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The South African Oil and Gas Alliance (SAOGA) is an industry organisation, serving the upstream and complimentary downstream oil and gas industry in South Africa, doing networking, lobbying, capacity building and marketing. We have more than 200 registered members.

On behalf of the Oil and Gas and related ship and rig repair industry I would like to make an urgent case for reducing port tariffs affecting the industry. The industry is experiencing severe challenges as a result of COVID19. The excessive port tariffs charged, undermines the competitiveness of the South African ship and rig repair industry, with the result that some companies had to close shop. South African port tariffs are significantly higher than the global competition. Equipment at South African ports are not always up to scratch. This means industry has to often pay for additional equipment hire.

The Rig and Ship repair industry should not be compared to other income generating entities using the ports. The industry has a greater multiplying effect on the economy. The contribution of income earned from skilled employment and the supply of services and products cannot be ignored.

Port tariffs affecting the ship and rig repair industry should be kept to a minimum, in order to stimulate the industry and to create jobs. This is a serious request for the ship and rig repair industry be seen as a strategic asset to South Africa.

I appreciate your favourable consideration of the above plea in the interest of South Africa inc.

Sincerely,



Adrian Strydom
Executive Director/CEO