



Ronnie Holtzhausen (General Manager), Dup du Preez, Nigel Menkin and Frank Phillips (Branch Manager)

Farewell to two stalwarts

That's all for now, folks

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Bay Stevedores bid a sad farewell to two heavyweights of the stevedoring industry, who collectively boast 82 years of experience.

Managers Nigel Menkin and Dup du Preez retired on Friday with the well wishes of friends and colleagues.

Menkin started his career in 1970 as a crane driver for SA Railways.

He was promoted to Stevedore Foreman and Superintendent, where he gained valuable experience in bulk cargoes, ship cranes, gear and safety equipment.

In 1991, he opened his own business, Richards Bay Marine Engineering (RBME) and erected the

first free-standing bulk-head using 6mm striker plates on an Andalusite parcel.

RBME was sold to Bay Stevedores CC, with Menkin staying on as a member.

Bay Stevedores was sold to Grindrod Terminals (Pty) Ltd in 2007, where Menkin became a manager until this year.

Menkin has 40 years experience in stevedoring and separations and served on the Stevedoring Association Committee.

Du Preez started his career in 1968 in Durban as a foreman.

During his employment at SA Stevedores, he was promoted to Superintendent Ops Manager in Durban.

In 1988 Du Preez was

promoted to Branch Manager in Richards Bay.

With extensive experience in bulk cargoes, gear and safety equipment used for stevedoring and heavy lifts, he founded Bay Stevedores in 1993.

Bay Stevedores became a leading bulk handling company. When Bay Stevedores was sold to Grindrod, he became manager and served in that capacity until this year.

Du Preez was a founding member of the Stevedoring Association, known as NASASA (National Stevedoring Association of South Africa).

He was member of several committees that liaised directly with the government and Transnet to improve stevedoring in South Africa.