

Deep Caption: Next delivery of GE C30-EMP Locomotives to Sheltam Grindrod boosts South African rail capacity

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Sheltam Grindrod have recently taken delivery of six GE - Transportation C30-EMP diesel-electric locomotives.

This is according to Roger Lambson, Sales Director for GE - Transportation in the Middle East and Africa.

"The six latest locomotives to arrive are the second phase of a total order of twenty, signed with Sheltam Grindrod in 2006. Last year saw the delivery of the first ten, and we expect the final four to arrive from our Brazilian manufacturing plant in the forthcoming weeks," comments Lambson.

The C30-EMP engines have all been built in Brazil and have 12-cylinder engines with electronic fuel injection and dynamic braking. A key feature of the locomotives is the GE Brightstar Microprocessor Control System. This controls and monitors all critical locomotive systems, thereby controlling and monitoring a locomotive's engine, traction motors, alternator, rectifiers, air system, blowers and cooling system.

"We are very pleased to have the next consignment of these locomotives, and are looking forward to having the full complement of this delivery, and the final four which are still due, commissioned and operational soon. They are destined for use within Southern Africa's growing rail sector, and will be deployed within both the private and public sector rail industries," adds Roy Puffett, CEO of Sheltam Grindrod.

About GE - Transportation

Established more than 100 years ago, GE - Transportation is a global technology leader and supplier to the railroad, marine, drilling, mining and wind industries. GE provides freight and passenger locomotives, railway signaling and communications systems, information technology solutions, marine engines, motorized drive systems for mining trucks and drills, high-quality replacement parts and value added services. With sales in excess of \$4.2 billion, GE - Transportation is headquartered in Erie, Penn., and employs approximately 9,500 employees worldwide.

Throughout the African continent, GE - Transportation provides spare parts and support as well as service, maintenance and refurbishment programmes to several major rail utilities, in countries such as Egypt, Cameroon, DRC, Gabon, Namibia, Zambia, Tanzania and South Africa. GE - Transportation has an installed base of approximately 1200 locomotives across the entire African continent. The division is also exploring upgrade programmes for some of these ageing locomotives.
