

SAPIA CONGRATULATES NEW TNPA BOARD AND REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO PORTS TRANSFORMATION.

JOHANNESBURG, 16 October 2023 – The South African Petroleum Industry Association (SAPIA), the association representing the collective interest of the South African petroleum industry, welcomes the appointment of the inaugural board of directors of Transnet National Port Authority (TNPA).

The South African petroleum industry is a key contributor to the country's economy and energy security. SAPIA members operate in a highly regulated environment, subject to various legislative and policy frameworks that govern their activities. To that end, SAPIA recognises the vital role that the ports play in ensuring the security of supply, as they are the main gateway for the import of petroleum products and export of other commodities - they need to be efficient, reliable, and competitive to meet the demands of the market.

The appointment of the board comes at a time when SAPIA is making necessary strides to ensure the security of supply with the Island View Precinct (IVP), seen as a strategic hub for the supply and distribution of petroleum products and chemicals in South Africa. IVP handles most of the country's imports of these commodities - serving the major demand markets, which is the country's economic backbone. The security of tenure at Island View is critical to ensure this security of supply.

SAPIA has been advocating for a fair and transparent process for leases at port facilities, as this will ensure that its members can continue to operate safely and sustainably at all ports in the country, and believes that a clear and consistent leasing framework will provide certainty and stability for members and other port users, as well as attract investment and create jobs in the port sector.

SAPIA wishes to work with the TNPA and other stakeholders to achieve a world-class port system that can serve the needs of the country and the region. The association reaffirms its compliance with B-BBEE requirements and support for black and HDI-owned service providers within IVP.

Says Avhaphani Tshifularo, Executive Director of SAPIA, "We are committed to the transformation of the ports system, as it supports the government's efforts to reform the transport sector and improve the performance of the ports. We welcome the appointment of the new board of directors of TNPA as a critical step in this direction and support the initiative to open access to third-party port operators to enhance competition, innovation, and efficiency in the port services."

"We remain committed to the transformation of the ports system, as they recognise the benefits of having a modern and inclusive port sector that can support the growth and diversification of the petroleum industry."

SAPIA wishes the new TNPA board success in their mandate and assures them of its cooperation and partnership in advancing the interests of the port sector and the country.

"We look forward to working with the new board and other stakeholders to achieve a world-class port system that can serve the needs of the country and the region," concludes Tshifularo

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