

Goscor and Imperial Retail Logistics continue partnership at CTI

AIRPORTS are busy places. People moving here and there checking in, pulling luggage from one side to the next, buying books, hailing taxis, going through security checks ... and the rest. Yet this is nothing compared to the movement of cargo that happens mainly behind the scenes.

One of these 'behind the scenes' giants at Cape Town International is the Imperial Retail Logistics (IRL) 14 400m² warehouse facility - including a 4 000-pallet chill room - which handles the product of several well-known firms like Diageo, Heineken, Lindt, beacon, GSK and others. The work-horses that pick, pack, lift and carry the merchandise are a range of Doosan and Crown material handling equipment (MHE) from InServe's Goscor Lift Truck Company (GLTC).

"We have 20 Goscor machines in total," says Frans Kapp, IRL's compliance manager, "and they have certainly lived up to their performance expectations."

Kapp adds that in complying with food regulations, all the Goscor MHE is electrically-powered. "We are not allowed any gas or diesel-powered equipment in this warehouse. All the equipment is battery-powered and this necessitated some extra services like, for example, a state-of-the-art battery bay," he says.



the overall efficiency of the facility.

"Productivity in an electric truck is a function of three things: speed, control and low energy consumption. All these things have been achieved in the Doosan B25S-5 through a number of exclusive Doosan design innovations," says Laight.

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the Doosan B25S-5. "Operators like working with the machine, which is critical. It is exceptionally driver-friendly and the braking system is a good example of this. As the operator removes his foot from the accelerator the brakes automatically engage, adding to the ease and safety of operation," he says.

In terms of Crown, the world-renowned name in quality MHE, IRL has taken a range of order pickers, reach trucks and counter-balanced forklifts. "For Imperial, we were able to almost double the reach height of the reach trucks from the standard of about 7m to 11,435m and with the order pickers we also produced a bespoke height from the stan-