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## FACT SHEET

The Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA) leads government's efforts to transform public transport, providing better mobility and accessibility in pursuit of a better life for all. PRASA was established as a public passenger transport enterprise, fully owned by government, from the consolidation of government-owned passenger rail entities, a road-based passenger carrier and an asset management entity. [www.prasa.com](http://www.prasa.com)

PRASA employs 13000 people in four distinct businesses:

*Metrorail* – commuter rail services in urban metropolitan areas. [www.metrorail.co.za](http://www.metrorail.co.za)

*Shosholoza Meyl* – regional and long distance (inter-city) rail-based passenger transport, including luxury Premier Classe service. [www.shosholozameyl.co.za](http://www.shosholozameyl.co.za); [www.premierclasse.co.za](http://www.premierclasse.co.za)

*Autopax* (Translux, City-to-City) inter-city passenger bus services. [www.autopax.co.za](http://www.autopax.co.za)

*Intersite* – property management and portfolio development. [www.intersite.co.za](http://www.intersite.co.za)

## CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Over the next three years, PRASA is spending R25 billion on improving South Africa's transport system. Here's how some of it's being spent.

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Buses	R1.4 billion
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PRASA Rail employs 13000 people, providing permanent jobs in the operation of trains, manning of over 500 stations and maintenance of over 2000km of rail track and over 5000 train coaches. Metrorail is responsible for over 600 million passenger trips per year, whilst Shosholoza Meyl undertakes 4 million long distance and regional rail journeys. [www.prasa.com](http://www.prasa.com)

**PRASA Rail:** PRASA's rail division features two main products:

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PRASA Rail expends ±R5 000m annually into the economy in operating the passenger rail business. A further R5 000m is spent each year on asset development, rolling stock upgrades and infrastructure construction works. This translates into an economic impact of 1.3% of total government spending and ±0.5% of GDP through the passenger rail industry. An estimated 120 000 jobs in down stream industries are affected by the economic impact of the passenger rail industry.



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## DID YOU KNOW?

- Cutting-edge technology infrastructure upgrades ahead of the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ include the passenger information and communication system. So-called intelligent transport systems will manage congestion, incident response and travel demand.
- The Department of Transport is spearheading an integrated electronic ticketing system which will mean fans need to buy only one data-rich ticket that grants access to matches and public transport.
- Additional rail services will be scheduled to cope with the demand as government has promised that by June 2010 there will be a train available every five minutes during peak times and train services running between 14 and 16 hours every day.

## METRORAIL OPERATIONS

The Metrorail rail network covers more than 15% of South Africa's rail network. It owns 317 stations and operates 470 stations in Gauteng, Cape Town, Durban and the Eastern Cape.

It runs more than 2.2 million passenger trips every week day, providing rail services on 3 180 single track kilometers, of which it owns 2228 single track kilometres.

It has a rolling stock fleet of 406 train sets, comprising 4638 coaches.



## **SHOSHOLOZA MEYL**

Shosholoza Meyl carries over 3,970 million passengers per year and services 95 stations.

The sitter/economy class contributes 87.5% of total revenue of the business

It provides Premiere Class Trains, Tourist Class Trains, baggage and car transportation

Owns 1 223 rail coaches and uses 1 086 coaches for passenger transport

## **AUTOPAX**

It provides long distance inter-city and inter-regional bus services, serving around 100 destinations in southern Africa.

Is a road based passenger transport business operating three established brands, Translux, City-to-City and City-to-City Express

## **INTERSITE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Intersite focuses on the recapitalisation of PRASA's property portfolio and upgrades stations to provide immediate visible changes in the passenger experience. It manages 374 rail commuter stations and 4 200 hectares of land