



# Unaudited condensed consolidated financial results

for the six months ended 30 September 2025

## SALIENT FEATURES

**Revenue** of R45,2 billion (2024: R41,5 billion), increased by 8,8%, in line with an increase in volumes across the business and weighted average tariff increases in the port and pipeline businesses.

**Net operating expenses** increased by 5,5% to R29,4 billion (2024: R27,9 billion), due mainly to increased personnel, security, maintenance and material costs.

**EBITDA** of R15,7 billion (2024: R13,6 billion), with the EBITDA margin increasing to 34,8% (2024: 32,8%).

**Cash generated from operations** after working capital changes decreased by 30,7% to R9,6 billion (2024: R13,8 billion), due mainly to the impact of the Total and Sasol claim settlements.

**Capital investment** increased by 5,0% to R11,0 billion (2024: R10,5 billion).

**B-BBEE** spend amounted to R20,02 billion or 111,6% of total measured procurement spend.

**2,6%** of **labour costs** were spent on training, focusing on artisans, engineers and engineering technicians.

**LTIIFR** performance of 0,74 against a tolerance of 0,75, which is within the global benchmark of 1,0.

**Gearing** of 51,9% and rolling cash interest cover (including working capital changes) at 1,5 times.

## Income statement

For the period ended

	30 Sept 2025	30 Sept 2024	Audited 31 March 2025
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>45 183</b>	41 515	82 691
Net operating expenses excluding depreciation and amortisation	(29 445)	(27 899)	(52 060)
<b>Profit from operations before depreciation, derecognition, amortisation and items listed below (EBITDA)</b>	<b>15 738</b>	13 616	30 631
Depreciation, derecognition and amortisation	(10 699)	(9 019)	(19 085)
<b>Profit from operations before items listed below</b>	<b>5 039</b>	4 597	11 546
Reversal of impairment/(impairment) of assets	244	239	(823)
Post-retirement benefit obligation expense	(36)	(35)	(163)
Fair value adjustments	(255)	(394)	1 755
Income/(loss) from associates and joint ventures	4	(2)	2
<b>Profit from operations before net finance costs</b>	<b>4 996</b>	4 405	12 317
Finance costs	(8 020)	(7 439)	(15 239)
Finance income	322	290	527
<b>Loss before tax</b>	<b>(2 702)</b>	(2 744)	(2 395)
Tax	920	579	489
<b>Loss for the period</b>	<b>(1 782)</b>	(2 165)	(1 906)

## Statement of comprehensive income

For the period ended

	30 Sept 2025	30 Sept 2024	Audited 31 March 2025
<b>Loss for the period</b>	<b>(1 782)</b>	(2 165)	(1 906)
<b>Other comprehensive loss for the period, net of tax</b>	<b>(171)</b>	(526)	(1 840)
Other comprehensive loss	(241)	(713)	(2 511)
Losses on revaluations	(2)	(77)	(1 904)
Cash flow hedges	(209)	(584)	(603)
Actuarial losses on post-retirement benefit obligations	(30)	(52)	(4)
Tax relating to components of other comprehensive loss	70	187	671
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the period</b>	<b>(1 953)</b>	(2 691)	(3 746)

## Headline earnings summarised reconciliation

For the period ended

	30 Sept 2025	30 Sept 2024	Audited 31 March 2025
Loss for the period attributable to the equity holder	(1 782)	(2 165)	(1 906)
Profit on the disposal of property, plant and equipment	(191)	(104)	(277)
Total remeasurements	(340)	(545)	(1 711)
Investment property fair value adjustments (Reversal of impairment)/impairment of non-financial assets	-	3	(1 868)
Total tax effects of adjustments	(340)	(548)	157
<b>Headline loss</b>	<b>143</b>	175	436
	(2 170)	(2 639)	(3 458)

## Statement of changes in equity

For the period ended

(in R million)		Issued capital	Revaluation reserve	Actuarial gains and losses	Cash flow hedging reserve	Other	Retained earnings	Total
<b>Opening balances as at 1 April 2024</b>		18 498	60 758	2 653	277	249	55 660	138 095
Total comprehensive loss for the period (net of tax and transfers to retained earnings)		-	(120)	(38)	(426)	-	(2 107)	(2 691)
<b>Balances as at 30 September 2024</b>		18 498	60 638	2 615	(149)	249	53 553	135 404
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period (net of tax and transfers to retained earnings)		-	(1 352)	35	(14)	-	276	(1 055)
<b>Balances as at 31 March 2025</b>		<b>18 498</b>	<b>59 286</b>	<b>2 650</b>	<b>(163)</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>53 829</b>	<b>134 349</b>
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period (net of tax)		-	4	(22)	(153)	-	(1 782)	(1 953)
Transfer to retained earnings (net of tax)		-	(19)	-	-	-	19	-
<b>Balances as at 30 September 2025</b>		<b>18 498</b>	<b>59 271</b>	<b>2 628</b>	<b>(316)</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>52 066</b>	<b>132 396</b>

## Segment information

for the six months ended

(in R million)	Transnet Freight Rail		Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager <sup>1</sup>		Transnet Rail Engineering		Transnet National Ports Authority		Transnet Port Terminals		Transnet Pipelines		Total reportable segments		Other <sup>2</sup>		Total Transnet	
	30 Sept 2025	30 Sept 2024	30 Sept 2025	30 Sept 2024	30 Sept 2025	30 Sept 2024	30 Sept 2025	30 Sept 2024	30 Sept 2025	30 Sept 2024	30 Sept 2025	30 Sept 2024	30 Sept 2025	30 Sept 2024	30 Sept 2025	30 Sept 2024	30 Sept 2025	30 Sept 2024
External revenue	23 020	21 700	275	-	158	171	6 371	5 807	11 041	10 089	3 820	3 303	44 685	41 070	498	445	45 183	41 515
Internal revenue	48	317	10 052	-	5 151	4 742	1 500	1 374	-	-	3	3	16 754	6 436	(16 754)	(6 436)	-	-
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>23 068</b>	<b>22 017</b>	<b>10 327</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5 309</b>	<b>4 913</b>	<b>7 871</b>	<b>7 181</b>	<b>11 041</b>	<b>10 089</b>	<b>3 823</b>	<b>3 306</b>	<b>61 439</b>	<b>47 506</b>	<b>(16 256)</b>	<b>(5 991)</b>	<b>45 183</b>	<b>41 515</b>
Earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA)	3 202	4 810	2 269	-	(749)	(618)	4 336	3 820	3 706	3 388	2 796	2 107	15 560	13 507	178	109	15 738	13 616
Total assets <sup>3</sup>	113 401	172 930	76 019	-	11 283	11 617	109 421	104 020	40 184	36 794	45 451	45 588	395 759	370 949	(25 627)	(8 575)	370 132	362 374
Total liabilities	97 748	144 735	74 995	-	14 754	12 836	23 619	23 694	7 928	8 164	14 782	21 155	233 826	210 584	4 822	16 738	238 648	227 322
Capital expenditure <sup>4</sup>	4 535	7 111	2 965	-	56	21	746	1 729	2 280	1 185	182	102	10 764	10 148	227	323	10 991	10 471
Cash generated from operations after changes in working capital	3 153	3 775	2 264	-	(284)	(1 138)	4 128	3 876	3 055	3 542	(2 940)	2 335	9 376	12 390	192	1 409	9 568	13 799

<sup>1</sup> Commenced operations on 1 April 2025 in accordance with the structural rail reforms introduced by the National Rail Policy.

<sup>2</sup> Revenue from segments below the quantitative thresholds are attributable to Transnet Property and the corporate centre function. Transnet Property manages internal and external leases of commercial and residential property and the Transnet corporate centre function performs an administration function for the Group. Also includes the elimination of inter-segment transactions.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes assets held-for-sale.

<sup>4</sup> Excludes capitalised borrowing costs, includes capitalised finance leases and capitalised decommissioning liabilities.

## Commentary

### Introduction

The global economy remains resilient despite ongoing geopolitical tensions and trade disruptions. While the geopolitical environment remains difficult and trade disruptions continue, growth is holding up and market volatility has subsided. The South African economy grew by 0.8% in quarter 2 of 2025, with most industries registering growth, including mining, trade and agriculture, forestry and fishing sectors. In parallel and after the conclusion of the recovery plan period, Transnet's financial performance progressed with improved revenue, volume and EBITDA performance, however, various operational challenges continue to hamper the rail business and a loss was recorded for the interim period.

Security incidents remain a persistent operational challenge. During the reporting period, 3 229 security-related incidents were recorded across the business. The majority of these incidents involved cable infrastructure theft, accounting for 66.0% of the total, resulting in train cancellations and derailments. The Group wide estimated financial impact, including both direct and revenue losses, was approximately R10 million.

While these aforementioned economic and operational factors weighed on Transnet's interim financial results, they have also sharpened the required focus and strengthened the Company's resolve to advance the R4G strategy with greater determination on the journey to reliable infrastructure, availability of rolling stock, and sustainable profitability. The R4G strategy reflects a strong commitment to rebuilding the Company's reputation, driving operational excellence, transforming its business model, and fostering economic growth and long-term sustainability. Central to this strategy is adapting to the evolving regulatory landscape while maintaining a sharp focus on private sector participation transactions.

### Performance overview

Revenue for the period increased by 8.8% to R45.2 billion (2024: R41.5 billion), in line with an increase in rail (4.4%), container (8.0%) and petroleum (8.5%) volumes and weighted average tariff increases in the port and pipeline businesses. Positive rail volumes were however impacted by various operational challenges (including derailments, rail network, off-loading and tipper challenges, security-related incidents, customer cancellations, resource constraints, and rolling stock unavailability). Container volumes increased due mainly to improved productivity and equipment availability across the business. Petroleum volumes increased due to an increase in demand for refined and avtur volumes.

Net operating expenses increased by 5.5% to R29.4 billion (2024: R27.9 billion) due mainly to increased personnel (salary increases and bargaining council wage agreements), security (mainly rail related incidents) and maintenance and material costs (mainly for locomotives and wagons) compared to the prior period.

Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) increased by 15.6% to R15.7 billion (2024: R13.6 billion) with a resultant increase in the EBITDA margin to 34.8% (2024: 32.8%).

Depreciation, depreciation and amortisation of assets increased by 18.6% to R10.7 billion (2024: R9.0 billion), due mainly to capital expenditure in line with the Group's strategy of upgrading and expanding capital infrastructure.

Profit from operations after depreciation and amortisation increased by 9.6% to R5.0 billion (2024: R4.6 billion).

Reversal of impairment of assets, amounting to R244 million (2024: R239 million), is primarily due to Freight Rail property, plant and equipment (PPE) impairment reversals (relating mainly to longstanding locomotives brought back into use), PPE and a debtor impairment reversal at Engineering, partially offset by PPE impairments at Rail Infrastructure Manager as well as debtor impairments at Freight Rail, Rail Infrastructure Manager, Port Terminals and National Ports Authority.

Post-retirement benefit obligations are actuarially assessed in accordance with IAS 19: Employee Benefits and adjusted accordingly. The Company recognised a cost of R36 million (2024: R35 million) during the period.

Fair value adjustments amounted to a R255 million loss (2024: R394 million loss). These adjustments are due mainly to derivative fair value losses as a result of cross currency swaps that are hedge accounted for, in terms of IFRS 13: Fair Value Measurement.

Profit from operations before net finance costs increased by 13.3% to R5.0 billion (2024: R4.4 billion).

Net finance costs increased by 7.7% to R7.7 billion (2024: R7.1 billion) resulting mainly from the increase in total debt compared to the prior period.

The tax credit of R920 million (2024: R579 million charge) consists of a deferred tax credit. The deferred tax credit arose mainly due to the loss before tax. The effective tax rate for the Group is 34.0%.

This resulted in a 17.7% improvement in the loss for the period of R1.8 billion (2024: R2.2 billion loss).

## Commentary on operating divisions

### Transnet Freight Rail (Freight Rail)

Freight Rail's transition to operate in the reformed rail space is making good progress. The organisation actively participated in a consultation process facilitated by the Interim Rail Economic Regulatory Capacity (IERC). This was in preparation for the finalisation of the final network statement to open train slots for third-party train operator access.

Operationally, Freight Rail has continued to be impacted by challenges relating to security-related incidents, rolling stock unavailability, and the condition of rail infrastructure; however, the organisation has made strides during the concluded recovery plan period and there are positive signs evidenced by positive operational and financial results relative to the prior period.

Rail volume performance is higher than the prior period, reflecting an increase of 4.4% to 81.4 mt (2024: 78.0 mt). Improvements in performance are evident through increased tonnage throughput, with the financial month of September 2025 recording an annual high of 14.8 mt, the highest month achieved since the 2022 financial year despite the annual maintenance shutdown affecting manganese volumes. This included mineral mining and chrome volumes, which delivered its highest monthly volume since the 2021 financial year, reaching 2.1 mt and iron which achieved 1.25 mt, its best monthly result since the 2022 financial year.

Freight Rail revenue for the 30 September 2025 interim period increased by 4.8% to R23.1 billion (2024: R22.0 billion). This increase is driven by the volume increase, despite the impact of the aforementioned operational challenges.

### General freight business

The general freight business rallied 27.8 mt (2024: 28.5 mt), 2.5% less than the prior period.

The reduction can be attributed to various operational challenges including security incidents, resource constraints, locomotive failures and derailments particularly in the steel and cement and containers, automotive and bulk liquids portfolios and those impacted by the purported closure of the long-haul business unit. The general freight business did include a sustained performance in the manganese portfolio and significant improvements in the mineral mining and chrome portfolio where a 3.5% increase to 3.8 mt (2024: 3.3 mt) was recorded. Furthermore, mineral mining and chrome was further boosted by the favourable distribution pattern for chrome and ferron chrome exports to Maputo and Richards Bay.

The general freight business also recorded an efficiency improvement in key flows contributing to an overall turnaround improvement of 8.3% to 11 days from 12 days in the prior period.

### Export coal line

Export coal rallied 26.7 mt (2024: 24.5 mt), 9.0% more than the prior period. The increase in performance was mainly due to improved efficiencies as well as an increase in customer demand.

The efficiency improvements contributed to an average wagon cycle time improvement of 2.2% to 9 hours from 92 hours in the prior period.

### Export iron ore line

Export iron ore volumes transported increased by 7.6% to 26.9 mt (2024: 25.0 mt), in the current period. The increase in performance was primarily driven by improved operational efficiencies, resulting from a speed in restriction settings, which created additional train slots and enhanced cycle times. In addition, the CR13/14 wagon fleet was increased from 16 to 17 sets, further contributing to the overall improvement and volume throughput. Efficiency improvements also contributed to a 3.7% average wagon cycle time improvement to 103 hours from 107 hours in the prior period.

Operating expenditure increased by 15.5% to R19.9 billion (2024: 17.2 billion) due mainly to increased maintenance costs (increased maintenance activities), other operating expenses (mainly network access costs related to Rail Infrastructure Manager) and security costs (to combat rail related security incidents). The general underspend in personnel costs, fuel materials and other discretionary costs is due mainly to the Freight Rail/Rail Infrastructure Manager split. This resulted in an EBITDA of R3.2 billion (2024: R4.8 billion), which is 33.4% lower than the prior period.

### Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager (Rail Infrastructure Manager)

Rail Infrastructure Manager was established in April 2025 as a division of Transnet. This formation gives effect to the structural rail reforms introduced by the National Rail Policy, 2022. Rail Infrastructure Manager's core purpose is to serve as the custodian of the rail infrastructure, mandated to ensure a fair, transparent, reliable, affordable, and safe access to a resilient rail network for all train operating companies. In line with rail reforms, Rail Infrastructure Manager is responsible for the rail network and will manage the rail system and set standards and requirements to operate on the rail network. This milestone is projected to boost volume throughput by 20.0 mt over the next two years. It further complements the ongoing LeaseCo transaction, with some train operating companies expressing interest in leasing rolling stock. The division is also mandated to continue supporting regional train integration and to facilitate port access for landlocked countries since South Africa's vast rail network provides connectivity with the railways in the Southern African Development Community countries. Furthermore, the National Treasury approved R8.3 billion in Budget Facility for Infrastructure (BFI) funding, marking a significant step forward in efforts to enhance rail infrastructure.

This is the first year of operation for Rail Infrastructure Manager, comparative numbers are not applicable.

Revenue is R10.33 billion for the 6 month period ended 30 September 2025, with R9.7 billion relating to the access fee.

Net operating expenses for the interim period is R8.06 billion, mainly relating to personnel, electricity and security costs.

This resulted in an EBITDA of R2.27 billion.

### Transnet Engineering (Engineering)

Revenue for the period increased by 9.1% to R5.3 billion (2024: R4.9 billion). This growth was driven by a combination of a 5.1% inflationary adjustment and heightened demand for rolling stock from Freight Rail, which reported improved availability. This included a 7.6% decline in revenue from cross-border and domestic customers to R15.8 billion (2024: R17.1 million). This decrease is primarily attributed to reduced order volumes from the external market.

Net operating expenses rose by 9.5% amounting to R6.1 billion (2024: R5.5 billion). The increase was largely due to higher material costs (in line with Freight Rail's rolling stock requirements) and the write-off of Transhamib's interest-related bad debt (notably, the capital portion of this debt was fully settled).

Consequently, the EBITDA loss worsened by 21.2%, to R749 million (2024: R618 million), reflecting the combined impact of rising costs and lower external revenue.

### Transnet National Ports Authority (National Ports Authority)

Revenue increased by 9.4% to R11.0 billion (September 2024: R10.1 billion).

Volume performance across most sectors improved compared to the prior period due mainly to various internal and external factors. Container volumes increased by 8.0% to 2,299 494 TEUs (2024: 2,129 054 TEUs). This is owing to improved productivity and equipment availability across the business, evidenced by the Ngura Container Terminal (NCT) clawing back volumes previously lost to competing ports. Automotive volumes increased by 14.4% to 458 100 units (2024: 400 458 units). While original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) continue to face challenges (MBSA has cut production due to weak global demand), the auto sector has been boosted by the high demand in the rental market and consumer demand for Chinese models. Bulk volumes increased by 6.1% to 36.8mt (2024: 37.7mt) mainly to improved rail performance and quantity produced. Oil products, oil, petrochemicals, oil additives, chemicals and weather challenges persist, which has had an adverse impact on performance. Bulk volumes declined by 6.5% to 14.3mt (2024: 15.3mt) due to a 30.0% and 23.0% decline in coal and ferrochrome volumes, respectively at the Richards Bay Multi-purpose Terminal (MBT).

Port Terminals' primary measure of container operational efficiency, namely average moves per ship working (SWH), has improved across all the container terminals compared to the prior period. Durban Container Terminal (DCT) Pier 1 improved from 37 moves per hour to 43 moves per hour for the current period. The SWH at Durban's Pier 2 Container Terminal also improved from 36 moves per hour to 44 moves per hour for the current period. Similarly, NCT has improved from 31 to 38 moves per hour and the Cape Town Container Terminal (CTCT) has improved from 27 to 34 moves per hour for the current period.

The improvement in performance is due to the new equipment that has been received thus far. DCT Pier 1 has operationalised 9 rubber tyred gantry (RTG) cranes, with a further 7 planned for June 2026. The replacement of 20 straddle carriers at DCT has also had a positive impact on the terminal's performance. An additional 16 straddle carriers are currently being procured. Four ship to shore (STS) cranes are being replaced at DCT Pier 2. They have already been received and are in the process of being assembled. CTCT have also operationalised 9 RTG cranes. A further 9 are in the construction phase and are expected to be completed by the end of the financial year.

The cargo handling critical equipment plays a significant role in enhancing the terminals' operations, which is supported by spares and original parts (OPMs) that are available when required. The implementation of the 'fourth shift' also improved performance, which has had the positive impact of reducing fatigue due to lower overtime hours. The new shift-based container incentive has been implemented and plays a vital role in increasing employee morale and creating healthy competition between the shifts in the terminal and even across terminals.

The Saldanha Iron Ore (Bulk) Terminal overall loading rate has declined from 7 958 tons per hour in September 2024 to 7 580 tons per hour for September 2025. Stacker reclaimer challenges impacted the loading rate performance of the terminal. Blocked chutes and conveyor breakdowns also impacted the performance. The planned annual maintenance is currently being conducted in October 2025 and is expected to improve the plant reliability and the overall productivity of the terminal.

The Richards Bay Dry Bulk Terminal (DBT) has improved the magnetite loading rate significantly from 1 632 tons per hour to 1 750 tons per hour in the current period. The chrome loading rate was marginally above the prior period performance (1 081 tons per hour for the current period compared to 1 079 tons per hour in the prior period). The terminal is collaborating with customers to further improve performance in the terminal.

The Port Elizabeth Bulk Operating Terminal (PE BOT) loading rate in September 2025 improved to 747 tons per hour compared to 620 tons per hour achieved in the prior period. PE BOT scheduled an annual plant refurbishment which was successfully completed on 26 September 2025.

Both the Durban and East London Auto Terminals recorded improvements in their loading and discharge rates compared to the same period last year. The Durban Auto Terminal increased from 153 units per hour in the prior period to 165 units per hour in the current period. The East London Auto Terminal maintained the 200 units per hour threshold, achieving 223 units per hour for the current period (compared to 203 units per hour in the prior period). The Port Elizabeth Automotive Terminal decreased marginally from 178 units per hour in 2024 to 175 units per hour in 2025.

Net operating expenses increased by 9.5% to R7.3 billion (2024: R6.7 billion). The increase is mainly due to higher labour costs (salary increases, additional headcount and other costs related to the continued implementation of the 'fourth shift'), higher National Ports Authority rentals, repairs and maintenance (aging equipment) and higher cargo claim-related costs.

The resultant impact on EBITDA is an increase of 9.4% to R3.7 billion (2024: R3.4 billion).

### Transnet Pipelines (Pipelines)

Revenue for the period has increased by 15.6% to R3.8 billion (2024: R3.3 billion) due to the higher allowable revenue granted by NERSA and increase in volumes transported during the period.

The petroleum volumes transported have increased by 8.5% to 7 120 million litres (2024: 6 564 million litres) due to an increase in demand for refined and avtur volumes. The crude volume increase is mostly attributable to there being no planned refinery shutdown in the current period.

Net operating expenses have decreased to R1.0 billion (2024: R1.2 billion). As the litigious claim with two parties were settled, there is no related third party claims in the current period.

Consequently, EBITDA for the period has increased by 32.7% to R2.8 billion (2024: R2.1 billion).

### Group financial position

#### Revaluation of property, plant and equipment

The Group assesses the revaluation of its rail infrastructure, port infrastructure and pipeline networks in line with its accounting policy, which requires an independent valuation every three years, as well as index valuations in the intervening periods. During the period, a discounted cash flow valuation was performed on rail infrastructure, and an index valuation was performed on pipeline assets.

- The carrying value of rail infrastructure did not require a revaluation adjustment (March 2025: R2.2 billion devaluation).
- The carrying value of port facilities did not require a revaluation adjustment (March 2025: R85 million revaluation).
- The carrying value of pipeline networks did not require a revaluation adjustment (March 2025: R195 million revaluation).

Revaluation adjustments are performed in accordance with IAS 16: Property, plant and equipment.

### Deferred tax

The deferred tax liability decreased to R38.8 billion (March 2025: R39.8 billion), due mainly to the impact of the reversal of temporary differences and the impact of the net loss for the period.

### Cash flows

Cash generated from operations after working capital changes decreased by 30.7% to R9.6 billion (2024: R13.8 billion), due mainly to the TotalEnergies and Sasol Oil claim settlements paid. The rolling cash interest cover ratio at 15 times (2024: 1.9 times) is mainly as a result of, the impact of the aforementioned claim settlements, as well as higher net finance costs. This has resulted in a breach in loan covenants, with all the required waivers received from the affected lenders.

### Borrowings

Whilst the Company progresses toward self-sustainability, external funding remains essential to achieve this. Transnet values the continued support of the Shareholder Representative and the National Treasury, which strengthens the Group's position in negotiations with lenders, enabling the refinancing of existing debt and securing new facilities on competitive terms, including cost, tenure, and covenants. Transnet raised funding of R28.8 billion (2024: R6.6 billion) during the interim period, comprised mainly of the following funding sources:

- R 15.0 billion in domestic bonds;
- R 4.85 billion of commercial paper;
- R 4.6 billion from development finance institutions; and
- R 4.3 billion from finance institutions.

Transnet repaid borrowings amounting to R15.1 billion (2024: R5.0 billion), which related predominantly to loans, bonds and commercial paper that matured during the period.

The gearing ratio increased to 51.9% (March 2025: 49.6%), and is within the triggers in loan covenants. The deterioration is mainly as a result of the increase in borrowings for the interim reporting period.

### Derivative financial assets and liabilities

Derivative financial instruments are held by the Group to hedge financial risks associated with its capital investment and borrowing programmes. The 'mark-to-market' of these derivative financial instruments resulted in a net derivative financial asset of R285 million (March 2025: R3.1 billion). The reduction in the net derivative financial asset is due mainly to the movement in foreign exchange rates. Cross-currency swaps and interest rate hedges have been hedge accounted for in terms of IFRS 9: Financial Instruments.

### Pension and post-retirement benefit obligations

The two defined benefit funds, namely the Transnet sub-fund of the Transport Pension Fund (TPF) and the Transnet Second Defined Benefit Fund (TSDBF) are fully funded with actuarial surpluses of R1 433 million (March 2025: R1 165 million) and R4 266 million (March 2025: R4 225 million) respectively. Transnet has not recognised any portion of the surplus of these funds, as the fund rules do not allow for the distribution of a surplus.

The total value of ad hoc bonuses paid to beneficiaries by the TPF (since December 2011) and TSDBF (since November 2007) amounts to R686 million and R5.6 billion respectively. These payments continue to supplement the current statutory increase of the beneficiaries of the TPF and TSDBF to provide pensioners with increases above CPI.

The post-retirement medical benefit obligation is approximately R311 million (March 2025: R286 million).

### Contingencies and commitments

There were no material movements in contingencies and commitments since 31 March 2025.

### Going concern assessment