

NAMIBIAN PORTS AUTHORITY







AT A GLANCE



The Port of Walvis Bay is situated on the west coast of Africa and provides an easy and fast transit route between southern Africa, Europe, Asia and the Americas.

The Port of Lüderitz, located 254 nautical miles south of the Port of Walvis Bay along Namibia's coastline, caters for the southern part of the country, and provides access to markets in the Northern Cape of South Africa.

From its headquarters in Walvis Bay, the Namibian Ports Authority (also referred to as Namport) manages the Port of Walvis Bay and the Port of Lüderitz.

The stable political environment in Namibia continues to attract foreign direct investment, while its ports form a natural gateway for international trade, Strategically situated to offer direct access to principal shipping routes, Namibia's connecting transport corridors enable the country to compete as a transport hub for all regional and international trade between the Southern African Development Community countries, Europe, Asia, the Americas and the rest of the world.

GLOBAL GROWTH IN DEMAND FOR PORT SERVICES

Around 80% of global trade by volume, and over 70% of global trade by value, is seaborne. Some 90% of Africa's imports and exports are conducted by sea. The African Development Bank has forecast that port-throughput in Africa will rise from 265 million tonnes in 2009 to more than 2 billion tonnes in 2040.

The southern African region constitutes 41% of Africa's container throughput and is thus a critical player in the growth of the African continent.

During the past two decades, Namport has made great strides in growing in size and significance from a minor national port to a key role player in the SADC region. With its recent substantial infrastructural investment in expanding the facilities at the Port of Walvis Bay, it is set to increase its relevance even more.



EFFICIENT PORT OPERATIONS

With no delays caused by weather conditions, turnaround times at the Port of Walvis Bay are very competitive: handling times for container vessels are around 12 to 15 hours; for bulk vessels averages between 24 and 48 hours depending on tonnage and shipment; and for break-bulk vessels it average between 18 to 20 hours.

A congestion-free port with minimum delays, the Port of Walvis Bay currently handles 7 million tonnes per annum and its total capacity equips it to handle 8 to 10 million tonnes of cargo.

Currently, the roads and rail transport sub-sectors are upgrading existing roads and rail facilities to support Walvis Bay becoming the gateway port for the SADC Region. These actions will reduce transport time as well as provide alternative transport corridors connecting to our ports.

PORT OF WALVIS BAY: GIVING CUSTOMERS A COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

The Port of Walvis Bay is a secure, efficient and world-class port. Temperate weather conditions are experienced all year round and no delays are caused by weather.

Its world-class infrastructure and equipment ensure reliable and safe cargo handling.

The transport corridors managed by Walvis Bay Corridor Group make access to the hinterland easy and fast. As such, the Guateng market in South Africa can be reached via the Trans-Kalahari Corridor instead of going via Durban or Cape Town, saving 7 to 11 days of transit time. Transit time from Antwerp to the Port of Walvis Bay is 17 days.

Deep-water anchorage is available inside the harbour, and is protected by the natural bay and by Namport. The port is compliant with the International Ship and Port Facility Security code (ISPS).





PORT OF LÜDERITZ: EXCELLENT LOGISTICAL SERVICES

The Port of Lüderitz offers excellent logistical services and links to other towns in Namibia and South Africa. It serves as an important base for the fishing industry and the offshore diamond and mining industries. For the fruit industry's exports to Europe, particularly grapes from Aussenkehr and from the Northern Cape Province, shipping from Lüderitz saves more than 2 days in delivery time.

With a new 500m quay, two recentlyacquired 60-tonne Haulers and one 45-tonne Reach Stacker, the port can provide efficient and safe cargo handling facilities for importers and exporters.

Recognising the need for dedicated bulk facilities to cater for the mining and related industry, Namport commissioned a feasibility study as part of its master plan for enhancing responsiveness to its customers.

OUR SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES SERVED

The Port of Walvis Bay handles container imports, exports and transshipments, as well as bulk and break-bulk of various commodities.

Namport serves a wide range of industries such as the petroleum, salt, mining and fishing industries. Both bulk and bagged salt are exported from the Port of Walvis Bay.

The Port of Lüderitz serves the mines in the southern regions of Namibia and northwestern South Africa with imports and exports of mining commodities. It is also an important base for the local fishing industry.



DEDICATED AND WELL-TRAINED STAFF

Namport's employees form the backbone of all our operations. Currently, the focus for human resources management at Namport are twofold, namely on preparation for manpower provision for the new container terminal, and developing the existing workforce to its full potential.

Namport places a lot of emphasis on on-going skills development and offers bursaries to both full-time and part-time students (studying courses pertinent to Namport's business) and promising apprentices.

With our highly experienced management team and dedicated workforce, Namport looks to the future with confidence and excitement.

GEARED FOR GROWTH

Namport continues to invest in port infrastructure to ensure Namibia is geared for future growth opportunities and Namport attains its vision of being the best performing world-class hub seaport in Africa.

Currently under construction at the Port of Walvis Bay, the New Container Terminal Project is one such megaproject that will increase the container capacity from 400,000 TEUs to 750,000 TEUs per annum. The terminal is scheduled for completion in 2019.

The first phase of the northern development located 5km north of the current Port of Walvis Bay is also currently underway. This development will form a critical part of the Namibian Logistics Hub, which will position Walvis Bay as a major gateway to landlocked countries in the SADC.



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