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**CIRCULAR LETTER TO SCHOOLS**

Dear Principal,

**Re: 2017 Crushing Season – Cane Train Safety Awareness**

Attached is a Circular to Parents/Teachers in relation to the 2017 crushing season.

We would be pleased if this Circular could be included in your school's newsletter.

***"Watch Out – Cane Trains About"***

It is hoped that with the co-operation of the community, children will be made aware of the dangers of playing on the cane railway with the result being an accident free season.

Yours sincerely,

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CIRCULAR TO PARENTS/TEACHERS

**SAFETY ON THE SUGAR CANE RAILWAY**

The commencement of the 2017 cane crushing season is approaching and as part of the MSF Sugar Safety Program, the Company would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and children as to the danger of playing on or near cane trains and railway tracks.

It is of concern that children don't realise the danger they put themselves in when they jump on to bins of moving cane trains, play around railway tracks, or riding trail bikes along the cane railway and even fish from cane railway bridges.

Cane railways are no different from any other rail system (e.g. QR) and children should not play on or near railways. While cane trains are well marked and safety systems are in place, they carry large loads and have limited ability to brake suddenly. Risk of injury does not only involve children but also applies to locomotive crews and other members of the public.

Occasionally children are seen playing with the track points that guide the train from one track to another or placing objects on the line. This is extremely dangerous as it can cause the train to derail and result in serious injury to our locomotive crews.

MSF Sugar has an extensive cane railway network and cane trains will be operating 24 hours a day during the crushing season.

Please stay safe and remember:

- Stay away from locomotives and cane bins.
- Don't play around railway lines.
- Never walk between cane bins.
- Never go on to a cane railway bridge.
- Never walk behind a train – the driver will not see you.
- If you have to cross the railway tracks, STOP and look both ways, LISTEN and only cross when it is safe.
- OBEY Flashing Lights signals and Give Way signage at road crossings.
- Do not ride trail bikes along the cane railway.

MSF Sugar will be promoting its "Cane Train Awareness 2017" program by way of Press Advertising, Highway Billboards and a Radio and TV campaign throughout the 2017 crushing which will extend from June to November.

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