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Namport invests close to 17 million Namibian Dollars in new Cargo handling equipment

The Namibian Ports Authority today commissioned 2 Reach Stackers and 4 forklifts, a development that is sure to provide satisfaction to all affected stakeholders.

As it is Namport's core business to handle cargo, the acquisition of these cargo handling equipment was a critical step on the company's roadmap towards effective and efficient service delivery to its valued customers.

The entity has set forth its strategic plan to underpin the achievement of its vision and drive to be the best performing seaports in Africa. Underlying the strategic

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plan are four strategic themes which are firmly aligned to all the pillars of the institution's strategy as set out below;

1. The new equipment will amplify and strengthen Namport's capacity to deliver services to its clients;
2. It will drive the efficacy with which Namport renders services;
3. Namport's clients will derive more satisfaction from the improved service delivery and
4. The new equipment will reduce downtimes in operations, streamline repairs, maintenance costs and equally importantly rationalize the waiting times of customers and the cost of doing business with Namport.

Speaking at the event, CEO of Namport, Mr Andrew Kanime said "This latest acquisition and addition of equipment to our fleet is a tangible reaffirmation of our seriousness and resolve to address the challenge of old equipment and disruption of operations".

The reach stackers and forklifts were acquired from Liebherr- Africa and Forklifts and Allied Equipment cc respectively. The reach stackers came at a price tag of almost fifteen million Namibian dollars (N$14,785,330.00), increasing the reach stackers fleet at the Port of Walvis Bay to 10. While the four forklifts cost the Ports

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Authority N$ 2 Million (one for the Port of Lüderitz and three for the Port of Walvis Bay).

The Namibian Ports Authority remains dedicated to its plans of revamping its equipment and is committed to enhancing its customers' experiences at both its ports through efficient and highly productive service offerings.

Testament to this valuable support is the continued growth that the Ports Authority has managed to report in its current financial year which ends in three weeks. As at 31 January 2022 the total TEUs handled increased by (4,879 TEUs) four percent (4%) while bulk and break-bulk volumes have increased by 173,587 tonnes equating to a five percent increase (5%). These achievements can only be credited to the joint efforts between Namport and its customers.

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