

Transnet Port Terminals (TPT) announcement of new Terminal Manager for Ngqura Container Terminal



Above: Newly TPT appointed Terminal Manager, Noxolo Thabatha

Noxolo Thabatha has been appointed by Transnet Port Terminals as the **Terminal Manager** for **Ngqura Container Terminal (NCT)** in the Eastern Cape. Her overall responsibility will be reshaping Transnet Port Terminal's (TPT) core strategic thrust with specific focus on volume growth, revenue diversification, cost efficiency, and inter OD integration. Other objectives she has been tasked with include achieving world-class operational performance in line with the best practices and driving employee satisfaction at NCT.

This management position will assist with the internal talent development and demonstrates TPT's commitment to employment equity with the emphasis on Women-In-Operation leadership programme.

Siya Mhlaluka, General Manager of TPT's Eastern Cape Port Terminals, believes that strong leadership is necessary to maintain the Eastern Cape Terminal's high productivity standards. "The EC Terminals' Management Team has complete confidence in the capabilities of the leadership now in place. This will undoubtedly maintain the high performance standards already set by the terminals while continuing to maximize the Eastern Cape Terminal's efficiency to achieve all set organizational goals," stated Mhlaluka.

Ms Thabatha joined TPT in 2009 at NCT as a Planning Technician and she has been instrumental in the start-up and growth of the terminal to date. She has worked in a planning and logistics environment contributing to the performance success of the terminal, in particular with a focus on customer service and operational KPIs.

Thabatha's career has progressed exceptionally with her promotion as Chief Planning Manager having been bestowed upon her in 2013, followed by her recent role as Acting NCT Terminal Manager in 2015 – and finally culminating in her position as NCT Terminal Manager in April 2016.

Thabatha has achieved a number of academic and training qualifications, including Port Logistics – APEC (Belgium), Port Operations Planning from Humburg Port Training Institute, and Leadership and Management qualifications obtained at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU).

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Transnet Port Terminals manages 16 cargo terminal facilities across seven South African ports with a staff compliment of over 9 000. Its operations target four major market sectors, namely the automotive sector, containers, bulk and break bulk, organised according to their respective geographical regions.

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