

## **New Port Managers for East London and Mossel Bay**

**[Johannesburg, South Africa, 1 December 2017]** Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) Chief Executive Shulami Qalinge has announced the appointments of Shadrack Tshikalange as Port Manager at the Port of Mossel Bay and Sharon Sijako as Port Manager in East London, effective 1 December 2017.

Both appointees have fulfilled the roles in an acting capacity since April 2017 when TNPA last made leadership appointments following the resignation of the Cape Town and Saldanha Port Managers.

Tshikalange and Sijako most recently served at their respective ports as Senior Operations Managers for three and a half years.

Qalinge said: "We are delighted to have finalised the recruitment and selection processes leading up to these appointments, as this will better enable us to deliver on our strategic objectives and continue to pursue improvements in safety and operational efficiencies at these ports.

"I would also like to thank Captain Vania Cloete in Mossel Bay and Mr Alvin Singama in East London, who have both shared the Acting Port Manager responsibilities with our successful appointees in their respective ports this year. The decision was not made any easier due to the high calibre of these and other applicants. We are however confident that Shadrack and Sharon will continue to serve our organisation and its clients most ably in their new roles," she added.

Sijako is the second female Port Manager in East London after Jacqueline Brown, who had a nine-year tenure at the helm of South Africa's only river port.

Sijako's career with Transnet began 21 years ago with short tenures at the Ports of Richards Bay and Port Elizabeth. In 1998 she joined the Port of East London, where she has developed a deep understanding of the port system through operations roles at both TNPA and sister division, Transnet Port Terminals. She has more than a decade of senior operations experience spanning the port's automotive, container and grain terminals. A dynamic manager, Sijako counts team leadership and people management among her strengths, which will serve her well as she strives to deliver on the TNPA strategy and ultimately provide the best service to customers.

Her qualifications include a Bachelor of Arts degree and an honours degree in administration from the University of the Western Cape, and she has completed a number of training courses to improve her knowledge and skills. A proud East Londoner, Sijako matriculated from Mzomhle Senior Secondary School in Mdantsane.

Originally from landlocked Limpopo, Tshikalange's foray into the maritime industry began in 2014 when he was appointed as Senior Operations Manager at the Port of Mossel Bay. His responsibilities included ensuring efficient port operations, compliance management and that operational standards were met and exceeded. Stakeholder coordination and customer satisfaction were key facets of his role and will continue to be of importance in his new position as Port Manager.

Prior to joining Transnet his career experience lay predominantly in local government and development. He was Municipal Manager at Makhado Local Municipality in Limpopo for two years, and Director of Corporate Service at Bohlabela District Municipality for three years prior to the municipality's disbandment. He also served tenures at the Local Government Sector Training Authority, Independent Development Trust and the then Northern Transvaal Regional Development Forum.

Tshikalange holds a B Juris degree from the University of the North, as well as an array of certifications in fields as diverse as Port Management, Project Management, Development Planning and Labour Relations. He is currently pursuing a Postgraduate Diploma in Leadership Development from the University of Stellenbosch. He matriculated from St Paul's High School in Luckau Village, Groblersdal, Limpopo.

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**Image Gallery**

**Below:** Sharon Sijako has been appointed as the new Port Manager at the Port of East London.



**Below:** Shadrack Tshikalange has been appointed as the new Port Manager at the Port of Mossel Bay.



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