

## Focus on South-Africa

### A growing market

The Republic of South Africa has about 59 million inhabitants, spread across a total surface of about 1.2 million km<sup>2</sup> and a thereby a population density of 48 inhabitants/km<sup>2</sup>.

The Republic of South Africa is an emerging country with a modern, relatively diversified economy with many strengths: abundant natural resources, a moderate climate and efficient commercial agriculture. However, the economy is still relatively dependent on the mining sector (gold, platinum, diamonds, ferrochrome, coal, etc.).

The agricultural sector meets most of the domestic needs, South Africa's main exports are corn, wool, sugar, peanuts and tobacco. South Africa is in the top three of the largest African economies with Nigeria and Egypt.



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Along that vast coastline Port Terminals handles mineral bulk commodities at the ports of Richards Bay, Port Elizabeth and Saldanha, and handles agricultural bulk commodities at the ports of Durban and East London.

In the 90's, Vigan supplied 3 machines, one NIV 160, one NIV 200 and one NIV 320 to Durban Bulk Shipping and two NIV 250 to Transnet Agriport Terminal Durban. Last year VIGAN won a new contract for two NIV 600 which are now in production for the Transnet Agriport Terminal Durban site.

By the end of 2021, the region of Durban will count the presence of 7 VIGAN ship unloaders. Needless to say, we are very proud to have our machines operating in the largest import/export port in South Africa as well as one of the biggest port in Africa.



Agriport Durban – 2 NIV250 tph