

MEDIA STATEMENT

TNPA BOOSTS ENERGY HUB STATUS IN THE PORT OF RICHARDS BAY

[Richards Bay, 20 March 2024] Transnet National Ports Authority's (TNPA's) Port of Richards Bay is set to become a key hub for energy trade through the provision of bulk infrastructure to two sites located at the South Dunes precinct.

The development, which is due for completion at the end of May 2024, will enable the port to cater for the growing demands of the energy sector. The infrastructure expansion facilitates seamless cargo movement and optimises logistical operations.

Since the commencement of the project in 2021, progress made has significantly improved accessibility and utility provision within the port, operational efficiencies and safety for all port users. Subsequent to obtaining the environmental authorisations in 2019, the project has seen the completion of the Mundra Road extension, as well as the provision of Medium Voltage electrical supply and portable water supply to the several sites in the precinct.

Construction of the 2.4km rail infrastructure is currently underway, at 90% completion, and this includes the completion of bulk earthworks and delivery of the permanent way material such as rails, turnouts and sleepers.

"TNPA is devoted to providing world-class facilities and services to support the operations of its customers. The recent appointment of the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) operator, alongside the completion of these infrastructure enhancements, demonstrates the port's responsiveness to evolving market demands, further solidifying its position as a leading maritime gateway in Africa," said Dennis Mqadi, TNPA Port Manager at the Port of Richards Bay.

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Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) 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).

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