

## **Transnet clamps down on internal theft and police make swift arrest**

Johannesburg, 15 February 2023, Transnet Freight Rail (TFR) has commended the swift efforts from internal TFR investigators and law enforcement authorities regarding the arrest of an employee linked to the illegal sale of Transnet freight containers. Management at the TFR Polokwane depot received a complaint from an anonymous caller that containers are being allegedly sold by a Transnet employee for R40,000.00 each.

Investigations were conducted and it was found that eight (8) containers were missing. An urgent investigation was undertaken, and a Transnet employee was identified. Witness statements were obtained, and a case of theft and fraud was registered with SAPS Polokwane CASS230/01/2023 and the employee was arrested Tuesday, 14 February 2023 and will appear in court today, Wednesday 15 February 2023.

TFR General Manager Security and Forensics Marius Bennett said the arrest should send a clear message that the organization is adopting a zero tolerance against theft and other forms of criminal activities. "TFR is the backbone of the freight rail industry in South Africa and we have a duty to run a seamless and transparent business operations. These kinds of incidents set a poor precedent and damage our reputation."

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