

Media Release

Transnet Freight Rail Exceeds Record on its Iron Ore Line

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Transnet Freight Rail has announced that it has exceeded its weekly iron ore throughput achieved in October 2007 by a massive 30,804 tons. The record was set at **758,352 tons** on 6 January 2008 compared to 727,548 in October 2007.

An upbeat Siyabonga Gama, CE of Transnet Freight Rail, said “these positive results are a consequence of excellent teamwork between Transnet and the Mines and lots of hard work. We will continue to put much effort into increasing installed capacity in our rail system to pave the way for sustainable growth.”

Transnet Freight Rail transports iron ore from mines in the Northern Cape to the port of Saldanha Bay. This operation has continued to break new ground in positioning the company as a leader in the South African economy.

In 1998 US based Mercer Consultants compared this operation to the best heavy haul operators in the world, naming it as the most cost effective transporter of iron ore.

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