

## **TRANSNET CONCLUDES STAGE 1 OF THE PHASE 1 SLOT SALES APPLICATION PROCESS**

**[Johannesburg, 25 November 2022].** Transnet today announced the conditional award of slots on the Kroonstad to East London route on the Cape Corridor to Traxtion Sheltam (Pty) Ltd that has successfully completed the first stage of the evaluation process for this route which assessed the ability of the TOC to operate on the advertised parts of the TFR rail network. The TOC will be required to complete the rest of the application process which entails fulfilling the Rail Safety Regulator requirements and other operational readiness requirements outlined on the Transnet Website. Upon successful completion of the second stage of the evaluation process, the TOC will enter into final negotiations and commence operations on the route in the new financial year 2023/24.

An initial 19 parties expressed interest to apply for the 16 slots that were advertised for the Container Corridor (Durban to City Deep) and the Cape Corridor (between East London and Springfontein). Following the closure of the application process on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, Transnet received applications from two companies who both expressed interest on the Container Corridor, with one of the two further expressing interest on the Cape Corridor.

In relation to the Container Corridor, both applicants did not meet the stage 1 evaluation criteria which requires electric locomotives for the operation. In relation to the Cape Corridor, the application received was successful, and a conditional award has been made for slots on the Kroonstad to East London route on Corridor.

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**Issued on behalf of Transnet Freight Rail**