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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

Thursday, 9 November 2023 (08:00), Hybrid: Chamber, 6th Floor, 7 Wale Street, and Virtual via MS Teams

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Murray, C (Chairperson) Sileku, I Van der Westhuizen, A

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Additional Member

Maseko, M (DA)

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Mr V Dube, Head of Department Mr G Steyn, Deputy Director

South African Association of Freight Forwarders

Ms J Maree, Chief Executive Officer Ms K Hyman, Western Cape Secretariat

Transnet

Transnet National Ports Authority

Adv P Difeto, Managing Executive Mr R Dana, Port Manager Ms L Mabindisa, Manager: Corporate Affairs Ms V Mangcu, Parliamentary Liaison

Transnet Port Terminals

Mr J Mdaki, Chief Executive: TPT Ms A Dlanga, Managing Executive Ms A Mesatywa, Regional Corporate Affairs Manager Mr S Maqabangqa, Terminal Manager Ms O Mdabula, Communications Officer

Transnet Freight Rail

Ms C Lefleur, Head: Office of the Managing Executive Ms S Khumalo, Head of Operations Ms A Petela, Head: Corporate Affairs and Stakeholder

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Ms Z Adams, Procedural Officer Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the Members, the representatives from the South African Association of Freight Forwarders, officials from Transnet, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, 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 the South African Association of Freight Forwarders

Representatives from the South African Association of Freight Forwarders (SAAFF) briefed the Committee on the challenges and inefficiencies experienced at the Port of Cape Town.

The Committee discussed the information presented.

3. Briefing by Transnet

Officials from Transnet briefed the Committee on the progress made in addressing the challenges and inefficiencies experienced at the Port of Cape Town.

The Committee discussed the information presented.

Following the briefing, the Committee was taken on a tour of the Transnet Port Terminal at the Port of Cape Town.

4. Resolutions/Actions

- 4.1 The Committee REQUESTED the following:
- 4.1.1 That the South African Association of Freight Forwarders provides it with a graphic presentation or slide showing the trade flow (or number of TEUs and HGV) between South African ports and major cities in more detail, including the flow between Walvis Bay, Windhoek and Cape Town;
- 4.1.2 A report from SAAFF on the position of dominance and the ideal design capacity for the Port of Cape Town, as mentioned during the discussion;
- 4.1.3 A report from SAAFF showing the statistics on the impact of port inefficiencies on industries, and small and medium enterprises (when the stats are available in January/February 2024)
- 4.1.4 A report from Transnet with the raw data (either the numbers or percentages) for (i) berth occupancy (percentage), and (ii) the weather percentage contributions on the slides related to waiting time for berth and berth occupancy, and the waiting time for berth excluding the weather rather than the line graph, for the same period, including recent data if available;
- 4.1.5 That Transnet keeps the Committee informed on the progress made with their infrastructure developments, and whether they remain on track with this project; and
- 4.1.6 A stakeholders map of the logistics chain for the Port of Cape Town from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, with the aim for the Committee to meet with the stakeholders next year.
- 4.2 The Committee RESOLVED to commend Transnet on the progress made so far at the Port of Cape Town under Adv. P Difeto's leadership, particularly in relation to the Rubber Tyre Gantries.

The meeting adjourned at 13h30.

MS CAT MURRAY, MPP CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM