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NOTICE TO ALL SHIPPING LINES

Terminal Development Update

Valued Customer,

We would like to update our valued customers on the latest developments of the terminal, including the extension of the main yard, which was commissioned in January 2023, increasing the stacking yard capacity of the terminal by an additional 200,000 TEU.

Simultaneously with the expansion of the main yard, SGTD Doraleh Container Terminal has also acquired four (4) ultra-large crane container vessels (ULCV) which will be commissioned from May to August 2023.

The arrival of the new STS cranes, which are designed to handle vessels up to 23,000 TEU, will remove the current height constraint at SGTD, which was limited to vessels up to 15,000 TEU, and will enable the terminal to position Djibouti as a regional transshipment hub.

The commissioning of the four Ultra Large Crane Container Vessels (ULCV) will take place on the quay of the terminal from May 15th until August 15th.

As such, SGTD will allocate 211 meters of the quay's length to the unloading and commissioning of the four Ultra Large Ship-to-Shore Cranes.

Therefore, we inform you that during the commissioning period of the new cranes, the terminal berth utilization will be temporarily reduced by 20%. However, we do not expect significant impact to the performance and/or berthing time delay taking into account that our current berth utilization is about 30% to 35%.

We therefore highly recommend that shipping lines maintain their respective berthing windows for each service in order to minimize delays, as the terminal will be giving priority to vessels arriving On Windows and others will berth on a FIFO Basis.

We thank you for your interest in this note and look forward to your full cooperation.