

Welcome address by Michelle Phillips, Executive Director: Sustainability, Health, Safety and Legal at the 12th Intermodal Africa conference in Durban, South Africa. 23 October 2014

Transnet National Ports Authority Mr Tau Morwe

Our Stakeholders Andrew Layman, Chief Executive Officer, Durban Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI)

Brenda Horne Ferreira, Chief Executive Officer of the South African Shippers Council (SASC)

Thato Tsautse, Managing Director, EThekweni Maritime Cluster (EMC).

Our esteemed clients Captain Ian Rosario of MSC and others

Our local and international speakers in global logistics and transport scheduled to speak at this event today and tomorrow and our delegates.

All protocol observed, Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the 12th Intermodal Africa Conference.

Transnet is delighted to welcome you to the beautiful city of Durban.

Intermodal Africa is one of the biggest annual ports, shipping, transport, logistics exhibition and conference on the African continent.

Transnet Port Terminals is a division of Transnet SOC Limited, South Africa's state-owned transport and Logistics Company. Transnet also houses Transnet Freight Rail, Transnet Pipeline and works closely with road transport users in a model that emphasises inter modal nature of modern transport systems.

TPT is South Africa's leading port terminal operator running 16 cargo terminals situated across seven South African ports in Cape Town and Saldanha in the Western Cape Province, Port Elizabeth, Ngqura and East London in the Eastern Cape and in Kwa Zulu Natal, Richards Bay and of course Durban, your host city and home to the busiest port in Southern Africa.

We operate across the following cargo sectors: Containers, Mineral Bulk and the Agricultural Bulk and RoRo Sector and is at the heart of South Africa's trade with the world, which accounts for more than two thirds of South Africa's GDP.

But TPT's work would not be possible without the rail and road network that links the coast to the affluent interior of Gauteng, vegetation and mineral rich Limpopo, and South Africa's land locked but strategically important regional neighbours. The dependence of intermodal transport is crucial for this system to work well.

As you will be reminded over the next two days, Transnet is in the throes of an infrastructure modernisation investment programme designed to meet the needs of a growing country, region and continent.

We urge you to engage in the opportunities and challenges that the road ahead presents for our sectors and industries.

And when you have down time outside of the conference, please do not miss the opportunity to experience Durban, South Africa's official playground.

I would like to take this opportunity to express a special word of thanks to all delegates that were able to make the port tour on board the Isiponono yesterday, I trust that you enjoyed it and were suitably impressed by our world class port operations.

We trust you managed to get to bed early enough to still be fresh and alert for the next two days' events.

The conference will feature 45 international exhibition booths providing a valuable source of information and opportunity for anyone looking to grow their footprint and market share in the continental transport business. After my colleague Tau Morwe's keynote address, you will be given the opportunity to walk through the exhibition.

And last but by no means the least, Transnet would like to thank the organiser Rory J. Doyle, Managing Director, Transport Events Management Malaysia, for bringing this event to our beautiful country and city.

Thank you.