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Millennium Train reliability continues to improve

Downer EDI Limited (Downer EDI) Managing Director Stephen Gillies today announced the Millennium Train reliability performance had significantly improved.

"The Millennium Train fleet travelled approximately 117,000 kms for the month of November with only 1 incident, substantially better than the reliability target set by StateRail of 1 incident in 60,000 kms travelled for that month.

"The improved performance is the result of the manufacturing support of our Cardiff and Bathurst facilities, the maintenance support from our team at Everleigh, the proactive approach taken by EDI Rail's Reliability Improvement Taskforce set up to oversee the Millennium Train progress and the operational support provided by StateRail.

"We are also of the view that the vehicle is now proving itself with enhanced access to the network," Mr Gillies said.

The incident recorded during the month of November was a traction interlock issue, which is a special safety feature that prevents the train moving if a door is not properly closed. The traction interlock incorrectly engaged when the doors were closed.

EDI Rail has presented the last 2 four-car sets of the 20 train sets ordered in Stage 1 of the contract to StateRail for acceptance and these sets are expected to commence revenue service in late December, 2003.

Stage 2 manufacture is well under way at EDI Rail's Cardiff and Bathurst manufacturing facilities.

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