

**UPDATE: SALDANHA IRON ORE LINE TO OPEN ON THE 9TH DECEMBER 2018**

**[Johannesburg; 30 November 2018]** Transnet confirms that it will re-open the iron export line on 9 December 2018. This follows the decision to stop all rail activity along the Saldanha iron ore export line following an accident where a truck carrying an abnormal load with excessive height collided with a railway bridge between Vredendal and Lutzville in the Western Cape, earlier this week.

The accident resulted in damage to a railway line network and compromised the integrity of the railway bridge, resulting in an immediate stop of rail movement along the route.

Transnet's maintenance teams have since been deployed to the accident scene and are hard at work to restore the line. Initial indications were that the repairs will take fourteen days. An assessment report this morning showed that the repairs will be done earlier than the initial anticipated timelines.

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