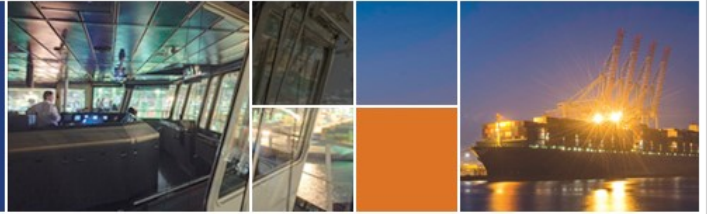




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Beira, Mozambique - Cyclone Idai

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Update 20/03/2019

Correspondents P&I Associates have sent an update about the situation in Beira, Mozambique from Cornelder (Dutch company) who manage and operate the port of Beira under a licence from the Mozambique Government. P&I Associates cannot reach their Beira office by phone or by email and are using Maputo to relay messages to them.

Subject: Beira Port Update

Dear Esteemed Customers

On the 14th March the Central regional of Mozambique and most particularly the city of Beira were heavily affected by Cyclone IDAI. There has been extensive wind and water damage to the city and surrounding area with loss of lives, property and no electricity and water available.

The Port was well prepared in advance and thus has sustained only limited damages.

On the General Cargo Terminal, the warehouses have suffered severe roof damage and are out of order for the next month at least. The Fenders on the quays were swept away but replacements are being installed now and this afternoon we will have two quays fully functional, with a third expected to be ready tomorrow. All major debris has been removed from the terminal and the Terminal is fully accessible. Equipment was stored safely and is operational.

On the Container Terminal, no full containers were damaged as they were stacked low or in pyramid shape. The Gantry Cranes have withstood the storm well thanks to extensive tie down efforts. The single lift cranes have suffered damage to the engine housing and repairs will still take a few days or longer. The two twin lift cranes have only had problems with water infiltration via the AC system and after drying out, they are expected to be operational this afternoon. Our NAVIS operating system is running in the office, and work to reestablish functionality on the terminal is expected to be concluded this afternoon. We will then be fully operational again later this afternoon.

The BGT Terminal has some damages to the Silos but the conveyor system is intact, after dealing with water related problems the Terminal is expected to become operational in a few days.

The Road to Beira is currently not accessible due to the flooding around 100km away from Beira, only once the water has lowered will we have an idea of the time required for the road to be transitable again.

Communication in Beira is still difficult, we are relying on VSAT for internet and phone calls are complicated. Voice services are expected to be reestablished in the next few days, up to then email will work reliably as a means of communication.



19/03/2019

The tropical cyclone Idai has caused severe damage to Mozambique. News reports say that the storm has devastated the city of Beira.

The Club lists P&I Associates Mozambique as correspondents in Beira. Contact is usually made via their Durban office. However because of the cyclone communications are difficult. They were able to convey this message to P&I Associates in South Africa:

"There is no communication with Beira at all... City is almost destroyed....."

Port not yet operational.. Yesterday berthed two vessels but equipment not able to discharge the vessels as yet.

No water, no electricity, no food etc.....

It is a completed disaster."

P&I Associates go on to say:

"I have received reports that several fishing vessels are aground and the dredger that operated in the river and port is aground too. I am awaiting damage reports on her.

At this stage, Beira appears to be a non-functional port and I expect shippers, terminals, and port managers to issue force majeure notices. Any vessel waiting to berth in Beira may experience unknown delays.

I will keep you updated."

We will post further updates on the website and mobile App when available.

Contact details for P&I Associates Mozambique can be found on the Steamship Mutual App and [here](#).