

# NBL Preservation Group

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## Dubs Tank Shipping Appeal



**NBLPG Dubs Tank No. 196 at Masons Mill shed in January 2009 (Photo by Andy Anderson)**

After cosmetic restoration at the Umgeni Steam Railway in South Africa, our Dubs 'A' Class 4-8-2 Tank No 196 is almost ready to return to the UK. Just £15,000 is needed to cover final repainting and shipping costs to bring this historic, 109 years old, Glasgow built steam locomotive from Durban to a new home that is currently being prepared for her at the Mizens Railway near Woking.

100 of the 'A' Class Tanks were built at Dubs' Glasgow Locomotive Works for the Natal Government Railways between 1888 and 1900 and they were the first engines in the World to utilise the 4-8-2 wheel arrangement. Their great success paved the way for many larger and much more powerful locomotives using the 'Mountain' configuration.

Starting life as NGR No. 133, she became SAR No. 196 in 1910 and spent many years slogging it out on the 1 in 30 gradients through the mountains of Natal. Pressed into industrial service in later years, she was last used at Springfield Colliery before being donated to NBLPG by AMCOAL.

With a planned shipping date of August 2009 we have just 5 months to raise the balance of funds. You can help by buying shares in the engine, providing a loan or by becoming an associate member of our preservation group. Your support will ensure that No. 196 comes home for a long and happy retirement so, if you are able to help in any way, please contact us as soon as possible.

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If you are able to help us in any way, please complete the form below and send it to us at the address at the bottom of the page. New members are always welcome and there is no annual subscription to pay, just a one-off joining fee of £10 that will provide you with regular news updates on our various projects and the opportunity to purchase Shares in any of our locomotives.

For further information on the Dubs Tank, NBL Preservation Group Membership or any of our locomotive projects, please telephone : **01189 864 706** , e:mail : [ken.livermore@btinternet.com](mailto:ken.livermore@btinternet.com) or visit our website at : [www.nbloco.net](http://www.nbloco.net)

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### SHARE PURCHASE / MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME :

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ADDRESS :

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TELEPHONE NUMBER :

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E:MAIL ADDRESS :

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NGR DUBS TANK No. 196 LOCO SHARES @ £5 EACH : £

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INTEREST FREE LOAN TO DUBS SHIPPING FUND : £ (please state loan period)

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NBLPG MEMBERSHIP JOINING FEE (optional) : £10

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TOTAL ENCLOSED : £

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**ALL SHARE PURCHASES, LOANS & SUBSCRIPTIONS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED, PLEASE FORWARD TO : THE HON. SECRETARY, NBL PRESERVATION GROUP, 4 PORCHFIELD CLOSE, EARLEY, READING, BERKS, RG6 5YZ. PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO : NBL PRESERVATION GROUP. THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST & SUPPORT**