

Railway accident investigation report

Railway operator : Kumamoto Electric Railway Co., Ltd.

Accident type : Level crossing accident

Date and time : About 22:10, October 16, 2016

Location : Between Hakenomiya and Horikawa Number 8 level crossing, class four level crossing without automatic barrier machine nor road warning device, located at around 5,652 m from the origin at Kami-Kumamoto station, between Horikawa station and Hakenomiya station, single track, Kikuchi Line, Kumamoto City, Kumamoto Prefecture

SUMMARY

On Sunday, October 16, 2016, while the inbound 330 train, started from Miyoshi station bound for Kita-Kumamoto station, Kikuchi Line of Kumamoto Electric Railway Co., Ltd., was running between Horikawa station and Hakenomiya station, the driver of the train noticed a sedan entering to Between Hakenomiya and Horikawa Number 8 level crossing, class four level crossing, and applied an emergency brake, but the train collided with the sedan.

The driver of the sedan was dead in the accident.

PROBABLE CAUSES

It is highly probable that the accident had occurred as the train collided with a sedan because the sedan entered to Between Hakenomiya and Horikawa Number 8 level crossing, class four level crossing without automatic barrier machine nor road warning device, in the situation that the train was approaching.

It is somewhat likely that the driver of the sedan moved the sedan into the level crossing in the situation that the train was approaching, in relation with the bad visibility for trains from the seated driver in the sedan, but it could not be determined the precise situations because the driver of the sedan was dead in the accident.