

**NOTICE OF A LEASE AND OPERATING AGREEMENT:
NOTICE AND COMMENT PROCESS IN RESPECT OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY
TRANSNET RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER**

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**NOTICE TO THE MARKET: INVITATION FOR INTERESTED PARTIES TO COMMENT,
AND /OR PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS TO A PROPOSAL FOR THE REPAIR
OF A DAMAGED PORTION OF THE TRIM HAMMARSDALE BRANCH LINE LEADING TO
THE HAMMARSDALE SIDING**

1. Introduction

- The Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager (TRIM) hereby gives notice, in accordance with the principles of procedural fairness and transparency as contemplated in the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act No. 3 of 2000) ("PAJA"), that it has received a proposal for repairs to a damaged portion of the TRIM network on the Hammarsdale Branch line leading to the Hammarsdale siding.
- The proposal has been submitted underpinned by a commercial proposition which includes commitments on infrastructure repairs in lieu of an option to renew an existing 5 year lease agreement by an additional 10 years.
- A collaboration on infrastructure investments is in line with overall Transnet Reinvent for Growth Strategy (R4G) on private sector participation which seeks to improve infrastructure reliability thereby increasing tons moved on rail.
- This notice-and-comment invitation is a market-testing exercise only and is non-binding, does not confer preferential status on the proposing entity, and does not predetermine the outcome of the option to renew the lease in lieu of the investment proposal.
- The notice and comment invitation is also a TRIM governance and information-gathering mechanism only, and does not constitute a conditional approval process based on the absence of objections; and
- A final decision on proposals remains subject to TRIM's independent assessment, value-for-money considerations, and approval in accordance with delegated authority and the requirements of section 51 of the PFMA, irrespective of whether objections or comments are received.

2. Description of the Proposal

The proposal under consideration relates to:

- The repair to the damaged portion of the TRIM network on the Hammarsdale Branch line leading to the Hammarsdale siding;
- Provision of an option to renew the term of an existing siding lease contract by a further 10 years;
- The continuation of services under substantially similar operational arrangements to those currently in place.

TRIM has not yet taken a decision on whether to approve or reject the proposal

3. Purpose of This Notice

The purpose of this notice and comment is to afford interested and affected parties, including potential rail operators, service providers and members of the public, a reasonable opportunity to:

- Submit comments, representations, objections, or alternative proposals;
- Provide information relevant to the consideration of the proposal by TRIM; and
- Highlight any potential concerns regarding competition, value for money, fairness, transparency, or public interest considerations.

4. Invitation to Comment or Object

Interested and affected parties are hereby invited to submit written comments, objections, and/or alternate proposals addressing, *inter alia*:

- The appropriateness of allowing the option to renew the current lease contract for 10 years in lieu of investment on the branch line, without a competitive process;
- Any potential impact on market competition or access;
- Public interest considerations relevant to train services, passenger rail services, etc. ;
- Any other factors that TRIM ought reasonably to take into account before making a decision, and
- Alternate proposals that TRIM may consider to the current proposal.

If an interested party chooses to submit an alternate proposal, you are required to submit an adequately detailed value proposition outlining your business case in relation, but not limited to, the following aspects:

- Approach to partnering with the **current leasee** to establish investment and tenure required,
- Estimated capital spend,
- Period to complete repair works,
- The utilisation, enhancement, sustainability, protection and long-term development of the Hammarsdale Rail Terminal and associated rail infrastructure together with any additional information that may support TRIM's assessment of your value proposition.

If an affected party chooses to object, you are required to submit a response indicating the basis of your objection, with sufficient detail, to enable TRIM to adequately consider the objection.

TRIM may further engage respondents for additional information on their responses where necessary.

5. Submission Details

All submissions relating to Comments must:

- Be made **in writing**;
- Clearly indicate the **name and contact details** of the submitting party;
- Reference "**Hammarisdale Branch Line repair in lieu of option to renew the Hammarisdale siding lease period – Notice and Comment**"; and
- Be submitted no later than **13 October 2026, at 23h00**.

- Submitted to: HammarsdaleNandC@transnet.net

6. Proposal Submission

Submissions of Proposals should be uploaded to Transnet e-Tender.

The Transnet e-Tender Submission Portal can be accessed as follows:

- Log on to the Transnet eTenders management platform website (<https://www.transnet.net>);
- Click on "TENDERS";
- Scroll towards the bottom right-hand side of the page;
- On the blue window click on "register on our new eTender Portal";
- Click on "ADVERTISED TENDERS" to view advertised notice and comments;
- Click on "SIGN IN/REGISTER – for bidder to register their information (must fill in all mandatory information);
- Click on "SIGN IN/REGISTER" - to sign in if already registered;
- Toggle (click to switch) the "Log an Intent" button to submit a Submit comments, objections, and/or alternative proposal;
- Submit comments, objections, and/or alternative proposal documents by uploading them into the system against each selected.

Late submissions will not be considered.

7. Consideration of Submissions

- TRIM will consider all timely submissions received before making a decision.
- The invitation to comment does not create any obligation on TRIM to approve or reject the proposal in a particular manner, nor does it predetermine the outcome of the lease-extension decision.
- A final decision on proposals remains subject to TRIM's independent assessment, value-for-money considerations, and approval in accordance with delegated authority and the requirements of section 51 of the PFMA, irrespective of whether objections or comments are received
- The invitation to comment does not create any obligation on TRIM to conduct business with any party that submits comments, objections, or alternate proposals.

8. Enquiries

Any enquiries regarding this notice may be directed to: HammarsdaleNandC@transnet.net

- Clearly indicate the name and contact details of the submitting party;
- Reference "**Hammarsdale Branch Line repair in lieu of option to renew the Hammarsdale siding lease period – Notice and Comment**"

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