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SOUTH AFRICA TP/FROM WORLD COVID-19 UPDATE EFFECTIVE 26TH
MARCH- 16TH APRIL

Dear Valued Client,

Following our notice of 24 March 2020, we further advise that Transnet has finally confirmed their procedure during the 21-day lockdown.

As already mentioned Shipping offices, Logistics and Depots will remain fully operational during the COVID-19 Lockdown period, albeit with a reduced staff complement.

MSC Depots standard operation times during this period will be 06:00 to 18:00.

Transnet has advised that customers will be able to take delivery of essential containers. Clients are required to clear their cargo and assign registered transporters with permits prior to the vessel berthing.

Shipping line have been instructed that non-essential cargo must be evacuated from the terminal to ensure the terminal does not become congested.

We therefore kindly request that to facilitate operations, containers of essential commodities and non-essential commodities be cleared before vessel berthing. Containers of non-essential cargo or uncollected cargo will be evacuated to outside depots for storage during the lockdown period.

We have been informed that export containers of what will be regarded as essential commodities, including reefer containers, will be allowed to be exported.

Please take note that unfortunately the berthing of vessels during the lockdown period will be heavily delayed due to TPT's reduction of staff.

Should you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact your local MSC branch.

As the situation evolves we will continue to update you on the situation posed to both the shipping line and to you our valued client

We appreciate your continued support and we remain committed to you and your cargo over these testing times
We thank you for your valued support and assure you of our continued commitment.

With Best Regards,

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