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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT**NOTICE 2914 OF 2024****PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL NETWORK STATEMENT AND RAIL ACCESS TARIFFS BY TRANSNET RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER (TRIM) FOR 2024/2025 FINANCIAL YEAR AND THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR 2025/2026 RAIL ACCESS TARIFFS****PURPOSE**

This Notice hereby serves to inform the public and interested parties that Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager (TRIM) has published the final version of the Network Statement and the approved rail access tariffs for 2024/2025 financial year. The final Network Statement and its Annexures are available online at [LINKSHIELD PROTECTED] www.transnet.net/Pages/Network-Statement.aspx under the Infrastructure Manager link [LINKSHIELD PROTECTED] www.transnet.net/Pages/Infrastructure-Manager-Overview.aspx and also through the Department of Transport website, <https://www.transport.gov.za>, under the IRERC link https://www.transport.gov.za/?page_id=1419.

BACKGROUND

TRIM published its Draft Network Statement together with the Tariff Methodology on Transnet SOC Ltd website for public consultation on the 15th March 2024. The Interim Rail Economic Regulatory Capacity (IRERC) was then mandated by the Roadmap for the Freight Logistics System in South Africa ('the Roadmap') which was approved by Cabinet on the 08th December 2023, to manage the consultation process on the Draft Network Statement.

The IRERC, after conducting the Information Gathering Sessions and consideration of written comments received from interested parties on the Draft Network Statement and Tariff Methodology, submitted its recommendations to the Minister of Transport for approval. The Minister approved the recommendations which informed the final version of the Network Statement. TRIM then published the final Network Statement together with differentiated rail access tariffs for the 2024/2025 financial year on the Transnet SOC Ltd website on the 19th December 2024.

RAIL ACCESS TARIFFS FOR 2024/2025 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Minister of Transport has approved the rail access tariffs as outlined in the Tariffs Structure below. Please note that the 2024/2025 tariffs will be applicable for the remainder of the current financial year. The tariffs are structured as two-part rail access tariffs that include **a tariff charged on Train-Kilometres** and **a tariff per Gross-Tonne Kilometres (GTK)** as shown in Table 1 below:

Tariff Structure

Table 1: Proposed two-part rail access tariffs for 2024/2025 financial year

Categories	Tariff per Trainkm (Rand)	Tariff per GTK (cents)
OreCore (Iron Ore)	650	3.42
OreCor (Manganese Ore)	650	5.31
Coal Exports NorthCor	250	5.84
Intermodal & Motor Vehicles*	30	4.41
Mineral Exports	30	8.73
Grain & Tankers	30	6.96
Other General Traffic	30	9.50
Metro Trains & Passenger < 12 Wagons	50	0.0
Passenger Trains > 12 Wagons	65	0.0
Loose Locomotives	12	0.0

Note: *- This includes empty wagon movements to and from workshops.

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR RAIL ACCESS TARIFFS FOR 2025/2026 FINANCIAL YEAR

TRIM has been directed to calculate the 2025/2026 rail access tariffs for submission to the IRERC by the end of January 2025. The tariffs will be calculated based on the approach and methodology adopted by the IRERC in calculating the 2024/2025 tariffs. The public and interested parties will be consulted once the application for the 2025/2026 rail access tariffs have been received and published for comments. The IRERC will submit its Recommendations to the Minister for approval. The proposed rail access tariffs for the 2025/2026 financial year will then be approved on or before the 31st March 2025 for implementation by the 1st April 2025.

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