

## **Cape Town Container Terminal hits record high loading in a single vessel**

**[Cape Town – Wednesday, 13 February 2024]** The Cape Town Container Terminal recorded the highest number of refrigerated containers ever loaded on a single vessel at 1 726 when Vessel Santa Rita sailed off to Europe with South Africa’s deciduous fruit exports. The previous record was 1 711 in the year 2021.

“This milestone is a combination of all our efforts and confirmation that our ramp up plans are heading towards the right direction,” said Acting Managing Executive of the Western Cape, Oscar Borchards. In order to handle both season requirements and ensure efficiency, the Cape Town Container Terminal had to develop a recovery plan. According to Borchards, “The terminal is receiving support across all spheres of the Transnet business, from the team here at the terminal all the way to board level”.

The terminal is at the peak of the deciduous season which ends at the end of March, where South Africa exports grapes, peaches, plums, apples and pears among others. This has led the management team to working closely with all employees to offer support while ensuring that equipment, systems and people are all in sync. Borchards said, the walkabouts and presence of management in operations is with the intention to find effective ways of working, including monitoring shift changes closely, ensuring the rollout of plans are executed efficiently.

“Communication with all our stakeholders remains at the core of what we do with captains of industry expressing gratitude for the collaborative efforts in resolving challenges as a collective,” said Borchards, adding that the team intended to continue engaging.

The Cape Town Container Terminal currently has three vessels on berth, two at anchor with planned volumes of 16 115 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) planned for loading this week alone.

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### **Notes to the Editor**

The Cape Town Container Terminal forms part of a network of 19 Transnet Port Terminals (TPT). TPT is South Africa's leading terminal operator responsible for loading and offloading cargo aboard vessels calling the seven South African ports. Boasting a staff compliment of over 9000 across 16 sea-cargo terminals and 3 inland terminals, TPT's operations target four major market sectors namely: automotive, containers, bulk and break bulk. Current plans are focused on geographic expansion, service innovation and diversification aided by competitive approaches hinted by the fourth industrial revolution. For information, visit [www.transnetportterminals.net](http://www.transnetportterminals.net)

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