



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

THIS TRANSPORT MONTH

DEAR VALUED CLIENT

October is Transport Month, an important slot on the South African calendar to underscore the importance of our country's transport sector. As a critical component of our economy, road, rail, aviation and maritime transport all contribute to a total of 8% of South Africa's GDP (Source: Stats SA). Mirroring the various transportation industries, logistics and freight contribute an equally significant portion to the country's economy, employing over 1.2 million people and adding 10.2% of the national GDP on an annual basis (Source: CSIR).

These statistics clearly indicate that transportation and logistics are at the core of our nation's economy. Without it, the movement of critical raw materials, produce, and processed products can't be moved within our border or exported beyond our borders.

Raising awareness of its critical economic role, from the employment sector, tourism industry, to mining and agriculture, is crucial. Everyday South Africans' living standards improve significantly when government invests in transport infrastructure. Transport Month, therefore, enables the industry to advocate for more reliable infrastructure, integrated networks, and a fast-track critical developments that takes us closer to realising the country's Nine-Point Plan.

Despite facing various challenges, I am optimistic about the future of South Africa's logistics industry. If a synergistic collaboration between government and enterprise can be solidified, the entire country stands to gain by unlocking economic growth.

As a leading bulk fuel wholesaler, we have made it our mission to drive any business forward that requires a fuel solution as part of their supply chain – from logistics, construction, agriculture, retail, manufacturing, mining, public works, and waste management.

This Transport Month, we re-emphasise our commitment to providing fuel solutions that solve industry pain-points, streamlines operations, and increases profitability. Whether our team supplies your business with bulk fuel deliveries, bowser deliveries, have installed on-site tanks or pumps, or enables you to effectively manage fuel supplies with our fuel management software, we are dedicated to proving you made the right choice when you chose Diesel Bro's as your fuel solutions partner.

From your fuel partner,

**CEO/Founder,
Ryan Louw**



RECENT FUEL NEWS

MORE PETROL PRICE CUTS ON THE CARDS

Due to a stronger rand and lower global oil prices, South Africa's petrol and diesel prices are likely to see its fifth consecutive price drop since May 2024.

Economists are confident that South Africans can look forward to a sizeable petrol price cut in October and beyond for the rest of the year. Petrol and diesel prices are set to decrease by approximately R1.09 per litre. If this becomes a reality, that means petrol will be around R4.60 per litre lower than in October 2023.

This significant over-recovery is thanks to a stronger rand in September and lower global oil prices—both of which have worked in motorists' favour and are set to continue doing so.

Oil prices, in particular, have decreased with a fair amount, with the BER pointing to reports that Saudi Arabia is ready to abandon its unofficial price target of \$100/bbl and wants to ramp up production to regain market share.

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INDUSTRY IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Logistics, Construction

Uniting to Build a Thriving South Africa

South Africa's National Development Plan 2030 places much-needed emphasis on the need for strategic investments to transform the country's infrastructure landscape.

As South Africa stands at the cusp of a new era of partnership and national unity, the urgency for a robust and efficient infrastructure network has never been more apparent. The Minister recently announced the establishment of an Infrastructure Advisory Committee, underscoring the need for strategic investments and innovative approaches to transform South Africa's landscape and improve the lives of millions.

South Africans have grappled with unreliable electricity supply, water shortages, and inefficient transportation systems. South Africa's National Development Plan 2030 acknowledges that these are not mere inconveniences but significant barriers to economic growth and social progress.

By bringing together government, private sector, and civil society, we can create a synergy that addresses immediate needs and lays the groundwork for sustainable, long-term growth.

Transportation, particularly our rail network, demands urgent attention. Revitalising this investment requires more than just repairing existing lines; it calls for bold investments in new, high-capacity corridors capable of efficiently moving goods from production centres to ports and urban areas.

As Minister Macpherson rightly points out, we must transform South Africa into a "massive construction site." Achieving this will require all stakeholders – government, private sector, civil society, and ordinary citizens – to unite in a spirit of collaboration and shared purpose. We must pool our resources, expertise, and innovative ideas to overcome the challenges that have held us back for too long.

[Read the full story \[Here \]](#)

Preparing Now for Tomorrow's Growth

The recommitment from government to revitalise the transportation, logistics, and construction industries are encouraging. As a business owner, you understand the growth opportunities these investments could realise. Being prepared for business expansion is important, and optimising your operations is one of the ways to achieve this.

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Logistics

Logistics Sector sees Recovery Amidst Slower Growth

Compared to 2023, the transport and freight industries are showing improvement, with the road freight sector reflecting positive growth despite various setbacks.

The latest Ctrack Transport and Freight Index (Ctrack TFI) shows a rise to 125.6, marking a 1.7% increase from April and a 2.5% rise compared to the previous year. This continuous growth over three months hints at a potential positive impact on the transport sector's contribution to GDP in Q2. Among the index's subsectors, air freight saw the highest monthly increase (+5.5%), followed by road freight (+2.7%). Compared to the same period last year, five out of six subsectors showed growth, with only pipeline transport experiencing a decline.

In May, South Africa's road freight sub-sector, dominating 83.6% of all freight payload, continued its recovery with a 2.7% monthly increase, marking the third consecutive month of positive growth after a year-long decline. Quarterly, road freight rose by a notable 8.6%.

Heavy vehicle traffic on the N3 toll route increased by 6.6% in May, contrasting with a double-digit decline on the N4 route due to earlier travel restrictions and port issues redirecting traffic to Port of Maputo. As port operations rebounded in May, additional traffic demand on the N4 route diminished.

In May, South Africa's rail freight sub-sector faced a slight setback but continued its gradual overall recovery. From January to May 2024, rail freight increased by 11.0% compared to the same period in 2023, despite starting from a low base. Operation Vulindlela has been pivotal in this progress, aiming to boost Transnet's capacity and reverse the shift of goods from rail to road.

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