

MEDIA RELEASE: DERAILMENT

WINDHOEK, 27 February 2023: A derailment occurred this morning at approximately 09h30, about 50 kilometres outside of Lüderitz, whereby two locomotives and one wagon derailed.

The train was carrying a total of 22 wagons of manganese product, with only one wagon derailing, causing minor spillage of the product. A total of three employees were onboard and have sustained injuries. The employees were immediately taken for further treatment. TransNamib activated its emergency response plan when the incident occurred and the area has been cordoned off.

At this time the cause of the derailment is unknown and subject to further investigation.

TransNamib has halted the movement of trains on the line, as recovery and repairs are expected to take a few days before train service operations on the line can recommence. We sincerely apologise for all the inconvenience caused.

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