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Transnet Freight Rail Works Around The Clock To Re-rail Coal Wagons

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Following the derailment of Train 0742 en route to Richards Bay Coal Terminal that occurred yesterday at 08:15, Transnet Freight Rail engineers and maintenance crews worked through the night to clear the derailment site and re-rail the wagons that had derailed. Expected time of re-opening the first line is 23:00 this evening and it is estimated that the second line will open at midday on Thursday, 11 October 2007.

The derailment occurred between Nhlazatshe and Izolof at 08:00 on Tuesday, 9 October 2007 when 13 wagons of coal derailed. There were no injuries and the cause of the derailment is being investigated.

"This incident will have no impact on coal exports as Richards Bay Coal Terminal has high stock volumes", said Transnet Freight Rail spokesperson, Molatwane Likhetho.

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