



OPERATIONS CONTINUE AT PACE AT CAPE TOWN CONTAINER TERMINAL

[Johannesburg, 16 February 2021] Transnet Port Terminals (TPT) continues to work with customers and industry to ensure that the port adequately supports the timeous export of agricultural products to international markets.

Reports circulating currently of congestion and lack of equipment at the port are false and mischievous. Seven of eight cranes are in operation, and 21 rubber-tyred gantries (RTGs) are available. The terminal has just completed and sailed a vessel, the MSC Meltemi, and another vessel – Santa Clara – is being worked and expected to be completed by 22h00 tonight, weather permitting.

There are currently five vessels at anchor, with one due to dock. The backlog has been cleared and the current average waiting time is ten hours. The terminal is receiving 30 reefer containers per hour, with over 70% of the reefers in stack for the Maria XL vessel, and there are no anticipated delays.

Transnet understands the strategic importance of the agriculture sector to the economy, and has prioritised this sector as part of the strategy being implemented by the organisation. Interventions are underway to resolve the immediate operational challenges, while the medium to long-term capacity expansion plans are being implemented.

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