

INCREASE IN EXTERNAL VESSELS AT THE DRY DOCK BOOSTS THE PORT OF EAST LONDON

[East London, 9 October 2023] The Port of East London is realising its strategic objective of servicing external vessels at its Princess Elizabeth Dry Dock, thanks to a contract between Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) and 6SIGMA Shipyards. The contract will see the port servicing three Norwegian vessels until end November 2023 at its dry dock, a facility that has been intentional about diversifying its customer base beyond TNPA marine craft.

With the recent completion of ship repair work on two vessels Antarctic Sea and Antarctic Endurance, the port expects the arrival of Saga Sea before the end of November.

“The Port of East London team has been hard at work to give 6SIGMA Shipyards a service to write back home about. What is most exciting, besides the revenue this partnership brings to the port, is the employment opportunity for the East London community,” said TNPA Port Manager for the Port of East London, Sphiwe Mthembu.

The three Norwegian vessels will see the East London community benefiting through approximately 70 to 100 employment opportunities.

The Princess Elizabeth Dry Dock boasts a docking length of 200m with an emergency docking length of 210m, and is equipped with four electric cranes that have combined capacity of 39 tons.

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