FCCA INAUGURATES PASSENGER SERVICES

NEWS RELEASE

Lima, Peru / August 6, 2002 – Ferrocarril Central Andino has instituted two new passenger services, both oriented toward the tourist market, effective mid-July.

A Sunday service from Lima, oriented to the domestic market, offers a day excursion for families to the railway’s own park at San Bartolome Station. The service will operate through December, and offers a sunny escape from Lima’s consistently gray winter weather. The train leaves Lima’s Desemparados Station at 8.30 am, arriving San Bartolome at 10.30 am. Returning, the train leaves San Bartolome at 4.00 pm and arrives Desemparados at 6.00 pm. Roundtrip fare is 25.00 soles (7.20 USD).

A monthly service between Lima and destinations in the Andes, oriented to the foreign market, offers a weekend excursion on the world’s highest railway line. Crossing the railway summit at Ticlio (4849 meters above sea level), the ride offers an unparalleled experience on one of the Railway Wonders of the World. A train to Huancayo will operate on August 30, returning September 1. A train to Cerro de Pasco will operate on October 5, returning to Lima October 8. Subsequent itineraries will be determined on a month-to-month basis, and information may be obtained directly from ferrocarrilcentral@fcca.com.pe.

FCCA’s general manager, Jack Roberson comments, “We believe this service will make an important contribution to Peru’s tourism industry, and has been an objective since privatization of the railway in 1999. With our recent acquisition of new locomotives and after substantial investment in infrastructure we are for the first time in a position to provide this service without disruption to our freight business, which itself is experiencing continued growth.”

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