

DB Information Systems wins contract to supply to South African terminals

DBIS, based in Doncaster UK, has announced a major export contract to supply its CommTrac™ terminal management software to Grindrod Terminals operations in Richards Bay, South Africa and Maputo, Mozambique. The project will see delivery of the full CommTrac software suite, including the planning and scheduling module and will develop the management and operational processes to a world class standard.

DBIS sales director David Trueman said, "This success in South Africa and Mozambique represents a long term investment by DB Information Systems in its CommTrac system; we have an almost complete presence in all the major British ports that handle bulk commodities. We have now made the critical step in penetrating the international market. Transporting, storing and distribution of bulk commodities is a vast global market and we are established to serve the global opportunity, through our technology and our business model."

Grindrod Limited is the holding company of a dynamic organization with more than 100 years' experience in South Africa's freight movement and related industries, providing total logistics solutions for clients. Grindrod is listed on the JSE Securities Exchange South Africa where its shares are quoted in the Transport sector. The group's head office is in Durban and it maintains a strong operating presence at each of South Africa's major ports as well as in Johannesburg, Mozambique, Angola, and Namibia. Grindrod also has offices in London, Spain and Singapore and Dubai. Grindrod Limited employs 5000 skilled and dedicated people and controls assets in excess of R7 billion, generating annual revenue of over R12 billion and an annual



profit exceeding R1 billion. Grindrod Terminals is a subsidiary of Grindrod Ltd and operates a number of Bulk Terminals in Southern Africa.

RICHARDS BAY, SOUTH AFRICA

The Grindrod Terminals Richards Bay operation is a culmination of several smaller dry bulk logistics and bulk handling operations. The focus in the Richards Bay area is to provide an efficient and effective import/export service for dry bulk materials. Current major clients include commodities from industries like metals and minerals, phosphates, coal and others. Facilities consist of four sites situated within 8km from the port of Richards Bay quayside, where all general and bulk cargo is handled.

MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE

Terminal de Carvao de Matola which is otherwise commonly known as the 'Matola Coal Terminal' or 'TCM' is now under the ownership and management of Grindrod Terminals. Although the terminal is capable of handling all dry bulk commodities, it traditionally only handles anthracite, coal, and magnetite. The terminal has its own exclusive berth, shiploader, stockpile area, rail tippers, stacker-reclaimer and conveyor handling system.

ABOUT DB INFORMATION SYSTEMS

CommTrac - Bulk Terminal Management

DB Information systems has developed CommTrac — a bulk terminal management system to provide all the functionality required to manage a bulk terminal operation be it an open stockyard, shed arrangement (flat store) or silo (elevator) complex. Within the software are features to manage various commodities such as coal, ores, biomass, animal feeds, fertilizers, aggregates, grain and oilseeds. Process and contract flows allow for both import and export of commodities.

CommTrac is a comprehensive solution that comprises; inventory management, weigh system management, order processing, multi tier customer relationships, electronic stockpile/silo overview plans, work order management/job control, bagging, blending and screening, quality and traceability management, recording and averaging of quality, specifications, planning and scheduling, revenue management and invoicing, management and customer reports, data export to PDF, Excel etc.

DB Information Systems has successfully deployed CommTrac at numerous ports owned by Associated British Ports, Forth Ports, Peel Ports, and The Port of Bristol.



Grindrod handles cargo at Richards Bay (photo: Grindrod).