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From: [Gaynor Ford](#)

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Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2009 9:09 AM

Subject: RE: Worlds longest train?

Dear Bo

Thanks for your inquiry.

Yes it is true, although the distance between Port Hedland and Newman is approx 450km not 275kms as stated.

Kind Regards

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To: Information requests

Subject: Worlds longest train?

Dear Sirs!

On Youtube I found this film <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9LsuNWjRaAo> with the text

Australian BHP Iron ore train, the longest train to ever run in the world, this train is officially in the Guinness book of world records for the longest train.

The record was set on June 21, 2001 in western Australia between Newman and Port Hedland, a distance of 275km (170 miles) and the train consisted of 682 loaded iron ore wagons and 8 GE AC6000 locomotives giving a gross weight of almost 100,000 tonnes and moved 82,262 tonnes of ore, the train was 7.353 km (4.568 miles) long.

BHP iron ore did this to test locotrol which is where locomotives are evenly placed along the length of the train. The locotrol setup was 2 locos-166 wagons, 2 locos-168 wagons, 2 locos-168 wagons, 1 loco-180 wagons then the last locomotive on the back.

This very long train is controlled by only one driver.

Certainly makes an awesome sight, enjoy!

Is this true? 682 wagons? Or is it a fake?

Yours sincerely,

Bo Bävertoft

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