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COMMERCIAL SERVICE WITH THE NEW EMUs INTRODUCED ON THE KWAMASHU CORRIDOR

[KwaZulu Natal] PRASA has reached another milestone with the approval to run a commercial service with the new Electric Motor Units on the KwaMashu to Durban Corridor. PRASA is pleased to announce that, following a No-Objection certificate from the Railway Safety Regulator, RSR, the new, blue and white modern trains, popularly known as Isitimela Sabantu, will be running on the KwaMashu Corridor between Dalbridge and Bridge City from Friday, 25 August 2023 during off-peak.

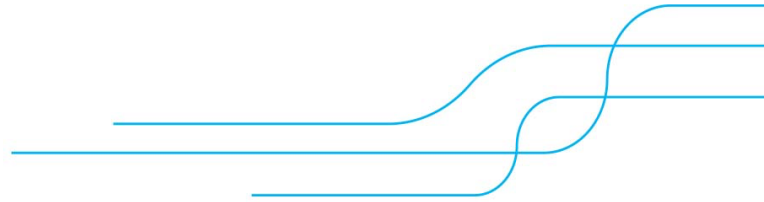
The blue and white trains are already running on the Southern Corridor between Durban and Umbogintwini and Durban to Cato Ridge lines. Peak services on the KwaMashu Corridor with the new trains will be announced soon, subject to RSR approval. Plans are also underway to recover the Durban to Crossmoor and Durban to Pinelands services in this financial year.

“The phased rollout of the Electric Motor Units on the recovered corridors is part of PRASA's wider strategy to modernize and improve passenger rail services across South Africa and make rail a safe, reliable, and affordable mode of transport. These trains are the most advanced passenger trains in the country and they significantly improve the passenger experience” says Hishaam Emeran, PRASA Group CEO.

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Commuters on the KwaMashu Corridor can look forward to the built in safety features that come with the new trains such as on-board CCTV cameras, an anti-crash system, wider doors that allow for easy entry and exit and a comfortable journey as the trains come with airconditioning. The Voice Alert and Information Display Systems will ensure that commuters get off at the right destination.

PRASA commends the KZN Team and all involved in making sure we deliver on our mandate.

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