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South and East African Ports

1. Beira: Congestion. Delay of one to two days due to poor weather as per letter dated 3/9/53.
2. Durban: Port conditions improved and no delay anticipated. At the present time there is an inadequate supply of trucks and shortage of native labor.
3. Capetown: No congestion.
4. E. London: No congestion.
5. Dar Es Salaam: At the present time the British & Belbase Wharves are not congested as per letter from Dar Es Salaam dated 3/13/53. Export sheds are full.
6. L. Marques: No congestion.
7. Lindis: No congestion.
8. Mombasa: Congested due to considerable number of arrivals of loaders and passenger vessels. A delay 10/12 days anticipated for dischargers and 7 days for loaders as per letter from Mombasa dated 3/12/53.
9. Pt. Elizabeth: No congestion.
10. Tanga: Congested and vessels delayed several days. Conditions improved and sheds are full as per letter from Mombasa dated 3/5/53.
11. Zanzibar: Working normal. However, there is a delay of only one day.
12. Walvis Bay: Congested. A delay of 5 days expected for the present time for dischargers and only one day for loaders.

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West Africa

13. Abidjan: No congestion
14. Acra: Delay of 5 days anticipated as per letter dated 3/4/53.
15. Ayopa: Congested as per letter dated Mar 24, 1953. There is a delay 2 to 10 days for dischargers. No improvement in the lighter situation; average discharge is 350 tons per day and loading 450 tons per day.
16. Douala: Congested. A delay of 2-5 days anticipated at the present time as per letter from Douala dated 3/23/53.
17. Dakar: No congestion
18. Lobito: No congestion at the present time, however, subject to change without notice.
19. Luanda: No congestion at the present time, however, subject to change without notice.
20. Lagos: No delay as per letter dated 3/24/53. There is an average discharge of cargo of 300 tons per day. Lighter situation good.
21. Lome: Congested
22. Matadi: Congested at present time.
23. Monrovia: No congestion
24. Pt Noire: No congestion, however, movement of cargo by railway slow.
25. Pt Harcourt: Congested
26. Takoradi: Congested

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