

DURBAN DAILY SITUATION ANALYSIS & RECOVERY PLAN JULY 2021

10h00am Friday 16 July 2021.

(Minutes of Durban Operations Daily Recovery Update Meeting 10am daily)

Situational analysis of status and recovery.

- Most areas in Durban seem to have settled with sporadic unrest in places across the Metro. Situation still remains very tense as we await deployment of SANDF.
- Communities are mostly preparing for food scarcity thereby focusing on stocking of supplies. Queues are long at places that still exist therefore people are tied up for hours sourcing supplies.
- Due to limitation on movement of taxis, buses and trains, staff dependent on public transport are not able to travel to places of work. Those with private transport are concerned about safety.
- We understand that the main fuel refinery is closed and fuel distribution has all but ceased at this time. Fuel availability is scarce and many fuel stations have run dry.
- **Most are confident that the volatile situation in KZN should ease over the weekend with most staff availability and operations getting back to normality by Monday.**

Transnet Port Terminal status of operations

- Pier 1 – 2 waterside gangs deployed.
- Pier 2 – 2 waterside gangs 6am to 2pm, target is 5 gangs from 2pm.
- Port is receiving reefer containers aligned to export stack dates.

Shipping lines and shipping services status of operations

- Shipping delays are expected due to bottlenecks, services may change rotation or omit certain ports. Exporters encouraged to monitor closely.
- Delays in Durban could well prevent reefer container equipment re-supply to EC and WC ports.
- Container depots remain mostly closed in Durban. Kingsrest depot moving reefers to DCT and SATGI commencing from 4pm today.
- We note focus on exports from Maputo likely to commence as well as fruit transiting from north to Cape Town for export. We encourage those exporters moving product to Cape Town to liaise closely with fruit cold store facilities and shipping lines to ensure capacity and equipment is available.

Durban container cartage

- We have learnt that many transport businesses have been vandalized and trucks being burnt.
- Transporters are mostly not in a position to haul containers due to staff shortages and security threat.

Cold Store status of operations.

- All Durban citrus fruit cold store facilities remain mostly non-operational. Some cold stores have managed to commence limited operations.
- All Durban citrus fruit cold store facilities are intact, well-guarded and secure.
- We have liaised with cold stores to increase security with security being visible on entry points to avert cargo being vandalised once trucks begin arriving to Durban.

PPECB and DALRRD status of operations

- PPECB and DALRRD offices remain closed. PPECB have limited staff available should there be a need for services contact Zaheer Hoosen or Vijan Chetty.
- DALRRD have diverted certification tasks to other offices.

Inland transport and national road status

- At this time, we can confirm from reliable sources the N3 is now open.
- We are coordinating with Agbiz to ensure passage from Reef to Durban is manned and secured at hot spot areas. We would like to see the entire N2 and N3 properly manned.
- We have estimated a few hundred trucks are loaded with citrus and staged at various areas awaiting transit to Durban. We understand these will begin to flow to port shortly.
- It is foreseen that truck supply could be well stretched and prices could escalate due to limited backhaul availability back to the reef. We also learnt that the fuel price will likely increase.
- Natcor rail line from Reef to Durban remains non-operational. We have heard from TFR that the Natcor line should be operational this pm.

General

- **It was stressed that there is a need to ensure the ports are functioning and operations at cold stores begin prior to dispatching trucks to Durban.** There is a backlog of cargo remaining at cold stores and on trucks that needs to be cleared to ensure space is available for new consignments to arrive. It is strongly urged that packhouses gauge the situation in Durban prior to dispatching of trucks. Growers and Packhouse should remain in communication with exporters and logistics partners to ensure the pipeline for exports is functioning and is safe prior to routing trucks to Durban.
- **We have agreed that the daily meeting will continue at 10am Saturday and Sunday.** We experienced a technical issues using MS Teams and this should be resolved with a new meeting link being sent later today – my apologies.

CGA and AgBIZ have contact with authorities in charge of security in KZN. If you witness or are confronted with vandalism of your facilities please contact Justin Chadwick on 083 654 9591 or send a Whatsapp; we will escalate and request assistance.

Please feel free to call on CGA staff for assistance when needed, staff details are available on the website www.cga.co.za.

Above all else, your safety and the safety of your loved ones remains paramount!

Best Regards

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