



Richards Bay Saves Burning Vessel From Disaster

In a recent turn of events, the Richards Bay Terminal found itself facing a potential catastrophe as a ship carrying smouldering cargo hurtled toward its harbour in search of rescue.

It all started when TPT and TNPA were contacted by the vessel agent for the MV Peppino Bottiglieri which required an urgent layby berth in Richards Bay. The vessel was carrying coal, which it had loaded in Russia enroute to Malaysia. As the vessel was rounding the Cape, the crew discovered the coal smouldering in hatch #7. Upon berthing at Richards Bay, the MV Peppino Bottiglieri proceeded to unload the cargo and the smouldering extinguished. The cargo was then loaded back onto the vessel once it was safe to do so. The entire operation was a complete success, with no incidents and a satisfying conclusion for all parties involved.



Transnet And Mercedes-Benz Partnership Achieves Record Exports At East London

Recent reports have confirmed that in April Transnet and Mercedes-Benz South Africa (MBSA) recorded the highest units being handled in East London with over 10 000 new vehicles exported. This remarkable milestone not only bodes well for the economy of the region and the country, but also for the partnership of MBSA, TPT and Transnet National Ports Authority.

According to MBSA's CEO and Executive Director: Manufacturing, Arno van der Merwe, 10 674 Mercedes-Benz W205 C-Class vehicles were exported via East London during the month of April. "We were the highest exporter of new vehicles in South Africa, which is a huge achievement and a record for MBSA, the East London Port and the Eastern Cape as a province. It is pleasing to see this type of successful collaboration between manufacturers, shipping lines and ports in achieving increased volumes with quick turnaround times as this will contribute to a much needed injection into the economy," stated van der Merwe.



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Take a Girl Child to work day

TPT has once again partnered with the Cell C Foundation as part of the Take a Girl Child to Work initiative.

The initiative, which is now over a decade old, encourages businesses to invite female pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds to spend the day at their place of business on the last Thursday of May. The goal of this initiative is to expose the girl child to the infinite roles females play in society, enrich her self-esteem as well as motivate her to reach her full potential.

TPT sought to achieve this goal by exposing over 100 girls nationwide to the diverse careers the company offers whilst fostering engagement between the girls and positive role models in the business. This year TPT opened up its gates to the girls of Intlangiso High School, Louville High School, Diazville High School, Hopefield High School as well as many others nationally. TPT went further and extended the invitation to its employees and encouraged them to bring their daughters into their workplace, thereby cultivating employee wellbeing and strengthening the bond of the TPT family.

coordinated events nationwide during the last week of May. The purpose of the events was to provide an overview of the SOLAS requirements in terms of IMO guidelines and communicate Transnet's approach to SOLAS regarding system implications.

For its part, TPT has upgraded the existing EDI/NAVIS solution to Navis 2.6 which went live at the beginning of May at all TPT container terminals. Transnet Freight Rail sites, currently using SPARCS Navis 4, also moved to the new system. Changes are being made to the 2.6 version to accommodate the SOLAS requirements prior to the implementation date. However, there are minimal changes to what users see and work on. Through improvements to the system architecture and the communication protocols, users will experience an improvement in response to queries performed within Navis.

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