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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

Tuesday, 6 June 2023 (13:00), Hybrid: Chamber, 6th Floor, 7 Wale Street, and Virtual via MS Teams

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Murray, C (Chairperson) Sileku, I America, D (Alternate)

African National Congress

Mvimbi, L (Alternate)

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Apology

Nkondlo, N (ANC) Van der Westhuizen, A (DA)

The following persons were in attendance:

Ministry

Ms M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities

Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Mr V Dube, Head of Department
Mr R Toefy, Deputy Director-General
Ms O Dyers, Director: Growth for Jobs
Ms L Parkes, Deputy Director: Growth for Jobs
Ms Ilse van Schalkwyk, Chief Director

Mr H Jonker, Director

Mr G Steyn, Deputy Director

Ms S Bux, Deputy Director: Growth for Jobs

Transnet

Transnet National Ports Authority

Ms P Difeto, Managing Executive Mr R Dana, Port Manager

Transnet Port Terminals

Mr J Mdaki, Chief Executive: TPT

Ms A Dlanga, Managing Executive

Mr L Raliphada, General Manager

Ms A Mesatywa, Regional Corporate Affairs Manager

Mr S Mdala, Manager: Western Cape Multi-Purpose Terminals

Mr S Maqabangqa, Manager: Cape Town Container Terminal

Transnet Freight Rail

Ms S Mba, Managing Executive - CapeCor

Ms S Khumalo, Head of Operations - CapeCor

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Ms Z Adams, Procedural Officer

Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer

Ms M Mrubata, Committee Assistant

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the Minister, Members, officials from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and Transnet, and the members of the public.

The Chairperson explained the rules of engagement for hybrid meetings, specifically for officials and members of the public who attended online.

2. Briefing by Transnet and the Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Officials from Transnet and the Department of Economic Development and Tourism briefed the Committee on their efforts to address the inefficiencies observed at the Port of Cape Town.

The Committee discussed the information presented.

3. Briefing by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism

The Minister, Head of Department and officials from the Department of Economic Development and Transport briefed the Committee on the Growth for Jobs Strategy.

The Committee discussed the information presented.

4. Resolutions/Actions

4.1 The Committee RESOLVED the following:

- 4.1.1 To request another briefing on the G4J strategy and the implementation plan, which would be released in August/September 2023;
- 4.1.2 To commend the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and Transnet for their leadership in turning around the Port of Cape Town in respect of its inefficiencies;
- 4.1.3 To commend the Department of Economic Development and Tourism for the Growth for Jobs Strategy, which, while ambitious, was needed in the current economic climate;
- 4.1.4 To visit the Port of Cape Town to see the progress made in terms of the infrastructure projects discussed in Transnet's presentation; and
- 4.1.5 To invite Transnet's green hydrogen specialists to brief the Committee on how they will be incorporating green hydrogen into the expansion and development of various ports in the Western Cape.
- 4.2 The Committee REQUESTED the following:
- 4.2.1 A report from Transnet on the expansion of the rail networks, specifically the George to Knysna route, which was upgraded, as well as the route between George and Klipplaat;
- 4.2.2 The timelines for the projects listed by Transnet in their presentation; and
- 4.2.3 A report from Transnet on the shipping routes, berthing, loading rates and anchorage, which they were unable to answer during the discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 16h13.

MS CAT MURRAY, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND

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Date: 23 June 2023