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RSZ in K1bn facelift

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THE Railway Systems of Zambia (RSZ) has spent over K1 billion on the on-going restructuring programme.

This has seen the upgrading of its facilities to respond to some of the major concerns that have been raised over its operations.

In a statement issued by a company spokesperson in Lusaka yesterday, the RSZ has rehabilitated coaches, locomotives and baggage vans operating on the express trains as well as passenger train station facilities in order to improve the quality of service.

The RSZ has also dedicated four locomotives to operate with both the ordinary and express passenger trains.

“With effect from September 30, 2008, the RSZ will restructure its passenger train operations from three ordinary trains running between Kitwe and Livingstone on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to two ordinary ones running between Livingstone and Kitwe on Mondays and Fridays,” reads the statement.

These will include an express train service operating between Lusaka and Livingstone on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays.

The restructuring of the passenger train services took into consideration results of the passenger service market demand and passenger density studies along the RSZ route.

Under the new express train schedule, trains will not stop at every station as was the case under the old arrangement.

They will now only stop at the major stations and this is expected to drastically reduce on transit time.