

MEDIA STATEMENT

TNPA PILOTS USAGE OF CLEANER FUELS ON ITS TUGBOAT FLEET

[Gqeberha, 06 November 2024] Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) has published a Request for Information (RFI) for a strategic pilot project to use green and cleaner fuels for its selected diesel-operated tugboat fleet. The project aligns with Transnet's commitment to bolster South Africa's just transition journey to a low carbon-economy focused on cleaner, renewable and green fuels.

The RFI has invited interested parties to submit proposals for the technical assessment on old diesel tugboats. The scope of work includes information regarding assessing the condition of the existing tugboats, evaluating components such as the diesel engines, inspecting the mechanical and structural compartments for potential new components or modifications.

This initiative is a pilot project to retrofit existing tugboats to utilise alternative fuels including Liquefied Natural Gas, Biodiesel, Hydrogen and Methanol. Upon the success of the retrofitting pilot phase, the tugboats will be restored to optimal operational performance and efficiency, enabling them to service the ports with using improved fuel and sustainable environmental impact.

"The plans to retrofit TNPA's tugboat fleet with low-to-no carbon fuel is a significant step towards decarbonising shipping and reducing the carbon footprint of our marine craft. This project stems from TNPA's energy mix initiatives, which respond to the Ports Authority's objectives of operating an environmentally sustainable port system," said TNPA Acting Chief Executive, Phyllis Difeto.

The RFI documents can be accessed on the Transnet tender portal by clicking [here](#).

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About Transnet National Ports Authority

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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