



Transnet closely monitoring the Cape Town storm

[Johannesburg, 14 July 2020] Transnet is closely monitoring weather conditions along the country's coastline, to determine when it is safe to resume port operations.

The stormy weather, rough sea conditions and swells in excess of nine metres (30 feet) led to the disruption of incoming and outgoing vessel movements at the Port of Cape Town on Monday, 13 July.

Five vessels were delayed from entering the port and berthing remained on hold by 12h00 on Tuesday, 14 July.

Safety remains a top priority for Transnet, and as such officials will continue to monitor the situation closely, and adjust plans accordingly.

Transnet National Ports Authority will continue to test the swells and will allow vessels to enter the Port of Cape Town once it is safe to do so.

The adverse weather is expected to continue until Thursday, 16 July. The ports of Port Elizabeth and Ngqura in the Eastern Cape, which are also wind-bound, have taken all necessary action to ensure the safety of employees and that of property.

Meanwhile terminal operations at the Port of Cape Town have also been temporarily stopped with all the gantry cranes and cargo operating equipment safely secured.

Transnet will continue to provide safety updates to all its customers and other port users as the situation unfolds.

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