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Dear Peter, Dave, and Valued Customers,

EXTENSION OF THE DECLARATION OF FORCE MAJEURE DUE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK TO 30 APRIL 2020

Further to the first force majeure letter sent to our customers, dated 31 March 2020, the following communique is for your information.

1. TPT has sent letters on the practical application of the berthing and handling of containers during the lockdown period, in support of the changes declared in the government regulations (Please refer letters dated 24 March 2020; 26 March 2020; 31 March 2020; 2 April 2020; 3 April 2020 and 7 April 2020.) These will still remain in effect for the period of the lockdown (currently updated to 30 April 2020, as per the Government Gazette issued on 16 April 2020).

In accordance with clause 11 of the Conditions of Trade for Container Terminals, TPT confirms that the declaration of Force Majeure will remain in effect until 30 April 2020.

This lifting of the Force Majeure on 30 April 2020 will only be deferred if a subsequent pronouncement extends the lockdown beyond 30 April 2020. If so further communiqué will be issued in this regard.

In anticipation of lifting of such Force Majeure:

- a. The provisions of the CTOC berthing windows will resume with effect from 2 May 2020. We must emphasise that, in ensuring terminal fluidity, the following will still remain in effect:

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- i. Shipping lines are responsible for ensuring that all containers are cleared and have a transporter assigned before the vessel berths.
 - ii. A clear evacuation plan must be provided and honoured
 - b. The first recognised day of storage for vessels arriving during the lockdown, will be 2 May 2020. For vessels completing discharge on or after 30 April 2020, the standard tariff book storage free days will apply.
 - c. The mandatory truck appointment system will continue to apply for all containers in DCT Pier 1 and Pier2.
2. The lockdown is due to end on 30 April 2020. Given that 1 May 2020 is a recognised public holiday (i.e. Workers Day in South Africa) TPT will not plan operations on that day and only anticipates to resume normal operations as of 06h00 on 2 May 2020 unless the government indicates otherwise.
3. Whilst the planned Navis Terminal Operating System upgrade from version 2.6 to version 3.7 has been delayed due to COVID-19 impacts, TPT will still use the 1 May 2020 public holiday to conduct essential updates to our IT infrastructure. As such, we anticipate that NAVIS will not be accessible on 1 May 2020.
4. The requirement for the sanitisation of all containers leaving the Ports has been lifted in the Government Gazette, dated 16 April 2020. TPT will still apply its internal standard operating procedures for the sanitation and monitoring of people and equipment within our terminals.
5. Imports during the lockdown period: TPT notes the rules detailed in the Government Gazette no 446 (as updated on 16 April 2020) allowing the “*transportation of cargo from ports of entry to their intended destination.*” TPT trusts that the importers are applying the Customs Practice Note and the SARS Explanatory Note, issued on 7 April 2020.
6. Exports during the lockdown period: In its planning and execution, TPT will continue to prioritise the export of essential cargo in compliance with the regulations of the Government Gazette. We do not support the export of non-essential cargo, unless exemption is granted through the relevant regulatory body authorised to grant such exemption.

Of emphasis:

- Regulation 11B(1)(a)(iii)(bbC) permits the export of non-essential cargo already at the terminal for purposes of decongesting the port.
 - We recognise that empty containers are required as a conveyance of essential goods and as such will allow the evacuation of empty containers as exports through our terminals.
7. Transshipments during the lockdown period: Transshipments will be allowed in all container terminals in line with the conditions of the SOPCT. All requests for transshipments must be sent to National Planning. TPT reserves the right to decline transshipments should they pose a risk to increased congestion within the ports.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Transnet Port Terminals, acknowledging that together we will overcome the impact of this pandemic.

Yours faithfully



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