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Another delay for the delivery of a repaired railroad to Port Daniel

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PORT DANIEL - Transports Québec announced on October 18 another delay in the delivery of a refurbished railway between Caplan and Port Daniel. That section of the Gaspé Peninsula network was supposed to be ready for traffic at the end of 2024 but it is now postponed until the spring of 2025, without more precision about a date. The press release, issued as the SPEC was reaching its deadline, mentions that the delay comes from a mutual agreement between the ministry and the Société du chemin de fer de la Gaspésie (SCFG), the railway transporter along the line. The president of the SCFG, Éric Dubé, specifies that a mutual agreement was effectively reached between the two parties.

“It is a fact. Traffic will not resume before the spring because Saint Mary’s Cement’s silo is not built yet. That company just published a call for tenders for its construction. If things go well, the concrete slab of the silo will be installed before the end of 2024, but not the silo. It also requires environmental approval because of dust emission,” assures Mr. Dubé. It is the third postponement of the railway refurbishment project between Caplan and Port Daniel since 2017.