

TNPA outlines plans for Port of Mossel Bay

Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) hosted a two-day stakeholder engagement roadshow in Mossel Bay to explore how the Port of Mossel Bay can better serve the Garden Route region.



Shulami Qalinge, chief executive of Transnet National Ports Authority

The various sessions saw the TNPA leadership team engaging with customers, government representatives, business sector representatives, captains of industry and the media, to provide an update on strategic developments planned for South Africa's smallest commercial port.

Shulami Qalinge, chief executive of TNPA, outlined TNPA's plans for a multi-million rand transformation of the harbour, that would include a mixed use waterfront development, a dock for cruise line passengers to disembark and various other business opportunities.

"We are pleased to be moving forward with the Mossel Bay Waterfront to make the Port of Mossel Bay an even bigger attraction on this beautiful coastline, with a mixed-use waterfront that could include retail, commercial and industrial facilities," said Qalinge.

She added, “A bit further down the track, we have in our sights a facility that will enable cruise passengers to disembark directly onto the quayside, instead of arriving by ferry. This is in response to calls from the Municipality and the local business community. Such a development would help to ensure that the port provides a world-class experience for the tourists who arrive by cruise ship in the Garden Route.”

As part of TNPA’s role as an implementing agent of the South African government’s Operation Phakisa: Oceans Economy programme, a slipway upgrade is in the pipeline for the port to support the local fishing industry and other industries. However broader consultation needs to be effected in order to establish how best the project and facility could assist the Mossel Bay community.

TNPA has also partnered with Petro SA through its PetroSA Centre of Excellence to train 14 learners from disadvantaged communities in the Eden District Municipality as Welders, Turners, Fitters and Boilermakers in order to meet the skills development objectives of the Operation Phakisa initiative.

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