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## **NCT WELCOMES ONE OF THE BIGGEST VESSELS**

On Thursday, 5 July 2018 Transnet Port Terminals (TPT) welcomed one of the largest container vessels into the Ngqura Container Facility. The MSC Savannah is a container ship built in 2011 with a gross tonnage of 91 621 tons and length of 335m. The vessel is enroute to the Far East, having started its transshipment route in West Africa and was berthed at Ngqura Container Terminal until Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

TPT serviced the impressive vessel through the offloading of 550 containers and loading of a further 2,922 containers which is equal to 3,472. Velile Dube, TPT's GM: Cape Channel, said "We allocated maximum resources to ensure the quick turnaround of the MSC Savannah vessel. We were more than ready to effectively and efficiently handle the MSC Savannah vessel using our state-of-the-art equipment handled by our skilled workforce on hand."

The Ngqura Container Terminal (NCT) was designed to be a transshipment hub, servicing traffic from the East, South America, and West African markets. The deepest container terminal in Southern Africa, boasting a 16 meter draft, NCT has seen a steady improvement in volume growth and operational performance. Since starting operations in 2009, the Ngqura Container Terminal has complemented the South African port system as a transshipment hub. The terminal has increased South African trade with the world, promoting international trade for SADC countries.

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### **Notes to editor:**

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 cargo terminals, TPT's operations target four major market sectors namely: automotive, containers, bulk and break bulk. Nozipho Sithole is the Chief Executive responsible for realising the new Transnet 4.0 strategy which is aimed at repositioning the business as a facilitator of trade and among the world's top five in the next five years. 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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