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**1. Situation at Durban Port**

While the situation at the port has settled somewhat in terms of the strike action we are now experiencing periodic issues with NAVIS, partly as a result of the load shedding. In addition to this, continued adverse weather conditions have resulted in port operations being halted, while drivers are having to navigate flooded roads in and out of the port.

**2. SCT Early Closure 13 December**

Please note that our offices will be closing at 12h00 tomorrow for our year end function. In case of an emergency please note the following contact numbers:

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**3. Year End Planning**

If you have not already, please complete and return the attached form as soon as possible. If shipments are arriving during the time that your company is closed we will need to make arrangements for storage.

**4. Upcoming Chinese Holidays**

Chinese New Year 2020 is taking place on the 25th of January. As with previous years, the celebrations are extended and some businesses close for up to 15 days. We will receive confirmation in the new year, but at this stage we estimate that most businesses, including shipping lines and NVOCCs, will be closed between the 23rd and 30th of January. Please bear this in mind when planning your orders and sailings for next year.

We thank you for your continued support and partnership

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