



## DCT PIER 2 - STORM DAMAGE - REPURCUSSIONS

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From the desk of DCT Terminal Executive, Mr Hector Danisa:

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Dear Valued Customer

### **RE: REPURCUSSIONS FROM GALE FORCE WINDS ON 04 JULY 2012**

Further to the communiqué sent on 05 July 2012, below is an update for your information.

The damages to our cranes 517 and 518 are still being assessed and we are awaiting the report from a Structural Engineer. The two damaged cranes have been moved off berth 205 and placed on berth 204. Early indications are that we will have crane 518 back in operation within the next few days, but 517 will have to remain immobilised at 204 in the current position until such time as repairs have been effected. The repairs to 517 are expected to be quite lengthy and could take anything up to 3 months.

This is going to have a profound effect on berthing delays at DCT, as we are severely restricted due to berth 203 currently being out for the crane rail construction and with these 2 cranes damaged, there are very few vessels that would fit onto the remainder of 204 berth.

We urge all Shipping Lines with suitable vessels and call-sizes to look at making use of alternative terminals including the Agri-RoRo terminals at Point and Maydon Wharf, as well as consider using terminals outside of Durban – including Ngqura and Cape Town, until such time as these cranes are back in operation and delays have been eradicated.

We assure you that we will make every effort to avoid berthing delays and minimise the effect on vessel operations.

We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience caused and thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation.

Kind Regards

**Hector Danisa**

**Terminal Executive**

**Durban Container Terminal**