**TERMINAL OPERATOR DEVELOPS LOGISTICS APP TO CONNECT SA'S SUPPLY CHAIN**

**[*Durban – Tuesday, 18 August 2020*]** Operator Transnet Port Terminals (TPT) recently awarded a contract to global technology leader TATA Consultancy Services (TCS) to develop a logistics platform that will enable the company and the broader industry to integrate into the logistics supply chain.

General Manager of Sales and New Business Siyabulela Mhlaluka said, "Cargo Connect is an online platform in the form of an application (APP) that can be considered a logistics market place. Customers will have the ability to submit logistics related requests on the platform and allow service providers to bid and the preferred proposal will be selected".

As a key node in the supply chain handling import and export cargo, TPT will through the Cargo Connect application, maximize digital solutions to increase transparency and provide rapid tracking of cargo at every point of the container journey. According to Mhlaluka, there is a need for a South African online platform that integrates comprehensive logistics information and facilitates the rapid identification of optimal providers for required logistics services. In addition, cargo owners and logistics players will also rapidly receive critical information about their containers as soon as the cargo event occurs.

TCS Africa Client Partner and Retail Head Subhashis Ghosh said, "Our service is delivered through our unique Location – independent Agile Teams delivery model, recognized as a benchmark of excellence in software development", expressing pleasure in the company's involvement. Within the agile deployment approach, cargo connect will be deployed to market through a number of 'sprints' over the next 12 months. TCS has collaborated with many of the world's largest businesses in their transformation journeys for over 50 years, developing customized solutions across seven business sectors namely: communications and information technology, engineering, materials, services, energy, consumer products and chemicals.

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Transnet Port Terminals (TPT) is 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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