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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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PUBLICATION OF THE REVISED NETWORK CAPACITY STATEMENT (ANNEXURE 29b) AND THE ADDENDUM TO THE 2024/25 NETWORK STATEMENT ON TRANSFORMATION ISSUES

PURPOSE

This Notice hereby informs the public and all interested persons that Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager (TRIM) has published on the Transnet website, the **Revised Network Capacity Statement** outlined in **Annexure 29b** on Wednesday, the 5th February 2025, as well as **the Addendum** to the 2024/25 Network Statement on Capacity Allocation and Transformation (Sec. 4.10). The Revised Annexure 29b is issued in order to meet the requirements of the National Rail Policy (NRP) and the Economic Regulation of Transport Act No. 06 of 2024, and sets out the criteria followed and applied by the TRIM in relation to: (i) the determination of the total rail capacity of the network as declared by TRIM taking into account asset condition assessments of the network and other relevant factors; and (ii) the allocation of capacity in the network to successful Applicants.

BACKGROUND

Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager (TRIM) published the final version of the Network Statement on the 20th December 2024. This was a product of a thorough consultation with key rail industry role-players in a process that was led by the Interim Rail Economic Regulatory Capacity (IRERC) and the Department of Transport. The Roadmap for the Freight Logistics System in South Africa ("the Roadmap") which was approved by Cabinet on the 08th December 2023, pronounced that the IRERC should guide the development of the Network Statement in consultation with the Infrastructure Manager and private sector stakeholders. The Roadmap further states that the IRERC should manage the consultation process on the Network Statement and provide recommendations to the Minister for incorporation in the final version, including with respect to the methodology for the calculation of access charges.

The Network Statement addresses, among others, (i) Transformation issues; and (ii) Network Capacity issues which are outlined in the Network Capacity Statement attached as Annexure 29b to the Network Statement.

In order to succinctly provide clarity on the transformation and network capacity issues, the Minister of Transport approved the publication of the Revised Annexure 29b of the Network Statement and the Addendum on Transformation issues by TRIM on the Transnet website.

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