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Durban Port Multi-Million Rand Tug Jetty Project moving full steam ahead

[Durban, South Africa, 14 November 2022] Transnet National Ports Authority's (TNPA) R127 million Tug Jetty expansion project is moving on swiftly with the project anticipated to be complete in December 2023. This project is in line with the Durban Port Master plan, which is set to position the Port of Durban as a Container Hub in order to respond to larger vessels calling into the port requiring additional tugs for quicker turnaround time.

The Port of Durban tug jetty project has been implemented in two segments. These commenced with the establishment of a new 110m tug jetty adjacent and parallel to the existing jetty with this phase being 98% complete. The second segment, which has already kicked off, is the extension of the existing tug jetty by 35m where the teams are currently forging ahead with placing of the concrete deck.

Port Engineer for the Port of Durban, Malefetsane Setaka mentioned: "This project will contribute to an improved turnaround time by providing a dedicated docking space for the new tugs thereby ensuring all marine fleet are berthed and located in one dedicated water space."

There were however some delays experienced after the April 2022 floods. These include sewer spills and contaminated water that resulted in the port suspending diving activities thus delaying critical underwater works on the project. The excessive debris in the tug-jetty basin also impacted dredging and the repairs to new sinkholes, impacting access to place scour rock protection along the quayside. The TNPA project team together with the contractor established recovery mechanisms to reduce as much time lost with the aim to ensure the project is completed as per the planned timelines.

Progress to date on the construction of the new 110m new jetty:

- Construction of New Jetty comprising water & electrical reticulation complete
- Dredging is approximately 95% complete
- Currently, placing the rock scour protection

Progress to date on the 35m extension to existing T jetty:

- All piles installed
- Demolitions of exiting jetty tie in works complete
- 6 of 6 pre-cast transom beams placed
- 18 of 18 precast soffit slabs placed
- 20 of 27 precast fender panels placed
- 50% concrete stitching done (first layer of concrete on deck)
- 25% of Concrete deck done (top layer of concrete on deck)

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