information which results in ease of decision-making and improved port performance.

The relaunch takes place following a suspension of the system that occurred to allow TNPA to proactively enhance the security controls and minimize the risk of a cyber-attack in future. TNPA is striving to regain its competitive edge in a dynamic industry and IPMS will aid the transition into the freight logistics digital era.

“We are excited as TNPA’s journey with IPMS continues. The IPMS relaunch charters in new territory. Future enhancements are on the cards for implementation once the system has stabilized and full usage of the system modules has been obtained by all the users.” said Captain Rufus Lekala, Chief Harbour Master for TNPA.

IPMS enables vessel agents to capture vessel arrival notifications and receive approval notifications online. The system also ensures accurate vessel information is made available on request. Industry role players will now have access to make online marine service requests and have a full view of the slot system to prevent overbooking of slots.

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Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) is one of six operating divisions of Transnet SOC Ltd. The National Ports Authority is responsible for the safe, effective, and efficient economic functioning of the national port system, which it manages in a landlord capacity. It provides port infrastructure and marine services at the eight commercial seaports in South Africa – Richards Bay, Durban, Saldanha, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, East London, Mossel Bay and Ngqura. It operates within a legislative and regulatory environment and is governed by the National Ports Act (Act No. 12 of 2005). For more information visit [www.transnetnationalportsauthority.net](http://www.transnetnationalportsauthority.net).

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