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KRUPP MH - WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN

Krupp Materials Handling (KMH), a division of ThyssenKrupp Engineering (Pty) Ltd and global expert in materials handling equipment, is in the design stage of an order from Agriport worth approximately R20 million for the manufacture and commissioning of a shiploader for the handling of wood chips and grain.

Agriport is a partnership between Viramax (Pty) Ltd and South African Port Operations (a division of Transnet Ltd). The company specialises in grain import and export and currently the Grain Elevator at Maydon Wharf #8, Durban Port, handles bulk free-flowing grain products. A shed, with a storage capacity of 10 000 tons is adjacent to this facility, and is utilised for storing non free-flowing products, e.g. soya meal. The grain elevator has a storage capacity of 68 000 tons. The company plans to include the export of wood chips and grain through the terminal and KMH are in the process of designing a shiploader to customer specification which includes a jet slinger to ensure correct loading of the vessels.

The properties of wood chips and grain demand specialised loading methods and local KMH engineers are designing a shiploader to easily and efficiently load the materials at 800 tph (wood chips) and 1000 tph (grain), while keeping in mind the shiploader's free movement requirement in a confined area. The solution lies in the running of one long travel rail at quay level and the other on a raised gallery. All construction must proceed with minimum disruption to harbour activities.

KMH is a worldwide player in the design, manufacture, supply, commissioning and hand over of the full package of harbour equipment and locally, Krupp equipment operates at most of South Africa's major harbours.

KMH is a solutions driven company that offers specialist advice and quality tailor-made products, backed by expert after-sales service for optimum customer peace of mind.

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