

MEDIA STATEMENT

TNPA CONCLUDES ITS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ROADSHOWS

[Durban, 22 May 2023] Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) has concluded its public participation roadshow on the port development framework plans at the Port of Durban.

The roadshows, kick-started on 03 May 2023, sought to outline TNPA's port development plans for the immediate to long-term period and give feedback on stakeholders' issues after publishing the proposed plans.

Strategic projects planned for the short term (2022 – 2032) are in line with the TNPA KwaZulu-Natal Port Master Plan which will position the Port of Durban as a regional container hub. These include the development of the new Point Container terminal, the amendment of port limits, the expansion of the automotive terminal, and container storage for Pier 2.

Predicted changes include the Durban Marina Development, a new cruise terminal to expand cruise liner vessel calls. A proposed solution to further relieve congestion around the Durban Container Terminal is the construction of a second access road.

Richards Bay is set to be the Liquefied Natural Gas energy hub of South Africa, this is part of Transnet National Port Authority port development plans earmarked for the short-term period at the Port of Richards Bay. The TNPA Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) project aligns with the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy's strategic plan for 2020-25, which articulates the development of the gas market as an alternative energy source to meet limited and depleting gas supplies.

This will see an increase in infrastructure capacity at the port to import the gas. LNG importation will reach various markets in the KwaZulu Natal region and across South Africa. The Request for Proposals is out in the market and will close on 14 July 2023.

The roadshow was organised in collaboration with the Department of Transport, the South African Maritime Safety Association, and the Ports Regulator of South Africa.

The port development framework plans will be published once the process of review is completed.

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