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Bloemfontein to Ficksburg





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Sandstone Estates Directors recently decided to move their 3'6" locomotives from Bloemfontein to the Estates in Ficksburg due to security reasons.

The moving of these giants was carefully planned and needed massive resources to make it happen. The locomotives involved were the mighty class GMAM, a fully restored class 19D, 24 Class and a 11 class with two GMAM water tanker wagons.



A contractor was hired to prepare the loading area for the massive GMAM

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Transnet shunted the GMAM to the loading area in Bloemfontein.





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The Mercor truck reversed onto the back of the low bed to use the winch to pull the GMAM onto the low bed. .





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The GMAM finally at the end of the line on the ramp low bed.



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The 152 wheel multi axle trailer lined up and the GMAM ready to move forward.



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The GMAM was secured with chains and the Munro truck moved aside.





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The road was completed and Mercor positioned to start loading.



The class 24 was first in line.



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The GMAM was held up for a few days to obtain a permit and arrived late Tuesday afternoon..





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Time to push the massive GMAM back onto the low bed ramp.



Double headed Volvos were needed to push back the GMAM, but it was not possible because of the weight of the GMAM together with the red sand.



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The help of this John Deere was needed to pull the GMAM low bed to the back of the low bed ramp.



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A long cable was used to pull the low bed back.



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The GMAM safely offloaded.





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The three locomotives in a 90 degree angle with the GMAM.

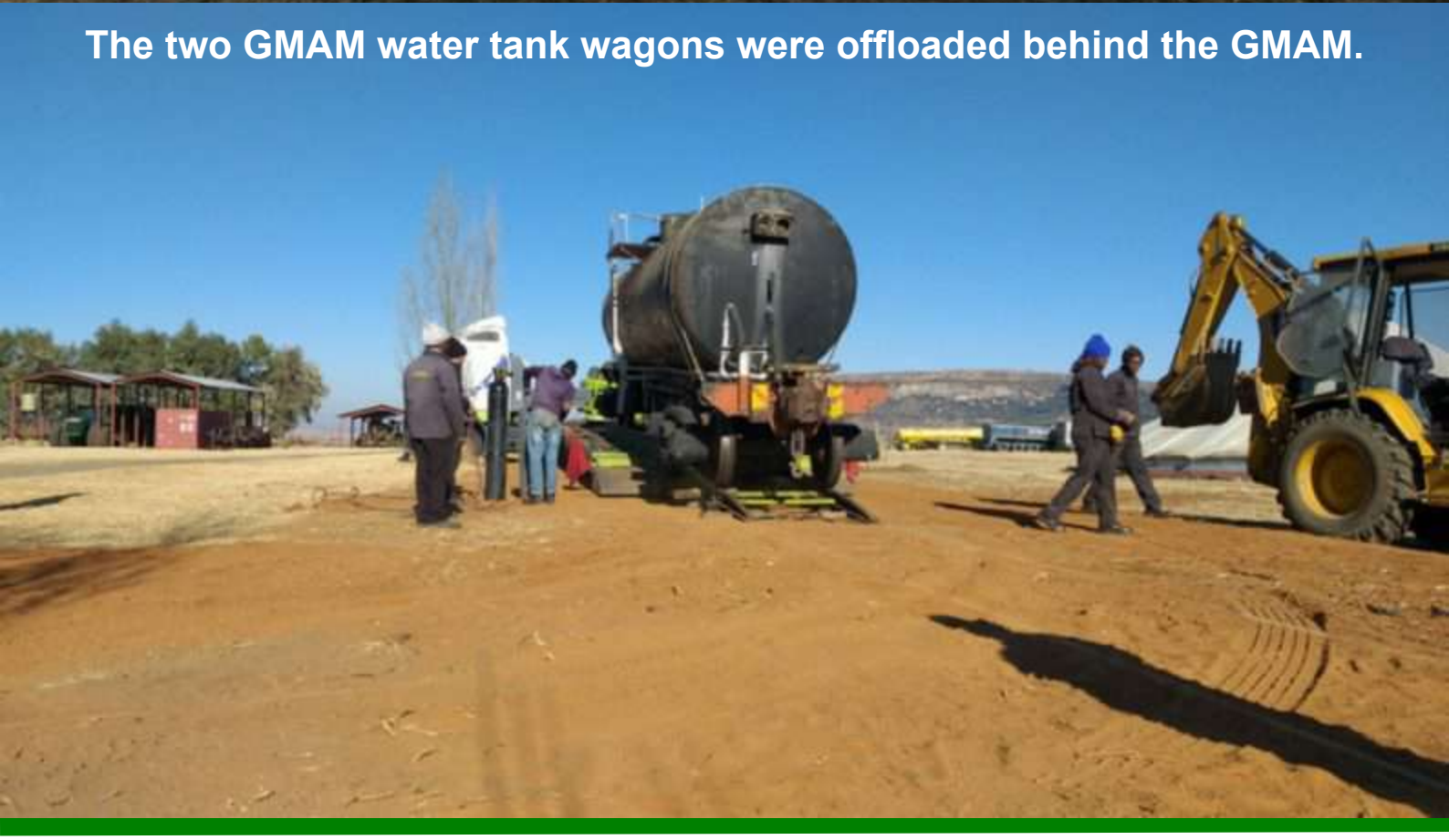




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The two GMAM water tank wagons were offloaded behind the GMAM.



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