

November 12, 2021
Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.
Kawasaki Railcar Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

Statement Regarding WMATA Derailment (as of November 12, 2021)

On October 12, 2021, the derailment incident was occurred in the 7000 series railcar, which was supplied by Kawasaki Rail Car, Inc., a consolidated subsidiary of Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd., and is maintained and operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) in the United States.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is currently conducting an investigation into the cause. Kawasaki Group was offered party status by NTSB and WMATA, and has been participating in the investigation in the field. The cause of the derailment has been yet determined at this moment.

In order to resume service operation of the 7000 series railcars, WMATA submitted a proposal that included a review of inspection intervals to the Washington Metro Safety Commission (WMSC), and is conducting running tests to validate such intervals since November 8 (local time).

Kawasaki Group, as the supplier of the 7000 series railcars, will continue to cooperate with the investigation to resolve the issue as soon as possible. In addition, Kawasaki Group will promptly notify when we find out what should be disclosed in future.