



Reefer train to ease congestion at the Cape Town Container Terminal

[Johannesburg; 05 February 2021] In a bid to improve efficiencies at the Cape Town Container Terminal, Transnet SOC Ltd ("Transnet") has successfully piloted an inland operation that will see the haulage of reefer containers from Belcon Inland Terminal in Bellville, to the port.

The collaboration between two Transnet operating divisions - Port Terminals and Freight Rail - supports the company's strategy for a modal shift from road to rail, and introduces much-needed improvements in the entire supply chain.

The initiative brings about much-needed relief on the roads, moves goods more efficiently to the ports, and reduces the cost of doing business.

Through the pilot project with one of Transnet's customers, 20 containers were hauled this morning (Friday, 5 February 2021), with the aim to gradually increase this, with more uptake from reefer container customers and cargo owners.

The Belcon Inland Terminal, where reefer containers will be loaded and hauled to the terminal, is located about 20 kilometers from Cape Town. Unlike a truck, which carries one reefer container per trip, one train has the capacity to carry up to 36 containers at a time.

The inland operation is one of the projects that was earmarked for implementation as a response to both community and customer concerns over traffic in the vicinity.

Transnet will continue to work with customers and other stakeholders in improving efficiencies in the system, and supporting the reliable delivery of freight.

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