



UPDATE ON DURBAN PORT OPERATIONS

[Durban, 14 April 2022] – Transnet SOC Ltd. (Transnet) has made progress in identifying alternative access routes for trucks destined to the container terminals and the liquid bulk terminals at Island View. This follows damages incurred on Bayhead Road after the inclement weather in the recent days.

Subsequent to assessments of the damage, the Port of Durban has appointed contractors to commence with the engineering works to restore Bayhead Road and allow contraflowing traffic on 2 outbound lanes. Contractors are expected to work throughout the weekend on repair work of the washed away area on Bayhead Road. There is rain forecast for eThekweni over the weekend, which could impact on the conclusion of this work.

An alternative access road (Bluff Road) to the container terminal and the Island View Precinct has been identified after engagement with the Bluff community to temporarily relax the municipal bylaws. An assessment was carried out to ensure the safety of Bluff residents and transporters during the period where trucks will be utilising the road.

The Port will continue to prioritize evacuation of essential goods, including food, medical supplies and petroleum products during this time. Truck owners are urged to avoid creating congestion around the area, as this also poses many dangers given the condition of the roads.

Shipping has resumed following the cleaning of debris from the harbour, and as at 14:00 on Thursday, 14 April, the Port of Durban had done 10 of the 11 planned vessel movements.

The fuel pipeline is operational and pumping fuel to the inland market. Engagements have been held with the Island View tenants and SAPIA to ensure security of supply of fuel in the KZN area. On the rail side, the Kingsrest yard has been partially reopened, and the six trains in the yard with export containers are being moved to the Durban Container Terminal.

Yesterday, Transnet senior leadership led by the Minister of Public Enterprises, Pravin Gordhan and the Group Chief Executive, Portia Derby visited the harbour and rail sites to assess the extent of the damage and seek areas of collaboration with all provincial stakeholders.

Transnet, with the support of stakeholders, will continue to work around the clock to ensure that full operations resume as soon as is possible.

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