

CRANE CATCHES FIRE AT THE DURBAN MULTI-PURPOSE TERMINAL

[Durban, Wednesday - 20 May 2020] – Transnet Port Terminals reports an unfortunate incident where a mobile harbour crane caught fire at the Durban Multi-Purpose Terminal. The incident happened in the early hours of this morning. No injuries were sustained and the crane operator was safely evacuated from the machine. The vessel on berth was also safely moved to outer anchorage.

Terminal management has addressed the employees on shift and counselling services will be offered through the company's employment assistance programme. Operations have stopped to allow for clearing of worksite. An incident investigation will be set up shortly to identify the root cause of the occurrence – which is unknown at this stage; and determine the extent of the damage and the overall impact of the incident.

The terminal has activated a business continuity plan to minimise the impact on operations. Engagements with customers are ongoing.

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Notes to editor

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