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Durban Windbound

Operations at Durban Container Terminal have been particularly hard-hit by the cold snap that has affected South Africa this week.

High winds have resulted in the terminal not being able to work containers and standing idle for a total of about 36 hours on four out of five days this week. This is obviously slowing collections and deliveries to clients and frustrating attempts to clear backlogs.

Road deliveries to/from Gauteng clients have also been affected by snowfalls and bitterly cold temperatures which have created hazardous driving conditions. Minimum temperatures of -8 to -9 degrees celcius were reported from the northern Drakensberg overnight.

Although the weather is expected to improve in the next few days, strong to gale force winds are still being experienced along the eastern seaboard of Southern Africa. These which could further disrupt harbour operations at any time.

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