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Export LCL South Africa

Dear valuable clients,

we would like to inform you about the actual situation in South African ports and we recommend to consider possible delays in individual Supply Chains accordingly. Shipping lines expect challenges for some months until South African ports operator and terminal operator initiate sufficient measures to improve the operational efficiencies.

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Please see below details for each port/terminal:

Cape Town

The unusual seasonal high winds are resulting in swells and under-water currents. In addition to this, the terminal operator has had IT System problems. This has resulted in congestion, berthing delays and reduced productivity levels at the terminal.

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Port Elizabeth

Ngqura Coega/PLZ container terminal – Transnet has alerted its customers and the public that the organization is facing illegal strike action in the form of a „go-slow“ in some of its port operations. The port of Ngqura has reported a decline in operational performance at its container terminals, a consequence of the illegal industrial action.

This may result in further disruptions on other Transnet operations, which could have an impact on economic activities. Transnet is engaging with its employees to ensure that the situation at the Ngqura and Port Elizabeth Container Terminal is normalized.

Following the collapse of one of the remaining 2 ship/shore gantries in October 2018, the old terminal in Port Elizabeth has no longer been able to operate effectively with one crane or handle the SAECS Northbound voyage call.

The port and terminal have become excessively congested (both berths and landside) with long berthing delays and low productivity due to capacity constraints at the terminal. Adding to this, there has been labour disputes and electricity outages which have resulted in work stoppages causing further delays to the vessel operations.

Durban

There are berthing delays and reduced operational productivity levels. This is due to an increasing lack of functioning landside equipment as a result of a lack of qualified staff, replacement parts for badly maintained equipment and delayed investments in new equipment.

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