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Port of Durban kicks off installation of high-tech security fencing around the Port

[Durban, South Africa, 26 October 2022] The Port of Durban has commenced installation of the much anticipated high-security fencing project around its port boundaries. This security intervention is said to curb unrestricted access to the port and ensure safety of port infrastructure, assets within the Port precincts, general port users and quite importantly port employees and reduce incidents of theft, vandalism and improve compliance to the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) code.

The upgraded fencing boasts high-tech security features and gates that will provide sturdy security around the boundaries of the ports North Pier, Point, Maydon Wharf, Bayhead, Kingsrest, Fynnland, Salisbury Island, Island View, and South Pier.

With a height of 2.4m of Steel Mesh High-Security Fencing plus anti-climbing of 0.3m, the ClearVu 44 fencing is reinforced with toughened steel on every vertical flat bar and has the strength of a high-security fence.

“We as the Port of Durban are pleased to see this project taking off the ground and we strive to ensure the safety and security of our customers, employees, infrastructure, assets and our tenants within the port boundaries,” said Ms. Mpumi Dweba-Kwetana, Durban Port Manager.

With the Port of Durban housing a National Key Point - the Island View Complex, having a high-security fence will tackle many safety issues caused by the public who illegally accessing the port. This is crucial to the safety of the port in limiting the risk of theft, vandalism, terrorism, stowaways and most importantly unauthorized entry to the port.

“We are adamant that with the port being fenced with state-of-the-art features, we will see a decline in criminal activities including but not limited to theft and vandalism which does pose a threat to our employees and tenants at large,” added Dweba-Kwetana.

The project is envisioned is be completed in March 2024.

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