

## **TRANSNET FREIGHT RAIL'S ORE CORRIDOR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES TEN DAY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM ACHIEVING 102% OF PLANNED PRODUCTION TARGETS**

**[Saldanha, 25 November 2022]:** Transnet Freight Rail's (TFR) Ore Corridor successfully completed its 10 day maintenance plan across electrical, perway and technical support works on November, 17, 2022.

The 10-day program commenced on November 8, 2022 where the main deliverable was to restore the rail network to full design capacity. The Corridor attained 102% of planned production targets with zero safety injuries resulting in no lost time.

Maintenance of this nature is a critical element of providing a quality service, considering that over 1.3 billion tons of iron ore have been exported through the Port of Saldanha since inception. This will certainly support the company in running a reliable and efficient operation and inspire customer confidence.

TFR would like to thank all customers and stakeholders involved in the shutdown that was well planned and executed within the time allocated achieving 102% of planned production targets.

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### *Note to editors:*

The Sishen–Saldanha line was built by Iscor, the then iron and steel parastatal, opening in 1976. In 1977 the line was transferred to Transnet Freight Rail, then known as South African Railways & Harbours, and was electrified. A single-track line with 10 crossing loops to allow trains travelling in opposite directions to pass was constructed. The number of crossing loops has since increased to 19 to increase line capacity.

Initial train lengths consisted of three class 9E electric locomotives, hauling 210 type CR ore wagons with a payload of 80 tonnes. Train lengths were increased in 2007 to 342 wagons and later to 348 wagons, employing Radio Distributed Power (RDP) technology.

Boasting the longest production train in the world, the Ore Corridor has become an international player in providing a diverse range of heavy haul logistics solutions for growing local and international markets, and has been accommodating manganese exports since 2014.

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