

DURBAN CAR TERMINAL SHATTERS RECORD IN A CONSECUTIVE RUN

[Durban - Thursday, 11 June 2020] - The Durban Car Terminal has broken its handling record for two years running, with exports and transshipments playing a key role in the latest run. The terminal handled over 526 000 FBUs against a target of 487 000 fully built units [FBUs] during the 2019/2020 financial year – a 7% increase year on year. There was an additional 13 000 units in transshipments while export targets were exceeded by about 10 000 units.

Despite market conditions being driven largely by local and global demand in the automotive sector, it is critical that units are handled safely in order to maintain their integrity. Equally, efficiency means that units are delivered on time to the customer and ultimately the consumer. Terminal Manager Phumi Blose commended the team for achieving yet another record-breaking performance, two years running. “The latest performance is very encouraging, considering the challenging global economic conditions that have resulted in a recession. This is yet another illustration of what a co-ordinated approach to planning and execution can achieve,” she said.

The terminal recently employed an insourcing strategy that required management to balance the challenge of continued operations while rolling out refresher training in health and safety for all employees. “Adhering to compliance and maintaining a safe working environment are everything in the protection of human capital and while we were challenged during the rollout of training – the outcome speaks for itself,” said Blose. She added that it was especially impressive how the terminal had turned the tide in terms of performance, having failed to achieve its target a mere three years ago to achieving back-to-back record performances.

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Notes to editor

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sectors namely: automotive, containers, bulk and break bulk. 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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