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4391 first of the latest BHPBio SD70ACe locomotive order to be completed at EMD Muncie Indiana plant undergoing tests on September 11th. Photo Overland Models Inc Brian Marsh

Correction: with BHPBio SD70ACe #4391 having recently been completed it was brought to my notice that the listing of the 17 locomotives #4374 to #4391 being delivered to Port Hedland is incorrect as that is 18 locomotives. These locomotives were delivered in three batches and made up this way; #4374 thru #4379 first batch of six locomotives in May, #4380 thru #4385 second batch of six locomotives in end June/start July, #4386 thru #4390 final batch of five locomotives in August. All these 17 locomotives have now entered service marking the completion of this fleet expansion to cover increased production under RGP5.

BHPBio SD70ACe #4391 recently completed by EMD at Progress Rail Muncie Indiana plant is the first of ten locomotives in the present order to be constructed for BHPBio and are due to be delivered to Port Hedland in late January/early February 2013. These locomotives numbered #4391 thru #4400 are the first of a locomotive fleet renewal and replacement programme that will eventually see all the CM40-8M and AC6000 units replaced with a single SD70ACe fleet.



ACN4168 & ACN4168 on Mt Gibson ore train at Kojarena September 17th. Both photos Phil Melling



P2506 on loaded mineral sands train on Eneabba line about to cross Indian Ocean Drive September 16th.



S3309 & DBZ2310 on 3271 lime empty coal at North Dandalup September 18th. Photo Brendan Cherry



DBZ2301 on loaded alumina at Mundijong September 18th. Photo Brendan Cherry



MMY32 QRN rail grinder grinding lines at the Geraldton Port September 15th.

Photo Phil Melling



S3305 on loaded bauxite at North Dandalup September 18th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



NR13, NR87 & NR84 on 7MP7 passing LZ3103 stabled Bolivar Loop SA 14/9 after being detached owing to badly skidded wheels by 5MP1 QN intermodal that was hauling it back to WA. Photo Daven Walters



CHNY6050 was originally on standard gauge ballast work here with narrow gauge version CHNY6013 on now combined single ballast fleet at Narngulu September 15th. Photo Phil Melling



Ex WAGR W934 on Pichi Richi special train running parallel 9305 on TAR Centenary Special with QRN 6022, CFCLA G512, SCT CSR004, GWA GWU004 & P/N NR18 Port Augusta 14/9. Photo Peter Clark



P2515, AB1504 & P2506 haul loaded Karara ore train into Narngulu September 8th. Photo Phil Melling



RK4 Rail King hauls EPC brake converted ore cars at 8 Mile yard September 5th.

Photo Garry Lamb



Some CFCLA CHAY 2xpack hoppers were converted into ballast wagons for use on Mid West upgrading here loaded on semi trailers ready to be hauled out at Narngulu at their end of use 4/9. Photo Phil Melling



BHPBIO CM40-8M 5646, 5664 & 5666 haul loaded ore rake to Finucane Island 17/9. Photo Mark Bennett



4332, 4302, 5669 & 5667 departing Port Hedland with empty ore train to Mt Newman where the two CM40-8Ms will be detached for use on Mt Newnan shuttle trains September 17th. Photo Mark Bennett

SCT014 on hire to Watco was hauled out dead attached to Adelaide on SCT 3PG1 September 18th for repair and maintenance that also had refurbished GWA crew car ADFY4 [ex BRJ2] attached.



6003 & LDP003 with empty five Cook fuel tankers on 5MP1 West Kalgoorlie 15/9. Photo Peter Donaghy



Long end leading overhead shot of CBH011 at Welshpool on September 7th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



AC4302 & AC4301 on 7414 empty ore with old and new ore cars types Binduli 15/9. Photo Peter Donaghy



AC4306 & ACB4402 are DPU units on 7414 empty ore at Binduli September 15th. Photo Peter Donaghy

Overhaul of DB2311 is nearing completion with it having been fitted with Z trac traction upgrade package and is now DBZ2311 the final DB to be overhauled and upgraded. DBZ2311 has been repainted in QRN yellow livery its still at Forrestfield workshops.



DFZ2403 & DFZ2405 on 2112 light engines to UGR Bassendean at Guildford on 17/9. Photo Jim Bisdee

QR National announced on September 17th that it was proposed to rename the company Aurizon subject to shareholder approval at AGM [Annual General Meeting] to be held on November 7th. This name change if approved would take effect from December 1st. The new name is being sought as it is felt a number of customers, shareholders and other stakeholders are confused between QR National and Queensland Rail. They are confused about who owns the company, the services the company provides and where the company operates this name change makes a clear statement about the companies growing Australia wide footprint and growth aspirations. The new name is a combination of Australia and Horizon better reflecting the scope the companies operation and aspirations to span the Australian horizon. The corporate logo and colours will remain the same being Aurizon trading as QR National similar to Pacific National whose corporate name is Asciano.

DFZ2403 and DFZ2405 ran light engine to United Group Rail Bassendean on September 17th to have DPU capacity fitted joining DFZ2402 that is still at the plant.

Latest BHPBIO SD70ACe order #4391-#4000 being built by EMD in Muncie have been fitted with new step protection device and safety protection gating on the front and rear walkway.



Front end of #4391 showing safety protection gattings 11/9.

Photo Overland Models Inc Brian Marsh



#4391 showing gattings protection on B end at EMD Muncie 11/9. Photo Overland Models Inc Brian Marsh



NR62 still with National Rail diamonds & NR11 on 7PM5 Woodbridge September 15th. Photo Jim Bisdee



LZ3109 & LZ3119 on 7142 container train at Welshpool September 15th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



SD70ACe #4326 & #4390 on loaded 120 ore car rake Port Hedland September 17th. Photo Mark Bennett