



## Annexure 2

### **THE SOUTH AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF FREIGHT FORWARDERS**

The South African Association of Freight Forwarders (SAAFF) is the sole Forwarding industry representative body in South Africa. It was formed in 1921 to further the interests of all Freight Forwarders and Customs Clearing Agents. Throughout the years it has continued to represent the interests of Members in every aspect of Trade, Transportation, Customs and other areas where industry concerns are affected.

Today SAAFF is a modern and vibrant organisation representing over 300 firms. Membership, including regional branches of national organisations, totals in excess of 350 entities. Membership includes not only large international companies but also a substantial majority of small and medium enterprises, with an increasing number of those being empowered.

SAAFF liaises closely with government departments such as South Africa Revenue Service (SARS), the Departments of Transport and Trade and Industry and parastatal utilities including all the divisions of Transnet.

The Association retains relationships with organised industry in all transport and trade related areas. In every case the purpose is to ensure that the interests of Freight Forwarders and their import and export clients are adequately represented and that whatever measures are contemplated or introduced are fair and reasonable and in the interests of facilitating South Africa's trade both import and export.

The Association also addresses Industry issues with private sector service suppliers such as shipping lines, airlines and their local, national and international forums.

SAAFF is the South African representative and member of the "International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations" (FIATA). Based in Switzerland FIATA is the non-governmental organisation representing the Forwarding industry worldwide covering approximately 40,000 forwarding and logistics entities employing around 8-10 million people in 150 countries