

Ocean Network Express' new vessel makes maiden voyage to Durban Terminals

[Durban - Monday, 3 June 2024] Ocean Network Express' (ONE's) newest vessel made its maiden voyage to South Africa's Durban Container Terminal (DCT) Pier 2 last week, carrying an exchange of 2 578 import containers and 2 600 export containers, including citrus refrigerated containers.

Vessel ONE Recommendation is part of ONE's new fleet with reduced carbon emissions and the terminal has deployed adequate resources to efficiently service the four-month-old vessel without interruption and within the stipulated window. Earlier this year, DCT Pier 1 successfully handled sister vessels ONE Readiness and ONE Reassurance on their maiden voyages to South Africa.

The voyage is a boost to Transnet's recovery objectives. Improved operating and cost efficiency as well as global competitiveness of the local port terminal network are among critical elements of Transnet's Recovery Plan, whose primary focus is the recovery of volumes from key operations and operating divisions across the organisation.

Durban Terminals Managing Executive, Earle Peters said, "The confidence ONE continues to demonstrate in our business is encouraging and speaks to the strength of the partnership we have cemented over time". He added that the terminal boasted dedicated employees who continued to work around the clock to ensure the terminal was always open for business.

Vessel One Recommendation has only been to three other destinations to load before heading to South Africa from Singapore. After four days, it left for its next destination, Singapore. "While we are in recovery as a business overall, we are in essence serving and every opportunity like this gives DCT Pier 2 the boost it requires to make our customers globally competitive," said Peters.

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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.