

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **TNPA AIMS TO CURB SHIPPING DELAYS AT PORTS AS THE FIRST BATCH OF HYDRAULIC UNITS ARRIVES**

***[Gqeberha, 12 February 2024]*** The first batch of four hydraulic tension mooring units has been delivered and operationalised at the ports of Cape Town and Ngqura as part of the 52 units procured by Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA).

The mooring units will improve operational efficiencies at the ports and reduce shipping delays caused by inclement weather conditions.

A hydraulic tension mooring unit is a system that is placed on the quayside to ensure the safety of vessels alongside and mitigate the severity of long-wave effects on vessels. The units assist with stabilising vessels alongside during strong winds, adverse weather conditions and high swells. The benefits also include minimized down-time and safety during operations.

“This marks the first of a series of major port equipment deliveries at our commercial seaports this year. We continue to make progress in fast-tracking the implementation of key investments in port infrastructure to improve operational efficiencies and provide quality service to the maritime industry,” said Thecla Mneney, TNPA General Manager for Infrastructure.

The new mooring units increases TNPA’s capacity to prevent excessive surge motions of vessels alongside, bringing the total number of units to six at the Port of Cape Town and four at the Port of Ngqura.

TNPA has procured 52 shore tension units with an allocation of 16 units for the Port of Cape Town, 14 for the Port of Durban, eight for the Port of Port Elizabeth, six for the Port of Ngqura, four for the Port of Saldanha and four for the Port of Richards Bay. The phased delivery of the rest of the units will be completed by early 2025.

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