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Städtebahn Sachsen GmbH to reopen further section from Monday PLUTA attorney Dr Laubereau provides details

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Städtebahn Sachsen GmbH (SBS) will resume operations on another partial section of the diesel railcar network managed by the Upper Elbe Transport Association (VVO) from Monday. Trains are set to run at hourly intervals from Dresden-Neustadt to the Ottendorf-Okrilla Süd station. Replacement buses will ferry passengers from there to Königsbrück. Moreover, there will be two trains on the line to Dresden to depart again from Königsbrück (workdays at 4:39 and daily at 22:39), while another two trains will run each evening to Königsbrück (departing at Dresden-Neustadt at 21:36 and 23:20). This means that a large section of the RB 33 line is being served. Everyone involved is continuing to do their very best to ensure that SBS trains can again cover all of the northern section of the RB 33.

With this approach, SBS is increasing the reliability of its services on this line in coordination with the Upper Elbe Transport Association. Previously, buses from Königsbrück and Ottendorf-Okrilla were frequently held up in traffic due to roadworks, which meant that passengers were missing their connection in Dresden-Klotzsche. From Monday, the trains will bypass the roadworks. The new set-

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up will also benefit students from Hermsdorf and Weixdorf, especially in light of the Klotzsche Grammar School's move to Pieschen.

However, it is not yet possible to operate the entire RB 33 line as not all of SBS' vehicles can yet be used. SBS will have eleven vehicles available to it from next week. The leasing company Alpha Trains is committed to ensuring that the remaining trains will be ready for operation as soon as possible. This means that services from Pirna to Neustadt and Sebnitz (RB 71) will still be covered by buses. However, it is expected that the line will be reopened as soon as possible once SBS has the necessary vehicle capacity at its disposal.

The provisional insolvency administrator Dr Stephan Laubereau from PLUTA explained: "Next Monday, Städtebahn Sachsen will resume operations on another section of the VVO diesel railcar network. We are working flat out to quickly get trains running again on all routes."

Städtebahn Sachsen GmbH has been involved in insolvency proceedings since late July. On 29 July 2019, the Local Court of Aschaffenburg ordered provisional insolvency proceedings and appointed Dr Stephan Laubereau from PLUTA Rechtsanwalts GmbH as provisional administrator.

Scheduled operations on two lines

Trains have been running as scheduled on the lines from Dresden to Kamenz (RB 34) and from Heidenau to Altenberg (RB 72) since 19 August. Dr Laubereau explained:

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"The trains are running without restriction and the passenger numbers are good. We are very happy with how things have been going on both routes to date." The provisional insolvency administrator will make an announcement as soon as there is further news.

Städtebahn Sachsen GmbH is an intercity railway company based in Niedernberg near Aschaffenburg and has been responsible for a regional route network around the Saxon state capital, Dresden, since 2010. The company operates four lines on behalf of the Upper Elbe Transport Association.

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