

## Operational Newsletter (various)

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Dear Valued Customer,

### **Durban dry dock repair project gets under way**

Work begins this month on the Prince Edward Graving Dry Dock in Durban which will be undergoing a R30 million repair project on its outer caisson over the next four months. This is the third and final phase of a comprehensive repair programme on the structure, which was deemed unsafe and in need of repair due to the age of the 90-year-old dry dock and a general need for maintenance.

TNPA expects the Durban dry dock outer caisson repair to be completed in November and it will be commissioned when there is a vessel scheduled to depart from the dry dock during this month.

*Source: FTW Online, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015*

### **Seychelles / Johannesburg: expect delays**

On July 24, Air Seychelles flight HM60 from Seychelles to Johannesburg will be having a technical stop in Mauritius, whereby no passengers will be able to board or disembark.

As a consequence, the following flights will be delayed:

Flight HM60 will depart Johannesburg at 12h35 and arrive in Seychelles at 22h20, with a delay of 2:50 hours.

Flight HM16 will depart Seychelles at 23h25 and arrive in Paris at 08h00 + 1, with a delay of 1:55 hours.

Flight HM260 will depart Seychelles 23h25 and arrive in Mumbai at 05h35 + 1, with a delay of 2:45 hours.

Flight HM261 will depart Mumbai at 06h30 and arrive in Seychelles at 09h25, with a delay of 2:20 hours.

Flight HM55 will depart Seychelles 10h30 and arrive in Mauritius at 13h05, with a delay of one hour.

Flight HM777 will depart Seychelles at 10h30 and arrive in Dar es Salaam at 12h25, with a delay of one hour.

*Source: Travel & Meeting Buyers News, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015*

### **N2 undergoes upgrades**

The South African National Roads Agency Limited (Sanral) has started upgrading a 47km stretch of the N2 highway between Grahamstown and the Fish River pass.

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The project - set for completion by around 2022 - forms part of a long-term strategy to improve roads around and between Grahamstown and King Williams Town.

*Source: FTW Online, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015*

### Snowfall hits Eastern Cape

Two national roads have been affected by heavy snowfall in the Eastern Cape and motorists have been warned to make use of alternative routes.

The Lootsberg Pass between Middleburg and Graaff Reinet, forming part of the N9, as well as the Penhoek Pass between Aliwal North and Queenstown, forming part of the N6, have been closed indefinitely, due to snowfall.

The Barkly Pass on the R58 between Barkly East and Elliot and the Boesmanshoek Pass between Steynsburg and Elliot have also been closed.

The closure of these mountain passes may affect those travelling on the N3, N4 and the N1 and N2 to and from Cape Town.

*Source: News24, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015*

### N2 Wild Coast toll road construction to start in September 2016

South Africa's Rural Development and Land Reform minister has announced the construction of the proposed new N2 Wild Coast Toll Road, set to start in September 2016.

The announcement was made at a public consultation meeting in Bizana, Eastern Cape.

*Source: Logistics Update Africa, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015*

### IPMS moulds SA Ports into smarter ports

Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) has commenced with the registration process for its Integrated Port Management System (IPMS), scheduled to go live in the Port of Durban at the end of July.

IPMS is a web-based end-to-end integrated system that will automate the operations of TNPA's eight commercial ports. It provides near real-time access to the full range of operational information accessed centrally online in order to deliver improved service to TNPA customers and enhance port performance and efficiency.

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*Source: Logistics Update Africa, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015*

### **Italy – airport workers to strike**

A number of aviation strikes will reportedly take place across Italy July 15, 2015, according to Easy Travel Report.

Rome airport workers will walk out between 13h00 and 17h00.

Venice airport workers, including baggage handlers, will strike from 10h00 until 14h00.

Bologna airport workers will walk out between 10h00 and 18h00.

The strikes will likely cause delays at the affected airports and travellers are advised to check the status of their flight in advance.

*Source: Travel & Meeting Buyers News, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015*

### **Five Indonesian airports closed due to a volcanic eruption**

Indonesian authorities closed five airports Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015, because of a volcanic eruption. International flights were also affected.

*Source: Reuters, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015*