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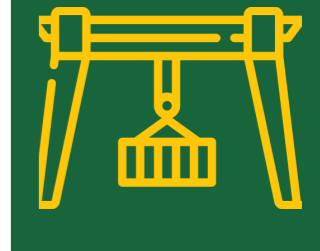
On 14 September 2025, the Durban Car Terminal welcomed back Geely vehicles to South Africa after a 14-year absence. The first batch of 147 plug-in electric vehicles arrived aboard the vessel MV MOL Cattleya Ace from China. This marks another step in the country's shift towards electric and hybrid mobility.

The Durban Car Terminal, South Africa's largest roll-on roll-off (RORO) terminal, has built a reputation for safety and efficiency. Equipped with digital yard management systems, it handled over 600 000 fully built units in 2022 - the highest in its history. Just last month, the terminal also received TATA vehicles after a six-year absence, handled without incident.

Earle Peters, Managing Executive of the Durban Terminals, said the milestone shows the strength of South Africa's automotive market. "It's encouraging to see major international car brands expanding in South Africa. The return of Geely Motors is both a commercial milestone and a signal of confidence in our market and infrastructure," he noted.

Peters added that the terminal remains committed to enabling growth in sustainable mobility: "We are proud to serve as a gateway for innovation, investment, and transformation in the automotive sector."

Cape Town Container Terminal launches new RTGs



The Cape Town Container Terminal (CTCT) has marked a major milestone with the official launch of nine rubber-tyred gantries (RTGs) in late September. This forms part of the broader order of 28 RTGs placed in late 2023 to strengthen container handling capacity and align equipment levels with the terminal's design capacity of 32 machines.



The launch followed steady progress in assembling the first two batches of RTGs delivered earlier in the year. Several units are already in full operation, with others undergoing endurance testing to prepare them for service. The final batch of 10 RTGs has since arrived and is now being assembled by the Original Equipment Manufacturer. CTCT Manager, Noxolo Thabatha, said the investment represents a turning point for the terminal:

"This investment transforms how we move cargo through the terminal. The new RTGs will increase our handling efficiency and put CTCT in a stronger position to deliver to our customers. This is not just a win for the CTCT, but a win for the Western Cape and the country at large as this speaks to economic growth." Alongside the new equipment, the Technical team is also identifying older RTGs that can be refurbished to supplement the new fleet. These efforts ensure that CTCT is well-positioned to deliver safe, reliable, and efficient service to customers.

The official launch event brought together government representatives, customers, and the Transnet leadership team, reaffirming the importance of this investment to the region's trade and economic growth.

Saldanha MPT handles record-size wind turbine blades



The Saldanha Multi-Purpose Terminal (MPT) has achieved a major milestone by successfully handling 91-metre-long wind turbine blades. This makes it the second location in South Africa, after Richards Bay, to manage components of this size.

The successful rollout at Port Terminals will serve as a blueprint for migrating the rest of Transnet's systems. Training and support will be provided to ensure employees adapt to the new environment and maximise its benefits.

The project was made possible through strong collaboration between Transnet Port Terminals, Goldwind, SkyFusion, and the Transnet National Ports Authority. Together, the teams held planning sessions to identify the most efficient routes and ensure minimal disruption to terminal operations. A detailed route analysis was carried out, supported by drone footage and AutoCAD simulations to map the transport path from the quayside to the laydown area. To

confirm feasibility, the team conducted a full-scale trial with an empty trailer to replicate the blade overhang. Following this test, adjustments were made to fine-tune the route before the vessel's arrival. Key Accounts Representative, Nomvana Marwanqana, said: "This project demonstrates Saldanha MPT's capability to manage complex renewable energy cargo and highlights the importance of teamwork and precise planning."

By enabling the import of large-scale wind turbine components, Saldanha MPT is contributing to South Africa's transition to renewable energy and strengthening its position as a sustainable logistics hub.

TPT Embarks on a new era with SAP S/4HANA Migration



Transnet Port Terminals (TPT), together with Group ICT, has reached a major milestone in our digital transformation journey with the successful migration of our ERP system from ECC 6.0 to SAP S/4HANA. This step aligns with Transnet's "Reinvent for Growth" strategy, which is centred on sustainable growth, operational excellence, and creating value for stakeholders.

Reflecting on this achievement, Group Chief Information Officer, Mr Pandelani Munyai, commended the dedication of TPT leadership, the project team, Group ICT PMO, and our system integrators, Tech Mahindra. He emphasised that this success proves what can be achieved when expertise and teamwork come together. The new system also opens doors to future possibilities. With real-time processing of large datasets, simplified data models, and lower total cost of ownership, S/4HANA positions us to embrace predictive analytics, artificial intelligence, and standardised processes across the business.

The move to SAP S/4HANA is more than a technology upgrade. It lays the foundation for smarter decision-making, improved efficiency, and innovation across all 16 sea-cargo terminals nationwide. Built on in-memory computing and advanced analytics, S/4HANA allows us to operate with greater speed, agility, and insight, ensuring we remain competitive in a fast-changing environment.

This milestone is a testament to the commitment of our teams and marks a decisive step forward in TPT's digital journey. It ensures we are well-placed to deliver improved services, reduce costs, and drive operational excellence into the future.

This migration forms part of Transnet's broader ICT Digital Modernisation Strategy, which includes modernising core applications and addressing legacy technology. With ECC 6.0 approaching end-of-maintenance in the coming years, this proactive step helps us manage risks, reduce future support costs, and strengthen our systems for long-term resilience.

Benefits of SAP S/4 HANA (SAP Fiori) Compared to SAP ECC (SAP GUI)

| SAP ECC | VS | SAP S/4 HANA |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional SAP GUI is complex, with steep learning curves, many menus, and transaction codes. Complex data model Mostly desktop-focused. Mobile use requires add-ons or third-party apps. Disk-based database Older technology stack, limited in embedding real-time dashboards or analytics without customization. Traditional business Vary limited personalization. Users must navigate transaction codes repeatedly. Legacy SAP GUI Requires navigating multiple screens and transaction paths for the same tasks. On-premise only Legacy architecture. Customization often requires ABAP development and is less flexible. Limited intelligent technology | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAP Fiori is simple, role-based, and intuitive design aligned with modern UX standards. Users see only what they need for their role. Embedded machine learning Web-based, responsive apps that work across devices (desktop, tablet, smartphone) without extra installations. Real-time analytics Native with S/4HANA, using real-time data access and embedded analytics. It enhances process efficiency with faster insights. Intelligent processes Users can personalize their launchpad (homepage), favorite tiles, and apps based on tasks. Digital assistance Focuses on task-based apps (e.g., "Approve Purchase Order") rather than broad transactions. This reduces time and clicks for frequent tasks. Real-time processing Built on HTML5, SAPUI5, and OData. Supports extensibility, custom development, and easier upgrades. Simplified data model Deployed choices |
| <p>Summary: SAP S/4HANA (SAP Fiori) offers a modern, user-friendly, mobile-enabled experience with real-time integration and personalization, making business processes faster and easier compared to the older ECC system.</p> | | |

East London MPT Agric goes live on GCOS



Transnet Port Terminals (TPT) is proud to share that the East London Multi-Purpose Terminal (MPT) Agric has successfully moved onto the General Cargo Operating System (GCOS). This achievement marks a major step in TPT's digital transformation, shifting from manual processes to a modern, system-driven operation.



The first vessel to be processed through GCOS was the "Belfast," which discharged 6,000 tons of imported wheat, with 30% of its cargo recorded through the system. Soon after, truck HZR036FS became the first to complete the entire GCOS cycle, from entering the gate to exiting after loading, showing the system's smooth integration into daily operations.

modernising operations, improving turnaround times, and delivering more efficient, reliable services to customers.

Dr. Lufuno Raliphada, General Manager: Corporate Services, has been central to leading this change, with a clear goal to bring all manually operated terminals onto GCOS. Simanga Makhubu, GCOS 3 Programme Project Manager, praised the commitment of the East London team, noting that their hard work and resilience ensured a successful Go-Live despite challenges along the way.

The rollout of GCOS at East London MPT Agric reflects TPT's commitment to

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