

## GABCON Positions Itself as Botswana's Preferred Integrated Logistics Hub Through the GABCON Freight Village

**GABCON**, Botswana's largest container terminal operator, continues to develop and operate **GABCON Freight Village**, a strategic initiative aimed at transforming the company into a fully integrated logistics hub and one-stop service centre for the freight and logistics industry.

With more than 30 years of experience in container handling and logistics support, **GABCON** has established itself as a key player in Botswana's transport and supply chain sector. The company is jointly owned by Botswana Railways and Transnet Freight Rail, South Africa's national rail operator.

**GABCON** also owns and operates a second facility in Palapye known as **PALCON**, strategically positioned to service Botswana's Central Region. The presence of these two terminals strengthens the company's ability to support national trade flows and improve access to logistics services across the country.

### ➤ Transforming GABCON into a Freight Village

As part of its long-term growth strategy, **GABCON** embarked on a transformation journey to establish a Freight Village - a strategic move that brings together key service providers to one location, offering customers a seamless and efficient experience.

The Freight Village customers can now access essential logistics services in one place. These include:

- Booking containers through shipping lines
- Clearing goods through licensed clearing agents
- Processing customs documentation with the Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS)
- Arranging transportation for both imports and exports

By integrating these services into one centralised hub, **GABCON** has been able to significantly reduce turnaround times, streamline logistics coordination, and enhance overall customer service delivery.

### ➤ Supporting Infrastructure for a Modern Logistics Hub

In line with its vision to become a leading integrated logistics hub in the region, **GABCON** has invested in a logistics infrastructure designed to support efficient cargo handling and logistics operations.

The Freight Village development was delivered through a collaboration involving BR Properties as project managers and Pinagare as project architects and contractors.

The project resulted in the establishment of a freight village featuring:

- A fully operational warehouse facility to support storage needs.
- A weighbridge to streamline cargo verification & compliance processes
- A two-storey corporate office building accommodating **GABCON** staff and administrative functions.
- A dedicated tenants' wing designed to house key industry stakeholders involved in logistics and port services
- A truck stop facility, currently under construction, which will on completion provide the much needed services for transport operators and long-haul drivers.

The tenants' wing, a central feature of the Freight Village, accommodates essential logistics partners including shipping lines, clearing agents, and on-site BURS offices.

### ➤ Driving Efficiency and Economic Growth

The completion of the **GABCON** Freight Village marks a significant milestone in the company's journey towards becoming Botswana's preferred integrated logistics hub.

By providing a centralised platform for logistics services, the Freight Village not only demonstrates **GABCON**'s growth, longevity, and commitment to customer satisfaction, but also strengthens Botswana's capacity to facilitate regional and international trade.

As Botswana continues to position itself as a regional trade and logistics gateway, **GABCON** remains committed to delivering innovative, efficient, and customer-focused logistics solutions that contribute to national economic development.

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