

## NAMPORT MOVES TO ENHANCE SECURITY



picture by Namport

Mr. Alf Kathindi - Namport's Group Executive, Port Operations (Right) winged by Lieutenant General, Sebastiaan Ndeitunga, Inspector General of the Namibian Police Force, together with other invited guests.

NAMPORT has signed a deal with the country's national police organ NAMPOL to establish a fully fledged police unit in Walvis Bay.

This is in line with the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS) of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO).

NAMPORT was represented at the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation by Mr. Alf Kathindi Group Executive for Port Operations while NAMPOL was represented by Lieutenant General Sebastiaan Ndeitunga,

Inspector General of the Namibian Police Force.

According to a press release from NAMPORT, the move was driven by "national interest and desire to contribute to the competitiveness of the Namibian ports" and "to enable regional development and cross border trade in a safe and secure port environment."

The new deal involves the establishment of police facilities in the port including offices and holding cells, acquisition of a speed boat, sniffer dogs, kennels and handlers as well as 4X4 vehicle for use by the police in the port.



Mr. Kathindi expressed confidence in the initiative which he said will aid in maintaining and growing the competitive advantage of the Port of Walvis Bay against other competing ports in Africa.

He thanked the Namibian Police

Force for their commitment to the initiative and asked other stakeholders to play their part in ensuring that the Ports remain attractive to the regional and international seaborne trade.

Ports have become vulnerable to

terrorist's attacks, cross border crime and drug smuggling due to their size, general open accessibility by water and land, available transportation network and the amount of cargo they handle.

## Namibia Syncrolift Rehabilitation



**NAMPORT has recently undergone a major rehabilitation of its Syncrolift Facility to repair the bay surface and replace its rail systems. The photo (left) depicts the beehive of activities currently underway at the Syncrolift. All the major repairs are expected to end by April this year at a cost of Namibian Dollars 10 million and are being done by private contractors.**

(Picture by Namport)

## TRANSITION

# TEBOGO MOREMI

The Secretary General of Port Management Association of Eastern and Southern Africa (PMAESA) Mr. Jerome Ntibarekerwa and members of the secretariat have sent condolences to the family of the late Mr. Tebogo Moremi of Transnet National Ports of South Africa.

Until his death Mr. Moremi was a Senior Manager, New Business Developments in the Commercial Department.

"Mr. Moremi was a great supporter of PMAESA events for

many years where he made presentations on behalf of Transnet and was crucial facilitator at the last Africa Ports and Maritime Conference held in Durban, South Africa." Mr. Ntibarekerwa said.

"We wish to convey our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and work-mates in this moment of grief," he added.

Mr. Moremi had served Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) for 12 years.



Deceased

# TPT Expansion of Cape Town Terminal on Track

The move to modernize the fast growing Cape Town Container Terminal is going accord to plan as the replacement of old equipment entered a frenzied stage in the last six months. The five year investment plan involves among others the conversion of a former container stacking yard which used straddle carriers into one using rubber-tired gantry cranes.

The USD 800 Million (R 5.6 Billion) project

Over the past six months, 16 RTGs have been phased into the terminal and a further 16 RTGs are earmarked to arrive in the second half of this year.

"The strategic advantage of the RTG is dense stacking - six rows wide, five

ing capacity of up to 40%. This will assist in increasing the overall container capacity of the terminal capacity from 740,000 twenty foot equivalent units (TEUs) to 1.4 million TEUs by our end target of 2012," says Moshe Motlohi, Cape Town Terminal Executive he said.

The first block was completed in October 2009 (Block 10) and two more blocks were completed by December (Blocks 9 and D4), in total utilising eight RTG's.

Additional buffer storage of 1200 TEU slots is currently being provided in the old South African Container Depots yard which is located adjacent to the container terminal, to enable further reconfiguration work on the long quay to commence in April 2010 without unnecessary disruptions to operations. The remainder of the terminal's equipment replacement programme of phasing-in RTGs to replace straddle carriers is also well underway, according to Motlohi.

The road equipment replacement programme has also achieved further milestones with the introduction of 60 cornerless bathtub trailers to the terminal, all of which are currently



Moshe Motlohi, Terminal Executive of the Cape Town terminals, which is currently in the third year of its expansion project.

containers high and 30 deep - thereby providing better utilisation of space. These converted RTG blocks boast stacking capacity of 6900 TEU (twenty foot equivalent unit) slots in total, presenting an increase in stack-



The container stacking yard under conversion. (Pictures by Transnet)

operational.

Transnet Port Terminals is aligning its human capital development programme at the terminal to meet the requirements of the expansion through an intensive operator training programme.

To date 69 Operators for Lifting Equipment (OLEs) have been trained and signed off as competent - 43 on the Liebherr twin lift cranes and 26 on the Kalmar RTG's.

A picture of some of the hauliers

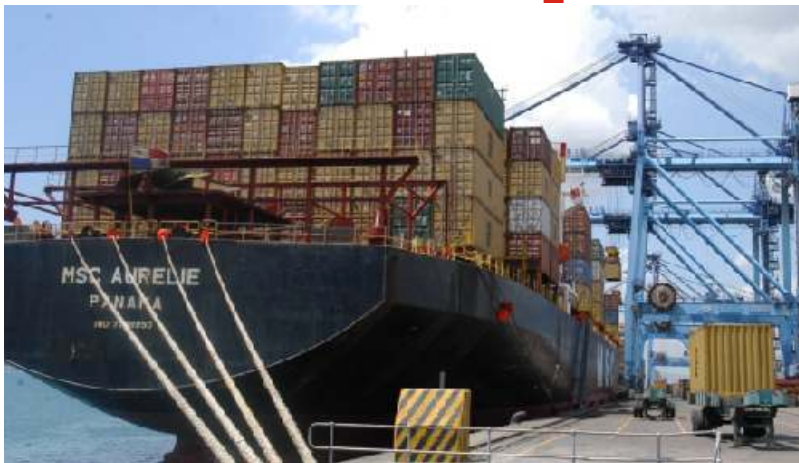


# Mombasa Exceeds Performance Expectations

The Port of Mombasa recently surpassed its previous performance records by registering 1,339 moves within 24 hours at the container terminal.

Regular caller *MV. MSC Aurelie* first did 590 moves in one Shift (8 hours) at berth No. 16 and moved to set the new record at the close of the third shift. The ship had discharged a total 1563 full and empty containers

and loaded another 1084, by the time we went to Press. This is yet another impressive record following that of 581 moves in one shift (8 hours) and 1155 moves in 24 hours by container carrier *MV Maersk Jefferson* in August 2009.



The *MV MSC Aurelie* at the Port of Mombasa. (Picture: KPA)

vessel planning and dedicated staff. Other recorded highest performers are *MSC Sudan* and *MV Nordstar* which registered 1076 and 924 container moves within 24 hours in the year 2006.

The new performance is way above the agreement between Kenya Ports Authority and the East African Conference Lines (EACL) to deliver 200 moves per 24 hours. This exceeds the performance contract with the Government for the port to attain 136 moves per shift translating into 408 moves per 24 hours. Port Terminal operators have attributed this performance to improved

## Grindrod seeks Maputo deal with Transnet

The Industrial transport group Grindrod was in talks with parastatal Transnet to increase the rail capacity between its Matola Coal Terminal, in Maputo, and South Africa.

The company had already increased coal terminal capacity at Maputo from two-million tons a year to four-million tons, and was busy with a further expansion project to reach a capacity of 6 Million tons a year. Grindrod had also expanded capacity at its Richards Bay facility, which included coal exports, by 3.4 Million tons to 6.4 Million tons.

"It is critical to us to work closely with Transnet. Rail is pivotal to our success," said Grindrod CEO Alan Olivier on Thursday.

"There is a desire from both sides to



Maputo Port vehicle yard

work together," added Grindrod Freight Services CE Dave Rennie. "We have had a number of high-level meetings, mainly on clearing blockages in the system, and on securing additional capacity for the Maputo and Richards Bay corridors." "Indications are that they will invest, and that they are open to private sector participation to increase wagon capacity if there are capital constraints.

"Quite clearly, the Maputo corridor is

high on their agenda." Rennie said the investment requirement for the Maputo corridor was dependent on the number of existing wagons Transnet could make available from its existing fleet, and what new capacity they required.

He said there were currently from 550 wagons to 600 wagons running on the corridor, but that Grindrod wanted to increase this

number by a thousand more wagons. "We are looking at an investment in the region of R500 Million to R750 Million."

Rennie said he hoped Transnet could already cater for the additional capacity in its 2010 budget. Olivier said Grindrod could sell the capacity at its coal terminals "two to three times over."

(MCLI News)

## APPOINTMENTS

### FERRAZ NEW CEO AT MPDC

The Maputo Port Development Company (MPDC) Board of directors has announced the appointment of Mr Jorge Ferraz as the new CEO of MPDC with effect from 01 March 2010. Mr Ferraz previously held the position of Managing Director at MIPS (Maputo International Port Services) Mozambique, which he joined in December 1999. He brings with him 30 years experience within the Maritime and Port sector. Mr Ferraz has been associated with the Maputo Port for the last 10 years as Managing Director of MIPS SA operator of the Port Maputo container terminal, whose majority shareholding is held by the global operator DP World. Mr Ferraz has been directly associated with MPDC since 2008, having served as Chairman on the MPDC Board for the past two years.



Mr. Jorge Ferraz

### NEW FEATHER IN KMA DG's CAP

The Director General of Kenya Maritime Authority Mrs. Nancy Karigithu has been appointed to serve on the Board of Governors of the World Maritime University (WMU), Malmö, Sweden.

Her appointment was made by the Secretary General of the International Maritime Organisation Mr. Efthimios E. Mitropoulos.

Members of the 30 strong WMU Board are drawn from educational and research institutions, various sectors of the maritime and shipping industry and departments of Governments, but serve in a personal capacity. The WMU was established in 1983 in the City of Malmö, Sweden by the IMO in order to increase the number of highly trained specialist maritime personnel in countries across the world.

Mrs. Karigithu is the first Director General of the Kenya Maritime Authority where she has been busy putting together the policy and legislative framework which culminated in the recent passing of the Merchant Shipping Bill (2008) to regulate the industry.

She is a graduate of the University of Nairobi but has had numerous post-graduate studies and experience in other parts of the world.

She is also the current Chairperson of the Association for Women in the Maritime Sector in East and Southern African region (WOMESA).



Mrs. Nancy Karigithu

### SCHLECHTER NEW GM AT MIPS

Mr. Ricardo Schlechter has been appointed as new General Manager of MIPS (Maputo International Port Services) effective March 1st, 2010. Mr Schlechter has been working with DP World since 2007 as DP World Country Manager in Venezuela and was also involved with various other DP World Americas projects and brings with him over 20 years of experience in the Maritime and Port industry.

## HONOURED

### EcoPorts Honours Herman Journee

The Chairman of EcoPorts Foundation Herman Journee has been honoured by the European maritime community for his role in crusading for sustainable port practices especially through modern environmental management.

"European ports pay tribute and record with grateful thanks their appreciation of Herman's determination and guidance in delivering effective environmental management through the concept of

'ports helping ports'" EcoPorts Board Member and former ESPO Chairman David Whitehead said when presenting the certificate of honour at GreenPort 2010 headquarters.

The EcoPorts concepts and aims, initiated in 1993, have delivered demonstrable success in implementing major policy



Mr. Herman Journee

objectives through the knowledge network and application of practicable tools and methodologies. ESPO recommends that port authorities use these well established tools in their efforts to deliver environmental improvement and sustainable development through effective environmental management programmes.

# RAIL MARSHALL PLAN PROPOSED



President Jakaya Kikwete (Center) with East African Community Secretary General, Mr. Juma Mwapachu (on his left) PMAESA was represented by Mr. Isaac Onyango

Delegates at a Rail conference which ended last week in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania have recommended a Marshall-like Plan to revive the dilapidated networks in the region to foster regional integration.

The East African Community Conference whose theme was "Revitalizing the Railways for Enhanced Regional Integration and Economic Growth" was opened by President Jakaya Kikwete.

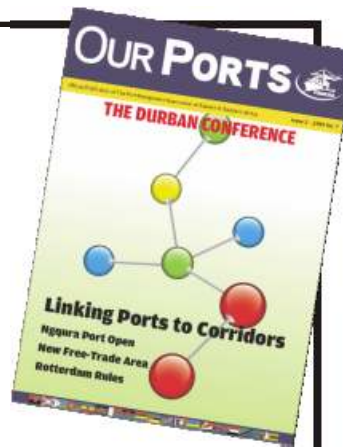
The conference was jointly sponsored by EAC,

AfDB and World Bank.

The delegates however recommended that sufficient funds should be dedicated to rehabilitating the current railways operations for the short term while preparing the construction of the Standard Gauge railways.

The conference called for the establishment at the EAC Secretariat of a Project Implementation Unit dedicated to railways projects development and implementation.

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## Events

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Conference  
Cape Town, South Africa  
21-27 March

60th Session Marine  
Environment Protection  
Committee (MEPC), IMO  
22-26 March

Transport Events  
Management  
4th Indian Ocean Ports  
and Logistics 2010,  
Hilton Mauritius Resort  
Mauritius,  
25 - 26 March

2nd Port Finance  
International Istanbul  
Istanbul, Turkey  
14 - 15 April

MTB - Marine Asia  
Vietnam  
Sheraton Towers - Ho Chi  
Minh City  
21 - 24 April

Petrospot Maritime  
Security Debate &  
Petrospot Seminar:  
Maritime and Port  
Security  
Swissotel Merchant Court  
Hotel, Singapore  
29 - 30 April

PIANC MMX 125th  
Anniversary Congress  
Liverpool, UK  
10 - 14 May

Transport Events  
Management  
8th Asean Ports &  
Shipping 2010  
Windsor Plaza Hotel, Ho  
Chi Minh City, Vietnam  
20 - 21 May

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