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PRSA NOTICE:

EXTENSION OF SUBMISSION OF NATIONAL PORTS AUTHORITY'S 2022/23 – 2024/25 TARIFF APPLICATION

The National Ports Act, Act 12 of 2005 (“the Act”) read with Directive 22(1) as issued in terms of section 30(3) of the National Ports Act, requires the submission of the tariff application on the 1st of August annually.

The Ports Regulator of South Africa (“Regulator”) took the circumstances set out in a letter submitted by the National Ports Authority on the 30th of July 2021 into consideration when it considered a requested extension of the submission date to the 31st August 2021.

Whilst a significant but unavoidable delay in the Tariff Application will further exacerbated economic uncertainty at a time South Africa can hardly afford it, a delay in the submission of the Authority’s tariff application and the resultant knock-on effect on planning and investment decisions by port users is undesirable under the current circumstances. The Regulator thus requires the delay in the process to be as short as possible.

Consequently, the Regulator will allow the Authority, in terms of directive 22(1), an extension of two (2) weeks to submit its 2022/23 tariff application.

The Ports Regulator therefore expects the Authority’s Tariff Application for 2022/23 – 2024/25 by **16 August 2021**.

Further, as part of the tariff application process, the Ports Regulator is required, on an annual basis, to invite interested members of the public to submit written objections and comments on the Authority’s Tariff Application. The closing date for comments will be close of business Thursday, 14 October 2021.

To facilitate the commenting process, the Ports Regulator, on an annual basis hosts a series of roadshows that affords the Authority the opportunity to present their application to port users, interested and affected parties for discussion and clarification. The Regulator is tentatively planning to host virtual sessions during the second week of September 2021 subject to confirmation.

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