



EXCELLENT MAGNETITE LOADING ON THE M/V PROSPERITY

The Richards Bay Bulk Terminal last week loaded 158 663 tons of magnetite at 1652 tons per hour (TPH), far exceeding the loading norm of 900 TPH and finishing in four days – three days ahead of the planned seven days. MV Prosperity berthed at 704 where the vessel worked seamlessly owing to a team effort from Planning, Operations and Technical to the benefit of the customer Phosfert Marine. Customer representative and Agency Ships Operator Mbongi Qwabe said, “We are very glad to be in a position to sincerely thank you and your team on the outstanding performance, not just for the actual load rate only but also the swift response to breakdowns noted”.

According to Terminal Manager Mandla Mpungose, bulk targets set for the Richards Bay Bulk Terminal are just over 17 million tons and it is important for the team to keep this momentum. “To us, every vessel is a transaction. We are every delighted that the Terminal has eradicated the challenges it faced before, and is now performing at an exceptional level” said Mpungose. He added that The team was growing from strength to strength with the magnetite performance and the support that Operations was s receiving from Technical has proved to play a vital role in minimising the breakdowns.

Berth 704 is well drafted at 17.5 metres deep, making it viable for Cape Sized vessels to call. DBT Senior Operations Manager, Siyabulela Sandi said the team was investigating the possibilities of loading two Cape Sized vessels simultaneously. “We are looking into innovative ways to meet targeted volumes and an addition of two more reclaiming conveyor belts would give us the ability to load 300 000 tons in five days”. The acquisition of the Scandvik loader has contributed substantially to the Export performance, Sandi added. The team continues to be motivated.