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LAUNCH OF THE RAILWAY MUSEUM AND HERITAGE PRESERVATION PROJECT

Dear Colleagues

The Market Demand Strategy ("MDS") is now in full swing and we are fully committed to our shared vision of becoming one of the top 5 railways in the world by 2018/19. We need to remember where we come from as a railway and preserve the proud railway heritage as we move forward with the MDS journey. It is with a sense of pride to inform you that Transnet Freight Rail ("TFR") is embarking on a Heritage Preservation/Railway Museum Project to preserve historical railway stationery, equipment, artefacts and rolling stock. A Project Team has already begun work to preserve the rich 150-year heritage in a world class fashion; and you will receive updates as the Team reaches critical milestones.

We need to celebrate and share our heritage as a railway institution with local and foreign rail enthusiasts, the public, tourists and researchers and collectors. In order to realise the goal of preserving railway heritage, we should prevent the sale, scrapping and/or removal of artefacts from their current locations. We must also highlight the safety and security of artefacts or equipment that require urgent attention.

The examples of the memorabilia or artefacts sought for the Project include items such as train scale models, signalling bits and pieces (lenses, pinnacles, arms, etc.), clocks, watches, coach screws of all types, samples of cables, rail samples, ticket office equipment, torches and lamps, water bottles, oil cans, Van Schoor machines, tablets and tablet holders, block instruments, signal repeaters, corporate logos, drawing office material, paintings and pictures, books and models, etc. Colleagues in possession of these examples and those with information about their whereabouts should send an e-mail to tfr.museum@transnet.net with the details of such items. The Project Team will implement a formal hand-over process and compile a detailed register for artefacts and railway memorabilia.

Kind regards


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