

WEEKLY RECORD OF 919,000 TONS RAILED, 1000TH RDP TRAIN ARRIVES IN SALDANHA

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Transnet's growth plan for its Iron Ore export operations has stepped up a notch with record performance during the past weeks. The Sishen-Saldanha Corridor achieved a new weekly throughput record of 919,000 tons of iron ore transported between the Northern Cape and the Port of Saldanha.

Motivated by the 1000th Radio Distributed Power (RDP) train operated a week ago, as well as setting a throughput record of 899,592 tons the previous week, the Iron Ore Line team upped their performance this week and smashed last week's throughput record by 19,408 tons! According to Transnet Freight Rail Chief Executive, Siyabonga Gama, this is only the beginning of Transnet's one millionth ton a week crusade!

Gama said that the record achievements can mainly be contributed to:

- The outstanding team work and improved communication between all the stakeholders, including the customers on the Sishen-Saldanha Corridor.
- Meticulous planning and the consistent monitoring of the daily production plan
- Increased capacity that allowed more volumes to be transported from the Khumani Mine.
- Running safe railway operations by achieving zero incidents for the past two weeks.
- Flawless execution of the plan

Gama furthermore acknowledged the massive contribution of employees on the Iron Ore Line for their role in the success. "These are dedicated people doing exceptional things," Gama concluded.

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