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RoRo HITS A HIGH GEAR, BREAKS RECORDS TO ACHIEVE A NEW MILESTONE

A combination of technological interventions, a shift in its operating model and succinct planning have seen Transnet Port Terminals' Durban Car Terminal handle record breaking fully-built units [FBUs] in excess of half a million. With a prescribed capacity of 480 000 FBUs per annum, the RoRo terminal handled 510 936 FBUs, 30 000 units more than the norm and without compromising on safety or quality standards.

This ground-breaking achievement is by no means a coincidence as Transnet Port Terminals utilizes the Service Instruction Entry [SIE] system at all its car terminals, which is an automated vehicle processing platform for import, export and transshipment purposes that replaced a manual processing of vehicles. First piloted at the RoRo car terminal, it was rolled out to other car terminals at the end of 2018 and is utilized by more than one hundred of TPT's customers, supply chain partners and various other stakeholders. The platform allows them to exchange information at an improved speed, from 72 hours to 24 hours, making possible for transactions to take place as close to vessel sailing time as possible.

The terminal has also undergone a significant operating model augmentation, which entailed taking over the outsourced driving service function so that it is delivered internally. This was to ensure that, amongst other things, there is a consistency of service and little or no disruptions for TPT customers. Another intervention that also contributed to the terminal achieving this major feat is the entrenchment of the Integrated Account Management protocols with all Original Equipment Manufacturers [OEMs] which facilitate seamless port and rail planning and operational execution so that bottlenecks are eradicated.

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TPT have previously created a web-based, general cargo operating system called GCOS which enhances security of break bulk cargo and automotive, offers simple user interface and greater data integrity compared to the old manual method. GCOS is a commercial product that some of the West African ports already using.

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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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