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PORT OF DURBAN'S MODERN TUGS EFFICIENTLY BERTH WORLD'S LARGEST CAR CARRIER

[Durban, 21 November 2024] Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) has achieved a major milestone in its journey to recovery with the on-time and seamless berthing of the *Höegh Aurora*, the world's largest car carrier, on her maiden voyage at the Port of Durban. This operational highlight was made possible by the port's newly injected marine fleet of state-of-the-art tugs, showcasing TNPA's commitment in enabling volume recovery and operational efficiency.

The *Höegh Aurora*, a next-generation vessel known for its advanced green energy solutions, signifies a new era in sustainable shipping. The vessel is powered by Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), equipped with solar panels, and designed for future conversion to methanol or ammonia fuel once the engines are ready. Its timely and safe berthing at the Port of Durban reflects Transnet's commitment to improving service delivery and responding to industry demands.

"The on time berthing of the *Höegh Aurora* demonstrates our responsiveness to ensuring volumes are efficiently handled at our port. This operational milestone also highlights the impact of our new tug fleet. These tugs represent a significant enhancement to our marine services, enabling us to meet the demands of global shipping with efficiency, reliability and sustainability," said Nkumbuzi Ben-Mazwi, TNPA Port Manager at the Port of Durban.

As part of the ongoing turnaround plan, the Port of Durban continues to collaborate with terminal operators and customers to enable volume recovery, operational efficiency, and ensure fit for purpose infrastructure. The seamless berthing of the *Höegh Aurora* demonstrates Durban's capacity to handle the world's largest and most advanced vessels, reaffirming its status as a premier gateway for maritime trade.

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GALLERY

PoD's modern tugboats efficiently berth World's Largest Car Carrier

About Transnet National Ports Authority

The National Ports Authority is responsible for the safe, effective, and efficient economic functioning of the national port system, which it manages in a landlord capacity. It provides port infrastructure and marine services at the eight commercial seaports in South Africa – Richards Bay, Durban, Saldanha, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, East London, Mossel Bay and Ngqura. It operates within a legislative and regulatory environment and is governed by the National Ports Act (Act No. 12 of 2005).

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