



POINT MULTI PURPOSE TERMINAL BOOSTS CONTAINER HANDLING SERVICE

[Durban – Friday, 17 July 2020] The Point Multi-Purpose Terminal in Durban has taken receipt of four new reach stackers at a cost of R47 million to boost its container handling service that also serves as a diversion contingency for the Durban Container Terminals Pier 1 and 2.

“There is ample demand for container handling services at the terminal. It benefits both the terminal’s diversification and growth strategy but importantly – our capacity fulfils Transnet Port Terminals’ (TPT) service to its customers entirely through a complementary network of terminals,” said Amanda Siyengo, General Manager for Durban Bulk, Break Bulk and Cars at TPT.

The terminal will in total receive seven 45-ton reach stackers within the current calendar year, a necessary investment in improving availability of equipment for increased volume throughput. “The terminal’s design allows for the free movement of equipment like reach stackers as they can transport a container over a short distance quickly and pile them in various rows – ready for collection or loading,” said Siyengo.

This purchase forms part of TPT’s equipment investment of R2 billion across its 16 terminals at the country’s seven commercial ports and three inland terminals. Current investments are a response to industry calls for equipment that will improve performance. Emphasising the company’s focus on customer service, Ms Siyengo said, “Point MPT is working hard to ensure improved service delivery.” She added that the terminal had a balanced combination of people skills, technology and service for anticipated container growth.

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Notes to editor

The Durban Multi-Purpose Terminal is one of 19 Transnet Port Terminals (TPT), 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 sea terminals and 3 inland terminals, TPT’s operations target four major market 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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