

## **BREAKING BARRIERS IN THE CONSTRUCTION HEALTH AND SAFETY FIELD**

***[Richards Bay, 25 August 2023]*** Liezl Kroukamp, a Risk Control Officer at the Port of Richards Bay, has made history by obtaining a professional accreditation as a Professional Construction Health and Safety Agent with the South African Council for the Project and Construction Management Professions (SACPCMP).

She is the first Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) employee and the only female at Transnet to obtain this accreditation.

According to the Project and Construction Management Act of 2000, Kroukamp is currently the only TNPA employee who can apply for a construction work permit for projects valued at R60 million and above.

Kroukamp has been extensively involved in Health and Safety Framework of Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) projects across the South African port system and currently manages a portfolio of 22 projects from the conceptual phase through to the project close-out phase.

“The opportunity and support that my employer has afforded me has been instrumental in my obtaining this accreditation. The number of health and safety incidents in the construction space encouraged me to take up this challenge to ensure compliance and help minimize the number of recorded fatalities in construction projects,” said Kroukamp.

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