

## DURBAN DAILY SITUATION ANALYSIS & RECOVERY PLAN JULY 2021

10h00am Friday 17 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 and calm now mostly restored.
- 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. Still ongoing.
- 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. Firm**

### Transnet Port Terminal status of operations

- Pier 1 – Full gangs all operations intact.
- Pier 2 – Full gangs all operations intact.
- Port is receiving reefer containers aligned to export stack dates.
- There has been a call to extent stacks dates for Xpress Karakoram – Point terminal.
- A call has been made for shipping lines to communicate all changes and plans to export stack dates to keep customers updated over the next few weeks.
- **Pier 1 has over 280 import reefers on hand and these need to be uplifted as soon as possible to open space for exports.**

### 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.
- **A very urgent and necessary call has been made for all depots to open 24hrs from Sunday 18 July and all transporters to affect 24 hr operations. This is necessary to catch up on backlogs and to prevent bottlenecks – applies to all cargo.**

### Durban container cartage

- We have learnt that many transport businesses have been vandalized and trucks being burnt. Firm
- Transporters are mostly not in a position to haul containers due to staff shortages and security threat. Still firm although movement of trucks is increasing but not at any level that is necessary to clear cargo for the terminals and from the terminals.

### Cold Store status of operations.

- All Durban citrus fruit cold store facilities are now back to good operational capability. Only limited containers are available for cold stores to load out containers. Trucks are arriving in good numbers and these are being tended to.
- All Durban citrus fruit cold store facilities are intact, well-guarded and secure. Firm

- 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. Firm

#### **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. PPECB will only be working limited hours until further notice.
- 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 and N2 are now open. We understand that truckers are only prepared to run daylight hours.
- We are coordinating with Agbiz 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. These are now flowing into port.
- 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 is now open and operational.

#### **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.** Sunday and Mondays meeting will be the most important meeting, please join if possible.
- **The sentiment regarding full 24 hour operations at the ports is essential and should be non-negotiable. It's the only chance of recovery and to stabilize the economy as best as is possible.**
- The CGA board expressed thanks to all stakeholders who are clearly dedicated to restoring normality to the logistics chain.

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](http://www.cga.co.za).

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

Best Regards

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