



MEDIA STATEMENT

OCTOBER 27, 2005

EMBARGO: NONE

TRANSNET'S STATEMENT ON THE PASSENGER TRAIN ACCIDENT

AT approximately 11.07 pm yesterday, a Shosholozza Meyl passenger train (Trans Karoo Train 18007) collided with the Blue Train, our hotel-on-wheels, which was stationary at Deelfontein between De Aar and Beaufort West. The Blue Train, carrying 44 Japanese tourists, was from Pretoria en route to Cape Town in the Western Cape, while the Shosholozza Meyl train was from Cape Town on its way to Pretoria in Gauteng.

Preliminary indications are that there are no fatalities. Ten (10) people were injured. The bulk of those injured are Transnet staff. Those injured have been taken to hospital in the area.

In addition, Transnet has arranged a special flight to evacuate everyone, especially those injured, for further medical attention in one of the leading cities in our country.

Ms Maria Ramos, the chief executive at Transnet, and the chairman, Mr Fred Phaswana, are on their way to meeting with the injured. Mr Siyabonga Gama, the chief executive officer, is at the scene of the accident.

Ms Ramos has assured the families of those injured that everything will be done to ensure they receive the best care during this trauma. Arrangements are being made to accommodate them too.

Through our shareholder, the government of the Republic of South Africa, we have now informed the Japanese government of the incident, including sharing with them the names of those injured.

A team of emergency services and Spoornet's technical and engineering department is on the scene of the accident.

We have launched an investigation on the cause of the accident.

We plan to issue another statement to update this one in due course.

Please do not hesitate to call for more information.

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