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MESSAGE FROM THE MD

Acting EMC Managing Director, Mrs. Nomalanga Sokhela

The month of April has seen initiatives that seek to change the face of the industry for the better from both the Industry and EMC programmes. This month marks the beginning of our new financial year and therefore, a month of rejuvenated energy in terms of implementation. Through our partnership with Transnet Port Terminal, we have hosted an Information Boot Camp to empower Entrepreneurs under our Incubator programme. We also rolled out our Maritime Innovation Challenge when we presentment the challenge for the first time to DUT students. Another milestone achievement for the industry as a whole this month, has been the final signing of a Durban Cruise Terminal property by Transnet National Port Authority (TNPA) and Kwa-Zulu Natal Cruise Terminal (KCT), a move expected to bring economic spin offs locally.

Our partnership with Transnet Port Terminal (TPT) and CVC Africa is one of the robust moves that will make the EMC 'Entrepreneur Me' initiative more practical. This partnership has identified specific areas that our entrepreneur can venture for business. Our main interest is close minimize the gap of racial imbalance in the statistic of companies that are doing business with the port. We are hoping to breakdown the hindrances and unfold possible opportunities for all communities while keeping our people ready with documentation compliant.

This month we have also piloted our Maritime Innovation Maritime Challenge. Here, we have also partnered with Transnet Port Terminal, EThekwin Municipality, and Innovate Durban. The initiative aims at allowing young people with creative innovative ideas to give solutions to industry operations challenges. I can assure that this is going to be an exciting journey. We are excited by the enthusiastic reception from DUT students when we presentment the initiative to them on the 17 April 2018. This is one of the initiatives that EMC is trying to facilitate in the move towards becoming a smart port city because we recognize that this dream requires a joint effort from everyone.

Heading to the Month of May, I am happy to announce that EMC in partnership with various stakeholders will be hosting an Inaugural KwaZulu-Natal Careers Expo from the 24 to 26 May 2018. EMC has hosted successful careers expo previously.

We are very grateful to partners that always find a need to support our programmes and initiatives. I hope everyone enjoyed the Freedom month.

Kind regards,

Noma Sokhela

Joint Forces Unlocks Business Opportunities To Venture Into Maritime Industry.

- Exciting Upcoming events



EMC MD Mrs. Nomalanga Sokhela and Mr. Raleshaba Moeng

EThekweni Maritime Cluster (EMC) in partnership with Transnet Port Terminal (TPT) and CVC Africa hosted a successful Information Boot Camp on Friday, 13 April 2018, which was aimed at identifying hindrances and unfold possible opportunities for all communities to do business within the maritime industry.

The Information Boot Camp which was well attended by entrepreneurs across all spheres of business and ages took place at the EMC premises. The main aim of this initiative which is driven under EMC programme called 'Entrepreneur Me' is to equip budding entrepreneurs with business acumen, identifying opportunities, and providing direction to access business funding.

"This initiative is just a continuation of what EMC has been doing in terms of facilitating the development of entrepreneurial skills of SMMEs. We urge you to work close with our organization, the Entrepreneur Me programme in particular because this is just a beginning. There is so much instore within this programme and we have the right partners on-board", said the Acting Managing Director of EMC, Ms. Nomalanga Sokhela.

Some of the highlighted areas with opportunities within the industry especially within the port include Stevedoring (Handling of all forms of cargo) which was presented by Jimmy Ngobese of TPT, Waist Management (Waist from Terminal Operations and Tenants) presented by Ntando Ngongoma TPT. Mr. Raleshaba Moeng of CVC Africa took attendees through the Introduction to the Business Model.

Among other presenters from stakeholders during the day was Sandra Buthelezi of ABSA who presented on ABSA's Funding Product, Dumile Khuboni of Durban Chamber of Commerce Industry (DCCI) and who presented on Benefits of Becoming a member of DCCI. Hlengiwe Mthimkhulu from TPT outlined procedures of Tendering with TPT and upcoming Procurement opportunities.

From here, EMC will work had in hand with these entrepreneurs and ensure they acquire relevant skills and knowledge that will ultimately make them stand a chance to secure opportunities to do business within the industry especially those who couldn't access such opportunities previously.

Attendees voiced their concerns about business administration hindrances which relates to relevant business documents and experience which deprive them of such opportunities. This is what the outcomes of the engagement will address.

Final signatures for The First Durban Cruise Terminal



Dignitaries from Transnet, KCT and Government putting their signatures during the launch of a Cruise Terminal

Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) and The KwaZulu-Natal Cruise Terminal (KCT) concluded an agreement for the construction of multimillion Rands worth Cruise Terminal in Durban on the 16th April 2018 at Durban TNPA N-Shed. The launch of Durban Cruise Terminal follows 25 years of concession between involved parties regarding the project implementation.

The agreement was signed by different state entities representatives which included among others KZN MEC, Economic Development, Mr. Sihle Zikalala, Transnet Group Chief Executive Mr. Siyabonga Gama, TNPA Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Shulami Qalinge, and Port Manager Mr. Moshe Motlohi. According to the plan, this cruise terminal will be situated at Durban point Waterfront, southwards to the harbor entrance.

The construction of this 5000 metre square property development is expected to enable local player participation for economic spin offs.

“The 4th Industrial revolution brings disruptions and challenges to how the continent and the port of Durban do business. We expect Water front development, tourism product development and integrations into the city of Durban to bring black people closer to the port.” Said Mr. Siyabonga Gama.

The construction is expected to start in January 2019 and finish by 2020. According to Salvatore Sano of (KCT), the cruise terminal will employ around 1000 South Africans and serve as a training Centre for Seafarers.

An Opportunity for youth to participate in the Maritime



DUT Students interacting during the introduction of the maritime Innovation Challenge campaign

Innovation in the Maritime industry is the new language on EMC partnership with Transnet Ports Terminals to open opportunities for young minds to flaunt their innovative solutions that can enable the industry to perform better and eliminate current maritime operational challenges.

EMC Acting MD, Nomalanga Sokhela and Lindani Hlongwane of Transnet Port Terminal as the key partner on the initiative, kick started the Innovation Challenge campaign as they unpacked it to students that are doing maritime studies at Durban University of Technology (DUT), on the 17 April 2018.

The maritime Youth Innovation Challenge will be jointly carried by EThekweni Maritime Cluster, EThekweni Municipality, Transnet Port Terminal and Innovate Durban. The purpose of this initiative is to reduce existing challenges within maritime sector by inviting the youth to come up with practical innovative solutions that will be implemented to eradicate issues that hinders efficiency of the Port of Durban and bring port operations to new heights.

Students showed amazing interest to the challenge and they are etching to participate. The challenge will run in number of stages that will also expose the youth to the realm of the industry operations.



EMC MD Mrs. Nomalanga Sokhela



Lindani Hlongwane, TPT

Maritime Education Prospective

EThekweni Maritime Cluster (EMC) hosted a mini Maritime Careers information session on Thursday the 26 of April 2018 at New Forest high school.

EMC invited fellow industry role players for this information session which included the KwaZulu-Natal Sharks Board, Durban University of Technology and SUBTECH.

The information session was proposed by grade 10- 12 learners studying Maritime study, Science and Mathematics as their subject choice.

EMC and the above mentioned maritime entities responded to the call to unpack various opportunities within maritime sector and their subject requirements which mainly includes maths & Science.

EMC has always been an ambassador for spreading awareness about maritime careers option.



UP- COMING EVENTS

YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY INdaba & **KZN CAREER EXPO 2018**

EMC
eThekweni Maritime Cluster

KwaZulu-Natal Careers Expo

Date : 24 – 26 May 2018
 Venue : Durban Exhibition Centre
 Time : 08:00 am- 16: 30pm

RSVP : <http://KZNCCAREEREXPO.CO.ZA>

INDEPENDENT

DURBAN ICC

Business Profile Presentation

Present your company profile to a panel of key maritime industry stakeholders.

RSVP

By May 2nd
 Call at 031 301 0590

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See you there!

May 4TH

09:00 – 16h00

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Generating economic transformation through maritime enterprise development initiatives!

SAMPAs
SOUTH AFRICAN MARITIME PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION

CHARTING
Our Course to Maritime EXCELLENCE

The South African Maritime Professionals Association (SAMPAs) invites you to participate in the 2nd Annual SAMPAs Workshop with the theme 'Charting Our Course to Maritime Excellence'.

MARITIME PRACTITIONERS WORKSHOP 2018

Date : 19th May 2018 (Saturday)
 Venue : Durban University of Technology
 Time : 09h00 to 16h00
 RSVP : via e-mail info@sampa.co.za, before 10th May for catering purposes
 Registration Fee : R80 for SAMPAs members; R100 for non-members.

South Africa is making good progress in attaining the economic pillars of the maritime industry. The human resource is one of our most valuable assets to project a positive and diverse, skilled workforce for the development and promotion of maritime professionals. Participants of the 2nd Annual SAMPAs Workshop will have an opportunity to share their best on the state of the maritime profession, and the industry at large. The workshop will also provide attendees with a good platform for networking and discussing new business opportunities.

Dumizani T. Mudi – Acting Deputy Director Maritime Policy Development

Through engagement, discussion and debate, the SAMPAs Workshop will address the following four areas:

1. Enhancing South African seafarers' competency and connectivity
2. Engaged seafarers and seafarers' welfare of South African Seafarers
3. SAMPAs Senior Manager
4. Department of Transport (DOT) efforts towards the growth of South Africa's seafaring industry, including Maritime Policy and Maritime Strategy

The draft Maritime Strategic Action Plan (MSAP) was developed by the Maritime Policy Development Unit (MPDU) in 2017. To ensure your attendance at the Workshop, please reply before 10th May.

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