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NCT PROUDLY HANDLES BIGGEST VESSEL

Ngqura Container Terminal, operated by Transnet Port Terminals (TPT) records handling one of the biggest vessels in the history of terminal. The vessel arrived on Sunday, 24 February 2019 and TPT is loading and off-loading 2 697 Twenty Equivalent Units (TEU). This Gigantic vessel called MSC Bettina is a container vessel registered and sailing under the flag of Panama. Its length is 366.07 metres and its maximum draught is 15.6 Metres. Its impressive capacity is 10 000 TEUs with gross tonnage of 151559 and deadweight of 162867. Its last Port of call was Lome and next Port of call is Durban.

The last big vessel called NCT on 5 July 2018, which was MSC Savannah, she had a length of 335metres and gross tonnage of 91621.

Wandisa Vazi, Acting Executive Manager, Container & Automotive Cape Channel, said the terminal is delighted to handle such big vessels which validates the capacity which was created. We acknowledge all the key role players who has contributed on the historical moment. This include our valued customers, committed employees and stevedoring companies.

According to Maisa Salman, Acting General Manager: Cape Channel, this further confirms that Ngqura Container Terminal has the capability for boosting the economy of the Region and the Country. We are also encouraged by the increase of bigger vessels calling and volumes handled at the terminal.



The Ngqura Container Terminal (NCT) was designed as a state-of-the-art transshipment hub, servicing traffic from the East, South America, and West African

markets. The deepest container terminal in Southern Africa, boasting a 16 metres draft, NCT has seen a steady improvement in volume growth and operational performance.

Since starting operations in 2009, the Ngqura Container Terminal has complemented the South African port system as a transshipment hub. The terminal has increased South African trade with the world, promoting international trade for SADC countries.

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Notes to editor:

Transnet Port Terminals (TPT) is South Africa's leading terminal operator responsible for loading and offloading cargo aboard vessels calling the seven South African ports. Boasting a staff compliment of over 9000 across 16 cargo terminals, TPT's operations target four major market sectors namely: automotive, containers, bulk and break bulk. Nozipho Sithole is the Chief Executive responsible for realising the new Transnet 4.0 strategy which is aimed at repositioning the business as a facilitator of trade and among the world's top five in the next five years. Current plans are focused on geographic expansion, service innovation and diversification aided by competitive approaches hinted by the fourth industrial revolution.

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