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**South Africa: Ports Authority announced as independent subsidiary of Transnet**

South Africa’s president Ramaphosa has announced the establishment of the Transnet National Ports Authority as an independent subsidiary of Transnet. The president briefed media after his visit to the Port of Cape Town to assess port operations, the challenges faced by the port and be briefed on progress to improve port efficiencies.

The Board of Transnet and the new management team have done well to stabilize Transnet, develop a world-class strategy and undertake actions to promote investment and improve performance at the ports.

An essential part of addressing the challenges in the country’s ports is to create a clear separation between the roles of the infrastructure owner, which is the Transnet National Ports Authority, and the terminal operator, which is Transnet Port Terminals.

The functional and legal separation of these roles, which are currently operating divisions of the same company, will enable each to be fulfilled more independently and with greater efficiency.

[Sanews.gov.za](https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/ports-authority-announced-independent-subsidiary-transnet) reported how the president said Transnet will remain the sole shareholder of the subsidiary to prevent any negative impact on the group’s balance sheet, and to ensure the ports authority remains an important part of the Transnet group.

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