

Durban Container Terminal Pier 2 sees steady recovery

[*Durban – Thursday, 29 February 2024*] The Durban Container Terminal Pier 2 has reached stability as collaboration efforts to improve performance gain traction. Managing Executive at the Durban Terminals Earle Peters said, "We will always have a few vessels at anchor for varying reasons. It's the nature of busy and large terminal operations". He added that the terminal's challenges have encouraged collaboration with employees, customers, academia, and original equipment manufacturers as the company worked towards sustainable solutions.

Contracted equipment manufacturers are on-site assisting with equipment reliability and availability over the next seven years. Plans for the next 12 months include capital investment that will see the acquisition of 45 haulers, four reach stackers and five empty container handlers – which will be commissioned for use in May this year. The approval and governance processes are also in progress for the acquisition of 20 straddle carriers for delivery by November 2024.

Meanwhile, the terminal has begun an outcomes-based programme in partnership with the University of Pretoria to upskill employees in order to improve the company's operational performance in the next 100 days, with the overall focus on improving the reliability and availability of operational equipment, ensuring the availability of spares and increasing crane moves per hour.

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Notes to the Editor

The Durban Terminals form part of a network of terminals managed by Transnet Port Terminals, (TPT) is a division of Transnet SOC Ltd and South Africa's (SA) leading terminal operator responsible for loading and offloading cargo aboard vessels calling the seven SA ports. The company provides import and export services for both domestic and global markets through a staff compliment of 9000 across 16-sea cargo and three inland terminals. Current plans are focused on geographic expansion, service innovation and diversification as the business transitions into a logistic solutions provider.