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Attention: News Editors / Transport Reporters

Immediate Use

Transport Minister to launch train service between Johannesburg and Musina

Gauteng – Long distance travelers will now be able to travel between Johannesburg and Musina using the long-distance passenger rail service of the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA).

PRASA's Main Line Passenger Services has re-introduced the passenger train service due to popular demand by commuters.

The Minister of Transport, Mr Joe Maswanganyi and acting PRASA Group CEO, Mr Cromet Molepo will officially launch the train services at the Johannesburg Park Station.

The service was withdrawn in 2014 due to the rationalisation of train services. The train will have a dining car that provides meals, tea/coffee and refreshments at an affordable price. The train stops at intermediate stations such as

Germiston, Pretoria, Hammanskraal, Bela Bela, Mokgophong, Mokopane, Polokwane, Soekmeaar, Makhado and finally Musina.

The journey between Johannesburg and Polokwane takes eight hours and to Musina, ten hours. The train will also be used by Zimbabwean customers crossing the border after alighting in Musina.

Members of the media are invited to join Minister Maswanganyi during the launch which will take place as follows:

Date: Friday, 23 February 2018

Time: 10H00 for 10H30

Venue: Johannesburg Park Station (Premier Class Lounge)

Parking for media: Parking space has been reserved for media personnel at the PRASA Offices in Braamfontein, *Umjantshi House*, 30 Wolmarans Street, Braamfontein.

All media are invited to attend, journalists interested are requested to confirm their attendance with Tshegofatso Maake on maaket@dot.gov.za (063) 281 9453 or Mahlatse Mamabolo at mamabolom@dot.gov.za (0714787731)

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