

# **Transnet Second** Defined Benefit Fund

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## Agenda



- → Nature of Fund
- → Financial position
- → Investment strategy
- → Impact of CPI increases

#### **Nature of Fund**



- → Defined benefit
- Only pensioners
- Closed to new entrants
- → Increases fixed at 2% per annum
- → Provision for bonuses to be granted annually subject to affordability

#### **Financial Position**



	Mar 2001 (R'bn)	Mar 2002 (R'bn)	Mar 2003 (R'bn)	Mar 2004 (R'bn)	Mar 2005 (R'bn)	Mar 2006 (R'bn)	Mar 2007 (R'bn)
Assets	16.5	16.0	13.2	15.1	16.4	19.2	21.6
Liabilities	20.1	18.9	18.4	18.5	21.9	22.2	19.9
Surplus/Deficit	3.6	2.9	5.1	3.4	5.5	3.0	1.7*
Funding level	81.9%	84.5%	72.1%	81.4%	74.8%	86.5%	109.2%

<sup>•</sup>Includes solvency reserve of R560m

### **Investment strategy**



- → Before 2006: High equity exposure, large individual exposures (MTN, V&A)
- → 2006/2007: Profit on sales of MTN and V&A, portion of assets realigned into bonds
- → 2007/2008: "liability-matched portfolio" (77%) and "unmatched portfolio" (23%) formulated

# **Investment Strategy**

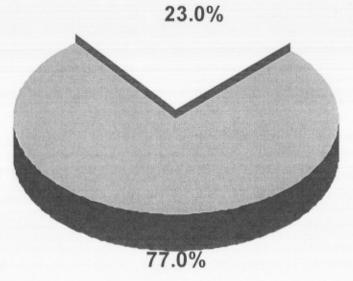


- → Liability-matched portfolio
  - → Covers pension payments to July 2021 (based on 2% increase)
  - → Must be minimum of 75% of liability (re-visited annually)
- Unmatched portfolio
  - → Targeting CPI+6% over long term
  - Flexible mandates
  - Diversified sources of return
  - 4 Asset managers

### **Asset Allocation 31 Jan 2008**







Liability-matched: 15.4

Unmatched: 4.6

Total 20.0

Liability matched

Unmatched

#### Move to CPI increases



- → Current strategy aims to mitigate impact of inflation through increasing the amount of bonus payable each year
  - Bonus based on affordability
  - Not guaranteed
- → Financial consequences of CPI increases
  - Actuary has indicated TSDBF has inadequate funding if CPI increase targeted
  - → Closed fund no additional contributions?
- → Investment strategy
  - → "Matched portfolio" uses nominal match which is premised on 2% increase
  - → If CPI targeted then arguably inflation-linked more appropriate (but also more expensive)