



Transnet avails its Facilities as Quarantine Sites during Lockdown

[Johannesburg; 30 March 2020], As part of its efforts to contain and minimise the spread of COVID-19, Transnet SOC Ltd has designated properties across three provinces to be used as quarantine sites and shelters for the homeless during the 21-day lockdown period.

Transnet in partnership with the local governments in the provinces of Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and the Free State will support the efforts to implement the national lockdown across the country.

The lockdown requires that all citizens stay indoors, but for those who cannot self-quarantine and self-isolate at home, these facilities will act as temporary shelters to help reduce the impact of the outbreak. The local governments will provide catering, security and waste removal for all facilities.

In Gauteng, Transnet has made available, Esselen Park School of Rail Campus and Parkhill Lodge properties and facilities as quarantine sites. These two properties have been made available as of 27 March until 16 April 2020.

In KwaZulu-Natal, No.60 Mayors Road in Pietermaritzburg (Msunduzi Municipality) will also be used to provide shelter for the homeless and has been available as of 27 March until 17 April 2020. The municipality has committed to ensure quality living conditions for its entire people to deal with this new hard-hitting reality.

A student lodge in Bloemfontein, in the Free State province is currently being utilised to accommodate homeless people for the duration of the lockdown as of 25 March until 17 April 2020.

In total, these facilities will have the capacity to take over 600 people during the lockdown period.

These are uncertain times for all of us and Transnet remains committed to providing support to communities in areas in which it operates. We further wish to express our sincere gratitude to the various spheres of government for responding to the national call to unite through our common humanity.

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