

## DURBAN DAILY SITUATION ANALYSIS & RECOVERY PLAN JULY 2021

10h00am Sunday 18 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. Firm
- 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 scarce supplies. Still ongoing.
- 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 although more staff are reporting for work.
- Fuel availability is scarce and many fuel stations have run dry. Ongoing but we are seeing fuel being replenished, still long queues at the fuel stations.
- **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. There are still messages of threats circulating although these are not seen to be validated.**

### 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.
- A call has been made for shipping lines to communicate all changes and plans to vessel movements to keep customers updated over the next few weeks.
- **Pier 1 still has over 260 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. Firm
- Delays in Durban could well prevent reefer container equipment re-supply to EC and WC ports. Firm
- **A very urgent and necessary call has been made for all container depots to open 24hrs from Sunday 18 July and all transporters to affect 24 hr operations. Shipping lines called to effect container releases timeously. 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. Firm
- Following number was shared by Transnet to call upon if any security risks are uncounted in Durban port environment. Col Mel Newton-079 523 4019, SAPS Ops Commander, Port of Durban.

### 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. Farm 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. We anticipate DALRRD services to be back in operation from Monday 19 July.

### Inland transport and national road status

- N3 and N2 open and traffic is flowing. 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. Firm

### 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. Firm
- Mondays 19 July meeting will be the most important meeting, please join. Call for shipping lines and container depots to join the call please.
- **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.**
- Production from north still intact no foreseeable changes to estimates, fruit is still on the trees and will flow to ports once production commences during the week.
- Packhouses are finding it difficult to source transport at this time, we do anticipate truck flows will commence during the week.

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.



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

Best Regards

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