

Bulk Freight

Imperial has extensive experience and expertise in the movement of bulk material. Through a keen focus on lasting partnerships, Imperial provides responsive and flexible solutions that are both efficient and effective. Our successful best practice model means that we move over 5 million metric tons of bulk material per year.

We provide a professional managed solution that focuses on an asset-light model, and our footprint covers all major cities in South Africa, as well as Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe. We offer customised solutions that cater for both short- and long-haul transportation, predominantly in the mining and agricultural sectors. Our bulk freight logistics solution includes side tippers, PBS (performance-based standards) vehicles, stock piling and front-end loaders (FEL) at mine loading areas and rail sidings.

Our site management capability focuses on building and sustaining relationships on an operational level with our clients, in order to collaboratively achieve the desired service levels in the most cost-effective manner. This includes:

- Cost and performance reporting
- Managing loading at stock piles
- Planning and execution of road-freight outbound products
- Daily fleet and human resource planning to execute required deliveries
- Execution of on-time deliveries
- Managing delivery exceptions



Pit - mine loading area

- Rapid rail loadout station (RRL)
- Common user facility
- Stockpile management
- Mantsinen crane ops
- Preloading RRL bins

Rail loading/shunting ops

- Rail agreements with TFR
- Hot-seat train
- Locomotive provisions and other shunting operations or equipment

Pit-to-port transportation

- Rail/road transportation
- Rail management - full and empty rail flows
- Value-added services

Port storage

- Port storage
- Stockpile/inventory management
- Handling activities

Port terminal and handling

- C&F services
- Documentation
- Shipping/ocean freight
- Quality control

Ship loading/environmental

- Port services
- Stevedoring
- AutoBOXs with dust suppression
- Road shuttle - "hot lane" feeder via container terminal

Pit-to-port bi-directional supply chain solution

Commodities We Transport

- Manganese (1.6 million tons p.a.)
- Chrome Rom & Concentrate (1.2 million tons p.a.)
- Coal (876 000 tons p.a.)
- Limestone (325 000 tons p.a.)
- Iron-Ore (730 000 tons p.a.)
- Agric (280 000 tons p.a.)