

## RSZ revamp locomotives

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Railway Systems of Zambia Limited (RSZ) says the rehabilitation of the GT36 class locomotive has been completed.

The rehabilitation programme which RSZ embarked on is part of the investment plan contained in the signed concession agreement with the government.

According to a statement released in Lusaka on Friday, the fully upgraded locomotive was complete and is currently operating.

The locomotive components and parts reconditioning were sent to South Africa under a repair and return condition.

"The repair of some of these components has been completed in South Africa and we have begun to receive them into Zambia", the statement said.

RSZ said the next fully rehabilitated GT 36 class locomotive was expected to be on track before the end of this month.

The third GT 36 will be on track by the end of December 2005.

The statement added that the shipment for some locomotive engines were well advanced.

The statement explained that the company ordered engines on a Unit Exchange basis from the United States of America.

Four of them were from General Electric while another four were from General Motors.

The statement added that both companies are original equipment manufacturers for the locomotives in Zambia.