

CHINESE NEW YEAR PLANNING

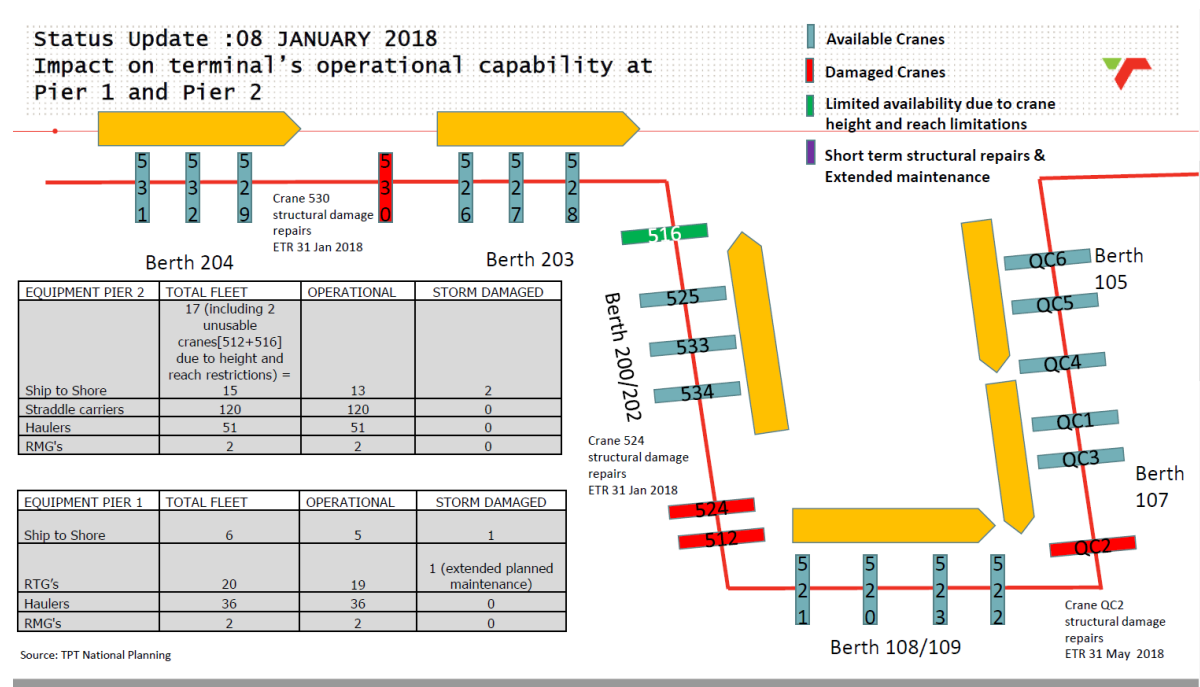
In an effort to try and ensure all our clients plan effectively for Chinese New Year please note the following:

Chinese New Year's holiday dates are from 15th February 2018 till 22nd February 2018 – our offices in China will be reopening 23rd Feb. Please note that over this period it is virtually impossible to arrange any logistics movements. We would strongly advise clients to target latest date for sea freight shipment collection of 9th February to ensure packing and stacking in port prior to the new year cut off. For airfreight shipments we would suggest final collection date of 13th February in order to ensure clearance processes prior to new year.

SCT and our partners are working closely with suppliers on all outstanding orders to try and ensure movement before this period. Please also be aware that the first week after Chinese New Year generally is very restricted in terms of space. If you have any concern on any orders, please discuss with Samantha Jones or Gary Knight.

PORT CONGESTION UPDATE

We have again this week seen slow but positive progress with regards to berthing delays. Over the December period as you will know from experience and our news updates, berthing days were averaging between 18 and 21 days. This week we are seeing delays ranging from 6 to 10 days. Portnet published a crane repair report last week which still shows 4 cranes under repair with the last being targeted as repaired by end May – see below snap shot of their report.





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