



Growing School-Aid support

To supply educational materials and equipment to South African schools, Capespan, together with Tilbury Container Services, Maersk Line, Harwood Shipping and Simpson Transport have joined in supporting UK charity, School-Aid

School-Aid's targets schools and other educational establishments in underprivileged areas of Africa. They estimate that every day 40 million children aren't able to attend school, often because of a lack of basic school supplies.

School-Aid supplies books and other quality surplus educational items collected by UK volunteers. Capespan co-ordinates the free collection, containerisation and shipment of the equipment with its logistics partners. The first of the containers planned for 2009 was loaded at Sheerness on the SAF Nomazwe and arrived in Cape Town on 19 April. These pallets of reading and reference books, stationery, art supplies, school chairs and cricket equipment will be distributed to primary and secondary schools near Cape Town and in metropolitan areas of Gauteng Province in the North.

Said School-Aid chairperson Janis Mowlem, "It's a credit to the fresh produce business and key logistics service providers that they'll take time to think beyond the balance sheet and are willing to engage with us in such a meaningful way." I'm greatly impressed by the energy, professionalism and goodwill of our sponsors."

Capespan UK logistics manager Mark Harris commented, "Although Capespan and Maersk have been supporters of School-Aid for a number of years now, I'm particularly excited by the way the relationship is developing. Historically, School-Aid has concentrated almost exclusively on helping schools within the South African metropolitan areas, due to the difficulties of reaching rural areas. This year, with more containers made available by Maersk and expanded co-operation between Capespan and School-Aid representatives in South Africa, we also plan to supply educational material to rural schools for the first time. It's fantastic that fruit production areas will now also benefit from the charity's activities."

A further three containers are planned for 2009.



Dai Davie from Rondebosch Rotary Club and Capespan's Ansonette van der Merwe with the School-Aid pallets.



School-Aid delivery in Gauteng Province