

PORT OF SUDAN SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH TNPA

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South Africa - In a month of strategic inter-regional activity Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Sea Ports Corporation of Sudan, and led a delegation to Walvis Bay to give impetus to the MOU signed in 2013 with the Namibian Ports Authority (Namport).

The MOU with the Sea Ports Corporation (SPC) was signed in Kenya on the sidelines of the 10th Pan African Association of Port Co-operation conference and brings the number of MoU's signed with TNPA since 2013 to five.

The Namport visit saw the respective authorities expand the areas of cooperation as set out in clause 2.10 of the MOU. This clause looks at strategic areas of cooperation including the exchange of technical maritime expertise and capacity building; port development areas including port planning, infrastructure development and management and property investment; marine including lighthouse services, marine services and dredging.

The Namport MOU, the second of the four MOU's signed to-date, has kicked-off cooperation in specialised training.

Other areas of cooperation that are to be fast tracked are commercial waterfront developments, infrastructure developments, the sharing of the Maputo model of providing dredging services to neighbouring ports, environmental advancements, the possibility of in-service training, skills transfer and an exchange programme in areas such as port operations and port management.