

MOSSEL BAY ADVERTISER

(//www.mosselbayadvertiser.com/)

MOSSEL BAY SHIP REPAIR GENERATING JOBS

Monday, 06 July 2020, 10:13



MOSSEL BAY ADVERTISER

(<http://www.mosselbayadvertiser.com/>)



(<https://cms.groupeditors.com/img/58491604-0833-447f-8f0d-e00a50a2ab85.jpg>)

The Cape Vidal vessel underwent repairs during its two weeks stay at Port of Mossel Bay.

MOSSEL BAY NEWS - A steady flow of work at the Port of **Mossel Bay's**

(<https://www.privateproperty.co.za/neighbourhoods/mossel-bay-to-glentana/924>) ship  repair facility is helping to create much-needed jobs in the region as the country battles widening job losses due to Covid-19 and the national lockdown.

MOSSEL BAY ADVERTISER

(//www.mosselbayadvertiser.com/)

**nationally by
Transnet
National Port
Authority
(TNPA), when
South Africa
progressed to
Level 3 of its
risk adjusted
strategy to re-
open the
economy.**

The slipway – which primarily serves the fishing industry – services an average of three vessels per month with a minimum duration of one week per vessel, creating on average 20 jobs per vessel. Notable occupation in May and June included the Luna Moon vessel, which docked for two months for repairs as well as the Cape Vidal vessel, which has been docked for two weeks. The facility has also been booked for the repair of two vessels in July.

Typical jobs created per repair include welders, painters, scaffolders and mechanical services.

The continuous booking of the facility by role players in the fishing industry plays a critical role towards job creation in Mossel Bay and South Africa as a whole. In the 2019/20 financial year, approximately 240 jobs were created for the benefit of Mossel Bay community members who are appropriately skilled as per the requirements of each vessel.



MOSSEL BAY ADVERTISER

(//www.mosselbayadvertiser.com/)

Accounting Solution. 5
Off for a Limited Time

Intuit QuickBooks

Plans are also in the pipeline to rehabilitate the facility and almost triple its capacity within the next three years.

Mossel Bay Port Manager, Shadrack Tshikalange, said: "At present, the facility handles 13 vessels with a weight of 200 tons per year. However, the rehabilitation earmarked under Operation Phakisa will see it being capable of handling more than 40 vessels per year with a maximum of 500 tons each in the next three years."

Operation Phakisa is the government programme aimed at creating jobs and growing the oceans economy.

"Once the current slipway facility has been rehabilitated and upgraded, and safety and efficiency have been improved, more and bigger vessels will be attracted back to the port, which will generate better revenue streams for the port and create more jobs and grow the economy for the region," he added.

QuickBooks®



Don't Waste Time! Get
Started with the #1
Accounting Solution. 5
Off for a Limited Time

Intuit QuickBooks