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CATO RIDGE SERVICE REMAINS SUSPENDED FOLLOWING SIDE-COLLISION OF A COMMUTER TRAIN & A GOODS TRAIN

The Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA) regrets to announce that a side-collision involving one of our trains and a Transnet Freight train occurred between Hammarsdale and KwaTandaza, KwaZulu Natal, on Thursday, 09 May 2024 at around 19h35. Due to this incident, the Durban to Cato Ridge line is suspended until further notice.

The commuter train was travelling from Durban to Cato Ridge on the New Mainline corridor when the Goods Train side-collided with the commuter train, causing two cars of the commuter train to derail.

The incident caused damage to an overhead cable mast and a portion of the track. No injuries have been reported and the security personnel that were onboard the train and commuter train crew have been evaluated.

The safety and well-being of everyone involved are our highest priorities. While the cause of the collision has yet to be determined, an investigation is currently underway to determine the cause of the incident.

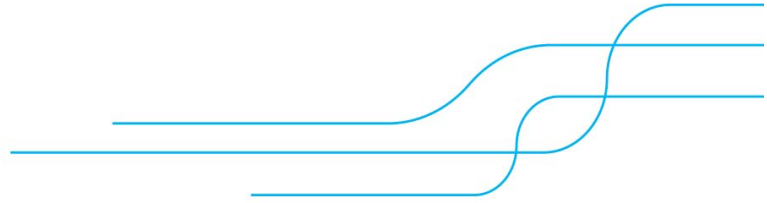
The PRASA KZN team is on site to work on the re-railing of the affected coaches which will be followed by infrastructure repairs. We will communicate the resumption of the service in due course.

PRASA sincerely apologizes for the inconvenience and the disruption caused to all

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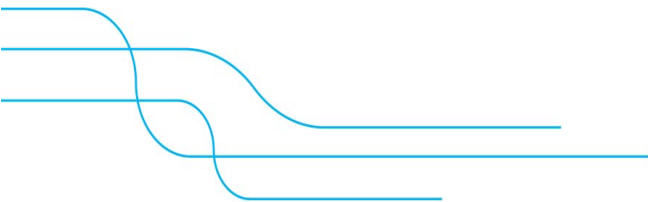
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our commuters. We will continue to provide updates on the restoration of services as more information becomes available.

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