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Maersk launches Durban coldstore

Group aims to increase its capabilities in serving the perishable industry in South Africa

Maersk is set to launch its second dedicated warehouse in South Africa, trading under the name Precool Cold Storage.

The new coldstore is a part of its existing warehousing and distribution site in Hammarsdale, Kwa-Zulu Natal, and is expected to be operational in early January 2021.

The move increases the capacity of Maersk's existing coldstore operations, which can handle temperatures from ambient to -25 degrees, and has dedicated sections for frozen and chilled cargo to serve fresh fruit, vegetable, concentrate and protein customers across South Africa.

According to Maersk, the site is equipped with a modern, state-of-the-art temperature controlling system that ensures the safety of sensitive cargo, catering for both exports and imports to and from South Africa.

The facility is also equipped with a large capacity of Sterri chambers, for fruit requiring specialised cooling.

"Quality is pivotal when it comes to perishables and this can only be guaranteed by experienced and competent personnel who have a thorough understanding of the specific requirements of the Cold Chain," Maersk outlined. "Powered and driven by a team hand-picked to ensure expertise in all aspects of perishable logistics, our team possesses vast experience in the industry enabling us to offer a personalised solution."

Precool Cold Storage is located 45kms from Africa's busiest shipping terminal, the Port of Durban, in the area of Hammarsdale, only 4kms from the N3 Highway, which is the Western corridor in Kwa-Zulu Natal that connects Durban Port to the rest of Southern Africa.

"Our mission is to be the preferred cold storage provider for temperature-controlled solutions throughout the perishable industry, providing flexibility to customers" said Manny Dos Anjos, chief executive of Precool Cold Storage.

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