



## **STATUS OF OPERATIONS IN KWAZULU-NATAL DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**

**[Durban – Tuesday, 12 April 2022]** Disruptive weather conditions in KwaZulu-Natal have adversely affected Transnet operations in the province, and we continue to assess the extent of the damage. Heavy rains have damaged the road infrastructure leading into the Port of Durban, affecting access into the terminals.

As a precautionary measure and for safety reasons, operations across the Durban Terminals had to be suspended at around 19H30 on 11 April 2022. There have been no major incidents reported at the terminals thus far.

Shipping has been suspended until further notice as a result of environmental damage caused by the adverse weather, and vessels on berth are on standby.

A multi-disciplinary command centre, comprising the Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA), operators and customers has been set up and is monitoring activities. Customers have been requested to hold back on bringing trucks into the port, to avoid congestion.

In Richards Bay, the terminals are operating at limited capacity, with challenges experienced in handling wet cargo.

Rail lines in certain parts of the province are operating at limited capacity as a result of flooding. Transnet Freight Rail's engineering teams will assess the extent of the damage, before full operations can resume.

The safety of Transnet employees remains paramount. All critical safety inspections will be conducted prior to full resumption in operations, to ensure that equipment and infrastructure is safe to use.

**ENDS**

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