

# Ships Agency Freight Brokerage Clearing

BLS Portco SA is a dynamic, independent and privately-owned company. Specialising in ships agency, freight brokerage and clearing. We are driven by a collective vision based on a commitment to service excellence.

We boast a diverse management team whose combined experience spans well over a century. Their expertise, in addition to those of our professional and discerning staff compliment, mean that BLS Portco SA is able to deliver seamless, integrated freight management solutions of the highest calibre.

Whether it's bulk, break-bulk or containerised cargo, our world-class team is ready to assist you with the most cost-effective, safe and efficient handling and freight solution.



## **Ships Agency**

BLS Portco SA is a well established company, with owned offices covering all major ports in South Africa. The services and offerings which BLS Portco SA provide include, but are by no means limited to, the following:

### **Local Port Agency – All South African Ports**

- Quick, accurate and detailed Proforma Disbursement Accounts
- Prompt communications
- Efficient dispatch of cargo documents and Disbursement Accounts
- Local knowledge of line-ups and / or special requirements
- An in-depth understanding of your trade and / or cargo requirements
- Locally-handled funds
- A comprehensive proprietary network

### **Benefits**

- Cost-reducing local expertise
- Global standards, locally implemented
- Efficient turnarounds
- Port-particular offices, ensuring your peace of mind

### **Charterers Nominated Agency (CNA)**

BLS Portco SA offers a full agency service. As such we cover all cargo requirements, including documentation, inward and outward clearance, and the ordering of pilots, tugs and stevedores. We also provide numerous other services for and on behalf of the Charterer, including sending the disbursement account directly to the appointing party.

### **Owners Protecting Agency (OPA)**

We offer a full supervisory service to protect the Ship Owner's interests, including the monitoring and review of the Charterer's agency function, and overseeing all port activities.

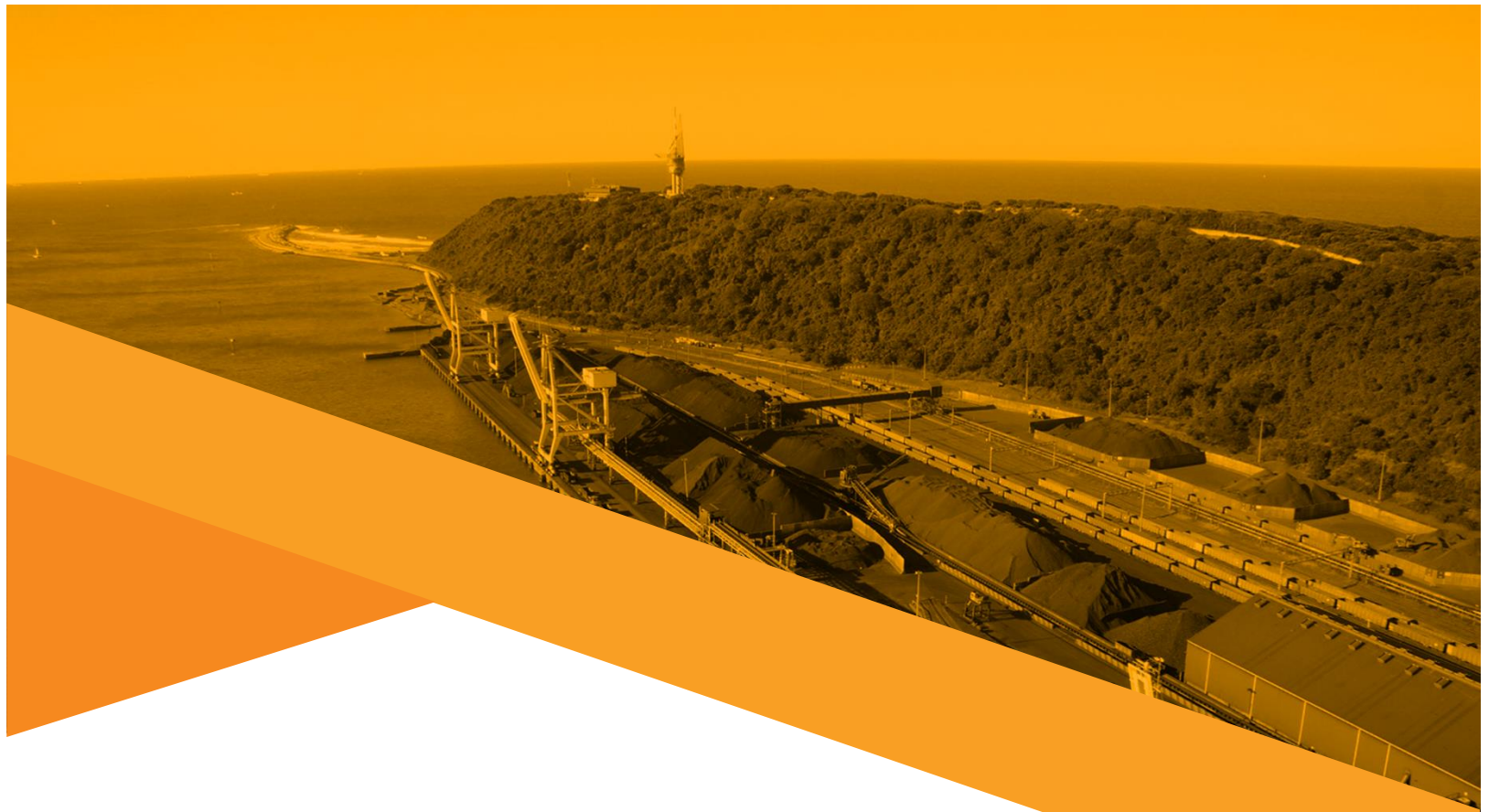
### **Owners Husbandry Agency (OHA)**

As a comprehensive Owners' Husbandry Agency, we ensure that dry docking, repairs, spares and stores, crew matters, cash-to-Master and other Owners' husbandry requirements are met.

### **Commodities**

We have experience in handling a range of bulk and break-bulk vessels shipping commodities such as:

- Agricultural commodities (including citrus, maize, rice and wheat)
- Ammonium nitrate (and other hazardous materials)
- Steel, project and abnormal cargo
- Various minerals (such as chrome, coal and manganese ores)



### Freight Brokerage and Clearing

We've developed a formidable network of partners over the many years in which we've been operating. These include terminal operators, shipping lines, customs, warehouses, transporters, surveyors & stevedores. We take great pride in the valuable relationships that we continue to build with fellow experts in the industry, because they ensure our Clients enjoy a smooth, seamless, competitively-priced service that is second to none.

We offer the following services:

- Ocean freight – bulk, break-bulk and containers
- Terminal handling of bulk and break-bulk cargo
- Warehousing of bulk and break-bulk cargo
- Road transport of bulk, break-bulk and containers
- Stockpile management
- Container packing and unpacking (both bulk and unitised cargo)
- Ships spares
- Bonded and free-store cargo
- Customs clearing (we are an accredited Customs Clearing Agent with SARS)

### The Difference

- We don't just service our clients; we create partnerships with them. As their eyes and ears on the ground, we ALWAYS act in their best interests. Because we treat our clients' cargo as our own, we consider a success for them a success for us.
- We pay meticulous attention to detail and planning.
- We have developed a large network of highly professional and experienced service-provider partners; this ensures our clients always have access to the best equipment and / or facilities for any given task.
- We are acutely aware of the financial, operational and reputational implications that any and all of our actions might have for our clients.
- We do the right thing right, the first time around.
- We are members of an international network of clearing and forwarding agents, with access to partners in 95 countries.

### Commodities

- We have experience in handling a wide range of products. Amongst many others, these include:
- Abnormal and project cargo
- Agricultural / food products (such as beans, citrus, maize, rice, sugar, timber, wheat etc.)
- Hazardous cargo
- Mineral products (including chrome, coal, copper and manganese)
- Steel products
- Vehicles of numerous types



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