



Reefsteamers 15CA 2056 appeal

Help restore 15CA 2056 back to operational service

15CA 2056 4-8-2 locomotive a product of American Locomotive Company built for the South African Railways in 1926 was acquired by Reefsteamers in 2005 and restored to operable condition in 2007. After several trips she experienced issues with her small tubes, these were traced to poor welding on the safe ended small tubes. To remedy this issue all her small tubes were replaced, after running in service for a year the same problem was experienced on her flue tubes and she was stopped from operating by the boiler inspector until all the flue tubes are replaced. Due to lack of funds it has not been possible to purchase replacement flue tubes until now.

Reefsteamers have been able to negotiate a substantial discount with the supplier of the tubes, to take advantage of this generous offer Reefsteamers needs to order the tubes and pay off the amount in the next six months. Reefsteamers does not have the funds available for this purchase and we are appealing to all lovers of steam to donate to this appeal to allow Reefsteamers to return 2056 to service so once again the bark of a 15CA can be heard climbing out of Magaliesburg

Appeal Target R 100 000

Work to be done

Below is the list of the work that needs to be done to return 15CA 2056 to service, all labour will be supplied by Reefsteamers volunteers with the appeal funds to be used for flue purchase and boiler certification costs.

- Replacement of all flue tubes
- Testing of all the super heater elements and re-fitment when ready.
- The coded welding and full boiler recertification.
- Removal of the old tender bogies, refurbishment and replacement of new roller bearing bogies.
- Tank repairs on the tender.
- Two new injector water shutoff valves to be fitted.
- Rub down and repainting of the loco and tender.

Donation options

- Locomotive naming right for five years - R 50 000
- Gold – Donation of R 6 000, donor's name will be inscribed on plaque on locomotive and entitled to two free tickets on 2056's first train trip.
- Silver – Donation of R 1 200, donor's name will be inscribed on plaques on locomotive.
- Smaller donations are also welcome

Donations can be paid in six monthly instalments or one lump sum, please email (fundappeal@reefsteamers.com) for payment details

For overseas donations we have a UK and Swiss bank account available.

This appeal has been endorsed by Reefsteamers (Registration number 1995/002580/08) board of directors