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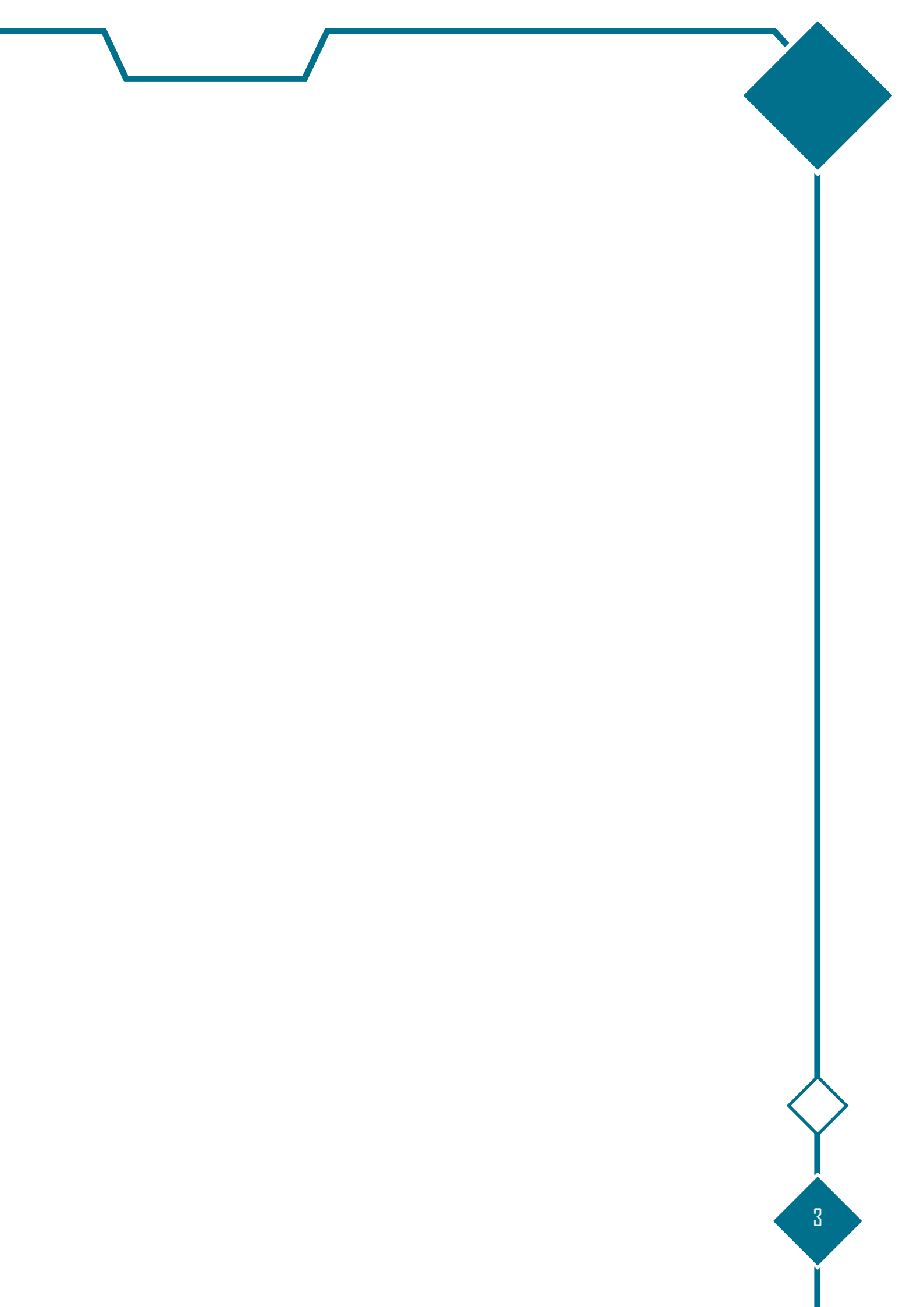
Derailment of a passenger train

Germoir (Ixelles)

4 March 2021

REPORT VERSION TABLE

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Nature of the event:

Derailment of a passenger train due to the collision with a metal object in the track.

Type of event and safety investigation:

Accident of type “other”: main line derailment.

The investigation is ongoing.

Date and time of the event:

Thursday 4 March 2021 at 6:35 p.m.

Place of the event:

Line 161A, Gerموir station (Ixelles), platform II, kilometre marker 7.465.

Trains:

- Train SNCB/NMBS E3289, route Leuven - Braine l'Alleud, AM 906 + 950.
- Train SNCB/NMBS E2189, route Aalst – Mechelen, AM 08175.

Victims:

There are no victims.

Damages and consequences:

The motor coach AM950 of train E3289 derailed on one axle and did not overturn.

No damage to the infrastructure.

A single-track service could be quickly organised.

FACTS

On Thursday 4 March 2021, at around 6:35 p.m., SNCB/NMBS passenger train E3289 arrives at Gerموir station for a commercial stop. The train driver notices a metal object in the track: he performs an emergency braking but cannot avoid the collision with the metal object. As a result of the impact, the first axle of the train derails. He launches a GSM-R alarm. With the train at the platform, passengers can evacuate the train safely via the station platform.

The metal object could be identified as the box containing the emergency coupling of an AM08 “Desiro” motor coach: it comes from train E2189 which passed through Gerموir station a few minutes earlier.

INVESTIGATION

The investigators of the Investigation Unit could visit the SNCB/NMBS workshops in Schaerbeek to make initial findings on the rolling stock concerned.

The investigation is ongoing to determine the causal, contributing and systemic factors leading to the presence of the box and its contents on the track and to the derailment.

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