

Cape Town Container Terminal boosts container volumes

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The Cape Town Container Terminal (CTCT) has improved efficiency by boosting its truck handling volumes over the past three weeks.

CTCT announced in a statement on Thursday that it had boosted volume throughput by 2 365, from an average of 5 500, to 7 865 containers in three weeks.

The terminal also reduced truck turnaround time from 75 minutes during January 15-21, to 51 minutes last week.

Transnet acting Western Cape Terminals managing executive, Oscar Borchards, said the terminal had boosted volumes by optimising its electronic container management system.

“We attribute all our improvements at CTCT mainly to our optimisation of the container management system Navis, which helps to streamline our processes and ensure efficiencies in our operations. In order to support our turnaround strategy, it was critical that we take advantage of an already existing system and reprioritise,” Borchards said.

He added that CTCT had used Navis to implement a yard strategy which translated to better planning of the container stack.

“So far, since the implementation of the yard strategy, we have seen encouraging results, which directly minimise potential clashes in the system and clear bottlenecks,” Borchards said.

“With the terminal nearing the end of the current deciduous season and getting ready for the looming citrus season, it remains our focus to ensure fluidity of both our landside and waterside operations at CTCT while we continue building on what has already been achieved to maintain sustainable improvements.”

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