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Annual coal line shutdown begins

Transnet Freight Rail (TFR) will embark on a 10-day complete shutdown of the coal export line from May 12-21. All trains along the coal line network - export coal and GFB - will not be running for the duration of the shutdown.

The shutdown is an annual exercise carried out in the month of May to enable the company to catch up on its maintenance backlog and replace old, obsolete and problematic infrastructure.

According to TFR, the shutdown is necessary because on the coal line there are sections where infrastructure work cannot be carried out without stopping the entire train service.

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