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Transnet Freight Rail Partners with the Department of Health to Fight Aids

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Transnet Freight Rail will once again sponsor the Department of Health's commemoration of the Partnership Against AIDS event to be held at the Mahwelereng Stadium, Mokopane in the Limpopo Province on the 1st of December 2007. The sponsorship will be in the form of providing a free Partnership Against AIDS train to Limpopo as well as meals, refreshments and bedding.

Speakers at the commemorative day will include dignitaries such as the Deputy President, Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, and the National Minister of Health, Dr. Manto Tshabalala-Msimang and the Premier of Limpopo, Mr. Sello Moloto.

Transnet Freight Rail has over the past several years supported various Governmental and Community initiatives aimed at addressing awareness, the spreading of new infections as well as caring for people affected. These initiatives include the running of Aids – awareness trains that allowed for mobile conferences and seminars for communities along the railway lines. Transnet Freight Rail has also supported Aids outreach programmes by donating modified containers that are used as resource centres and clinics, funded training programmes and distributed condoms.

The company has developed its own HIV/AIDS policy and guidelines, which govern internal activities and relations with employees living with HIV/AIDS. Transnet Freight Rail's focus for the coming year will also be more internally concentrated because the Company has a moral and professional responsibility to inform and educate its staff about HIV/AIDS.

Transnet Freight Rail has also launched an Employee Assistance Programme, known as EAP. This programme is designed to help resolve personal problems, which may range from trauma,



work-related issues to HIV/AIDS. Information, consultation and brief solution-orientated therapy is provided by professionals at the Centre for Human Development, which is an independent firm. The company pays for the fees for employees and eligible family members and the use of EAP is both voluntary and confidential.

These are some of the many initiatives that Transnet Freight Rail has engaged in its efforts to combat the spreading of the dreaded disease whilst at the same time providing humane and practical ways to care for and support those already infected.

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