



Transnet Shipping – Congratulations remarks by Mayor Zandile Gumede

Programme Director,

MEC of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental affairs – Hon Sihle Zikalala,

Mr. Moshe Motlohi, Port Manager,

Mr. Richard Vallihu, TNPA Chief Executive,

City Manager – Mr Siphon Nzuza,

Kwa Zulu Cruise Terminal,

Bidders,

Captains of industry,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Sanibonani,

Today we are making history in Durban, whereby a cruise terminal which linked to our catalyst project, the Point Waterfront development.

We hope that the development of the terminal will enhance our relationship as the city with all the stakeholders including community. This development will open a lot of business opportunities, create jobs and investments. We would like to see this strategic development as strategically positioning the city of Durban and our province. As the eThekweni Municipality, we are pledging our support and congratulating the successful bidder.

Congratulations to a Joint Venture between MSC Cruises SA and Africa Armada Consortium (a black empowerment partner). We are looking forward to a long term, successful and very effective working relationships.

Programme Director,

As the city of Durban, we aspire to become a smart port city. This will require a strong partnerships with a National Port authority – which is Transnet, captains of the industry, communities, and training and research institutions.

Durban is not a mining town like the city of Joburg and others. Our mine is the port. We need to find ways and means of benefiting our communities. We need to explore all the



opportunities in the port and in the deep sea waters. We want to tap into oceans economy or blue economy through Operation Phakisa. The Durban cruise terminal is part of the Operation Phakisa - Coastal and Marine tourism framework. The Cruise terminal is going to be a platform of promoting Public access to the Port.

Our port is very strategic, it is our national keypoint including the King Shaka International Airport and Dube Trade Port. It is an important gateway for trade into Africa. This is one of the busiest container port in Africa and biggest in South Africa. The new terminal will assist in kick-starting development in the port area and have a multiplier effect in the tourism sector AND bringing additional income into the city of Durban. We also expect an appreciation in value of real estate properties in the development precinct.

The cruise industry has major spin offs for entrepreneurs who want to venture into the tourism industry, through landside tourism offerings. We believe in the power of the cruise industry to create jobs and strengthen the tourism offering of Durban, KZN and South Africa as a whole.

Programme Director,

In closing, we would like to see the implementation of radical economic transformation in all phases from design, built and operations. We should consider having a Special Mayoral project that will be able to create opportunities for youth whether for business, employment, research and development.