

RICHARDS BAY BULK TERMINAL RECEIVES NEW MULTI- PURPOSE SHIP LOADER

[Richards Bay – Tuesday, 18 January 2022] The Richards Bay Bulk Terminal has taken delivery of a new multi-purpose ship loader as part of its capacity creation initiatives. This investment of over R124 million will contribute to improved loading rates at the terminal. It will also aid the handling of increased volume throughput of strategic export commodities in line with forecasted demand.

Thulasizwe Dlamini, Acting Managing Executive at the Richards Bay Terminals said, “This ship loader introduces an opportunity for maximum use of underutilised berth capacity and it comes as a crucial time where the economy is recovering”. He added that the existence of the loader was especially significant as cover for periods where similar equipment underwent scheduled maintenance.

The ship loader boasts a capacity of 3000 tons per hour at a density of 1900 kilograms per cubic metre and its design has met all the legal dust emission requirements as per the environmental impact analysis. “The loader forms part of three capacity related initiatives that will see us handle more export chrome, magnetite and coal volumes. Converting one of the import berths is another, as well as adding a new conveyor route. These combined form part of turning around the Richards Bay terminals and offering superior value to our customers” said Thula.

The Richards Bay Terminals operate in one of South Africa’s deep-sea water ports and boast 13 berths combined where over 20 dry bulk ores, minerals and break bulk consignments are handled.

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Notes to the Editor

The Richards Bay Bulk Terminal forms part of a network of 19 Transnet Port Terminals (TPT). TPT is South Africa’s leading terminal operator responsible for loading and offloading cargo

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