



SALDANHA IRON ORE LINE DISRUPTED AFTER A TRUCK ACCIDENT

[Johannesburg; 30 November 2018] Transnet has stopped 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.

The accident which took place at approximately 10:00am on Wednesday has damaged the railway line network and compromised the integrity of the railway bridge, resulting in an immediate stop of rail movement along the route. Transnet is issuing force majeure letters to customers impacted on the temporary rail closure.

Transnet's maintenance teams have since been deployed to the accident scene and are hard at work to restore the line. Initial indications are that Transnet will have to reconstruct the bridge in order to ensure a safe operation on the line. Temporary measures will be implemented to ensure that rail operations can commence in approximately fourteen days.

Transnet has already informed affected customers whose freight runs on the line and continue to provide updates on the rebuilding of the bridge.

Transnet's spokesperson Molatwane Likhetho said: "We would like to assure South Africans that the iron ore stockpiles on site can keep the business going for at least 7 days. We are hard at work and are doing all it takes to restore the line. We are doing all this for the safety of our employees, customer goods and surrounding communities."

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