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Brand new BHPBilliton Iron Ore SD70MACe 4358 part of 18 locomotive order under construction at Electro-Motive Company Canada on EMCC test track at East London Ontario on May 20th. Photo Dave Burroughs

The latest order of 18 SD70MACe locomotives for BHPBilliton Iron Ore builders number 20098203-001 to 20098203-018 road numbers #4356 to #4375 are under construction at Electro-Motive Company Canada in London Ontario. 4358 has been completed and was under test at EMCC test track at East London on May 20th. These locomotives will probably arrive in Port Hedland some time in August that will most probably see the remaining SD40s withdrawn from ore train service.

LZ3104 arrived back from NSW in December 2008 following ending of ARG operations there and has never run in WA being stored on arrival. LZ3104 entered workshop in May 2009 for repair/maintenance that has proceeded slowly for past year owing to pressure of work. LZ3104 was released for load trial on May 26th ran to Kwinana with Q4006 also on load trial following overhaul on 3430 empty 4029 loaded sulphur.



P2502 on empty wheat train loading at Brookton CBH complex on May 21st with half consist on either side of locomotive for loading purposes. Photo Don Copley



S3306 on empty alumina hoppers departing Worsley Junction as it climbs the grade on the line to Hamilton alumina refinery on May 18th. Photo Don Copley



LZ3104 still named Purnu leads Q4006 on 3430 empty sulphur train through Cockburn East with both locomotives attached at Forrestfield undergoing works trials on May 26th. Photo Alex Mackay



D49 hauls dead attached NA1874 with EI 84 observation car and brakevan power car through Bellevue on May 24th following return from use on work trains interstate. Photo Jim Bisdee



S3306 attached to run 3822 following failure on DD2357 with D1562 on Worsley Alumina hoppers through Beela on May 18th. Photo Don Copley



DD2358 & D2311 run 3856 caustic tankers through Worsley Junction on its run to Hamilton alumina refinery on may 18th. Photo Stew Winston



DD2358 & D2311 on 3856 caustic tankers crosses S3306, DD2357 & D1562 on 3822 Worsley Alumina hoppers at Beela on May 18th its winter but note all dead grass. Photo Stew Winston



S3306, DD2358 & D1562 on 3822 loaded Worsley Alumina hoppers runs through S curves on Collie line east of Brunswick on May 18th. Photo Don Copley

Transperth EMU set #91 was attached to rear of 7WP2 steel train at Port Augusta on May 24th arriving at P/N Kewdale in early hours of morning on 26th. 8039 hauled EMU set #91 to old workshops Midland to have power bogies fitted mid morning of 27th.

D51 ran 3S42 light engine from SSRS/Gemco Bellevue to Forrestfield to be SCT yard shunter on May 25th.



Q4006 & LZ3104 both run works trial following overhaul/repair on 3430 empty sulphur train through Kewdale on May 26th.

Photo Simon Barber

K206, K205, K210, & [dead attached] NA1874 ran 2M21 ballast train into Parkeston on May 21st for locomotive and crew car change over. D48 & D49 with ADVP277 overhauled and refurbished crew car departed Bellevue early hours 22nd for changeover on EGR west of Kalgoorlie with K205, NA1874, EI 84 observation car and PGC395 that departed Parkeston mid morning. Following locomotive crew car change over D49 hauling NA1874, EI 84 and PGC395 returned to Southern Cross to stable for crew time off, D48 hauling K205 and ADVP returned to Parkeston made up ballast train and stabled. D48, K205, K210 & K206 on 1M22 ballast departed Parkeston for ARTC ballast duties evening of May 23rd while D49 & NA1874 with observation car and crew car arrived back at Bellevue late morning on May 24th.
