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Dear Sir/Madam

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence.

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Sincerely,

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Tue 13/01/2026 4:36 am

Good day
Well received, I will participate, and share with other stakeholders, thanks.
Kind regards

On Mon, 12 Jan 2026, 3:37 PM, <carien@greeneearthnamibia.com> wrote:

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Windhoek Explosives <WindhoekExplosives@nampol.na>
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Fwd: Queries and inputs to the BHL project



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Reply



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Thu 15/01/2026 5:39 pm

You forwarded this message on 16/01/2026 12:49 pm.

Good day sir, my sincere greetings and compliments for the new season.

Your inputs are highly appreciated and valued.

In here copied in this email co-ordinates the study.

On the attached document shared with you, include are response/ comment sheet, where your required to sign.

However, I will come collect the comment sheet next week, I will be at the border.

Thanks

Kind regards

Buitepos Local Authority Area

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From: Absalom uupindi <uupindia@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2026, 10:36 AM

Subject: Queries and inputs to the BHL project

To: changamundia@gmail.com <changamundia@gmail.com>

Greetings Mr. Changa

These are my 5 questions

- 1 What are the emergency response procedures for accidents, spills, or fires involving hazardous items at or near the Buitepos border crossing?
- 2 Which local agencies or services (e.g., police, customs, health services) will be in charge of first response in the event of an incident at Buitepos, and are they appropriately equipped?
- 3 What measures will be implemented to prevent contamination of soil and groundwater in the Buitepos area in the event of a spill or leak?
- 4 How will Buitepos inhabitants and personnel be kept informed of accidents, dangers, and safety measures involving hazardous goods transportation?

and here are my recommendations

I propose that a site-specific emergency response plan for Buitepos be created and distributed to border officers, inhabitants, and relevant agencies.

I recommend that a designated safe parking or holding space for hazardous commodities trucks be established at Buitepos, away from residential and office areas.

I advise that residents and personnel at Buitepos have regular communication and information exchange about hazardous commodities movements and safety practices.

While the Background Information Document provides a broad overview of the proposed project, the Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Plan are insufficiently detailed, particularly in terms of site-specific risks, emergency response measures, and mitigation strategies for the Buitepos border post and surrounding residential areas. More precise, location-specific information is required to allow meaningful public participation."

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Kind Regards

Absalom Upindi

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FW: OBJECTION SUBMISSION TRANSNAMIB - HARZARDOUS GOODS



Charlie Du Toit <charlie@greenearthnamibia.com>
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Tue 20/01/2026 10:42 am

This message was sent with High importance.



From: Doris Lamperth <Doris.Lamperth@transnamib.com.na>
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 10:34 AM
To: charlie@greenearthnamibia.com
Cc: Desmond E. Van Jaarsveld <Desmond.VanJaarsveld@transnamib.com.na>; Jonas Sheelongo <Jonas.Sheelongo@mwt.gov.na>; tjivikuum@ra.org.na
Subject: OBJECTION SUBMISSION TRANSNAMIB - HARZARDOUS GOODS
Importance: High

Dear Messrs Du Toit and Van Der Walt,

Attached please find Objection Submission for your attention from Trans Namib.

Will you please acknowledge receipt?

Trust this finds you well.

Regards,

Doris Lamperth
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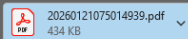
Feedback on the transport of hazardous



Gobabis Municipality <info@gobabis.org>
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Cc: Cleophaskauapirura

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Wed 21/01/2026 8:49 am

You replied to this message on 21/01/2026 9:07 am.
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Good morning, Madam

I trust this email finds you well. Kindly find attached a letter for your attention.

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Regards

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From: Richard Tibinyane <tibinyaner2@gmail.com>
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To: charlie@greenearthnamibia.com
Subject: BID for BHL Group

Good evening,

Please see attachment for your perusal.

Regards,
Richard Tibinyane

COMMENTS FROM INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

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INTEREST IN PROJECT

I am interested in my personal capacity as a transport management, logistics and supply chain management scholar with over a decade professional experience in transportation overload control, regulatory services, abnormal loads and road user charging systems.

COMMENTS ON PROJECT

This is a great opportunity for Namibia to learn from and implement international best practices and standards in safety and environmental management during the handling, storage and transportation of hazardous and/or dangerous substances or goods within Namibia and through ports of entry.

Signature:



Date:

24.01.2026

Kindly take note that comments should reach our office by 26 January 2026.



MUNICIPALITY OF GOBABIS

Please address all correspondence to the Chief Executive Officer

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Our Ref. No: 17 / 6 / P

Date: 21 January 2026

Mrs. Carien Van der Walt
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Dear Carien,

FEEDBACK ON THE TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS GOODS THROUGH GOBABIS

Your request on the above captured bears reference.

This office would like to provide feedback regarding the transportation of hazardous substances through Gobabis by Bulk Haulage Logistics (Pty) Ltd.

The Gobabis Municipality currently does not have the capacity to respond adequately to all potential spillage or leakage scenarios, nor do we have secure parking facilities for vehicles transporting hazardous substances. Repeated minor spills or chronic emissions may result in long-term soil and water contamination, biodiversity loss, and disruption of ecosystem services.

Exposure to hazardous substances can lead to acute poisoning, respiratory complications, and long-term health effects. Considering these risks, the Gobabis Municipality will not permit trucks transporting hazardous substances to park or overnight within the town boundary. Such vehicles will only be allowed to pass through Trans Kalahari Bypass (B6) road.

If an emergency stop becomes unavoidable, we request early communication from your organisation.

We further recommend that your company implement clear communication protocols, including timely incident reporting, to ensure effective coordination and response.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring the safety of our community and environment.

Yours sincerely,


F.M. SHIMAKELANI (Mrs.)
acting CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MUNICIPALITY OF GOBABIS
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21 JAN 2026

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

COMMENTS FROM INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

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INTEREST IN PROJECT	
TransNamib is the national rail operator.	
COMMENTS ON PROJECT	
See attached submission	
Signature:	
Date:	20/01/2026

Kindly take note that comments should reach our office by 26 January 2026.



OBJECTION SUBMISSION: TRANSNAMIB HOLDINGS LTD

RE: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS GOODS BY BULK HAULAGE LOGISTICS (PTY) LTD

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 26 JANUARY 2026

1. Introduction


TransNamib Holdings Ltd, Namibia's national rail operator and a key custodian of the country's integrated transport infrastructure and safety, hereby submits this formal objection to the proposed Environmental Clearance Certificate for Bulk Haulage Logistics (Pty) Ltd (BHL) to transport hazardous goods, primarily Ammonium Nitrate (UN 1942/2067), by road across Namibia.

Our objection is founded on **irreconcilable risks to public safety, environmental integrity, and national infrastructure**, and advocates for the **mandatory use of rail transport for bulk hazardous materials** as a safer, more sustainable alternative aligned with national policy and international best practice.

2. Objection Based on Scale and Exposure Risk to Namibian Communities

The proposed road routes expose Namibian populations and sensitive environments to extreme risk over unacceptable distances. Based on the routes outlined in the BID (Section 2.3):

- **Route 1 (Walvis Bay to Katima Mulilo/Zambia):** Approximately 1,400 km. This route traverses Swakopmund, Usakos, Otavi, Tsumeb, Grootfontein, Rundu, and numerous villages before reaching Kongola and Katima Mulilo. It passes adjacent to the **Etosha National Park** watershed areas and through multiple communal conservancies.
- **Route 2 (Walvis Bay to Buitepos/Botswana):** Approximately 1,000 km. This route passes through Okahandja, Windhoek (the national capital), Gobabis, and surrounding settlements.
- **Route 3 (Walvis Bay to Ariamsvlei/South Africa):** Approximately 900 km. This route traverses Rehoboth, Mariental, Keetmanshoop, and Karasburg.



Cumulatively, these operations propose moving up to 4,000 MT of Ammonium Nitrate monthly along roads that pass through or near every major population center and several critical environmental zones in Namibia, totalling thousands of kilometer-risks per month. The BID's risk assessment fails to adequately quantify this cumulative, nation-wide exposure.

3. Legal and Policy Framework Contraventions

The proposed road-based solution contradicts several pillars of Namibian law and policy:

- **Namibia's Logistics Master Plan (2018) and Harambee Prosperity Plan II:** These strategic documents explicitly prioritize rail for bulk and hazardous cargo to reduce road damage, improve safety, and increase cost-effectiveness. Approving this application undermines these national strategic objectives.
- **Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007), Section 2 (Principles):** The proposal violates the precautionary principle. When faced with potential catastrophic risks (explosions, mass contamination), the absence of **certain scientific certainty** must not be used to postpone cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation. Rail transport is a proven, safer alternative.
- **SADC Regional Guidelines on Hazardous Goods Transport:** These guidelines encourage member states to utilize the **safest practicable mode**. For bulk quantities over long distances, rail is internationally recognized as the safest practicable mode, with a dramatically lower accident rate per ton-kilometer compared to road.

4. Inadequate Risk Mitigation & Historical Precedent

The mitigation measures listed in Table 2 of the BID are standard procedural controls for road transport and are **grossly insufficient** for the specific, high-consequence risk posed by Ammonium Nitrate.

- **Historical Incidents:**
 - **Beirut, Lebanon (2020):** 2,750 tons of Ammonium Nitrate improperly stored caused a catastrophic explosion, killing 218+, injuring 7,000+, and causing \$15bn in damage. This demonstrates the catastrophic potential of the material BHL proposes to move in similar quantities **through our towns monthly**.
 - **Texas, USA (2013):** A road truck carrying Ammonium Nitrate exploded, killing 15 and levelling a community. This demonstrates the specific road-transport risk.
 - **Local Context:** Namibia's road accident fatality rate is high. Introducing high-volumes of explosive materials onto these same roads, subject to driver fatigue, wildlife collisions, and varying road conditions, is an unacceptable gamble with public safety.

- **Inadequate Mitigation:** GPS tracking and spill kits are **response tools**, not **prevention tools**. They do not prevent a catastrophic collision. The BID admits the risk of "vehicle collisions" but offers no solution beyond driver training and speed limits - measures with known high rates of human error.

5. The Safe, Compliant, and Strategic Alternative: Rail Transport

TransNamib possesses the capability and infrastructure to transport hazardous goods safely on the Walvis Bay to the last mile where railway ends in the all three routes of concerns.

- **Safety:** Rail transport of hazardous materials is conducted in dedicated, secure wagons, operated by highly trained personnel, on a controlled right-of-way separate from public traffic, eliminating the risk of cross-traffic collisions.
- **Environmental Protection:** Rail is a lower-emission mode of transport (one engine responsible to carry many tones of Ammonium Nitrate) as opposed to multiple trucks on public roads, reducing the carbon footprint and localized air pollution cited in the BID. It also minimizes the risk of spills into sensitive ecosystems along the route, as the rail line has defined, managed corridors.
- **Economic and Infrastructure Protection:** Heavy haulage of dense cargo like Ammonium Nitrate accelerates the deterioration of national road infrastructure, imposing massive future maintenance costs on the state. Rail is designed for such loads.

6. Conclusion and Demand

The Background Information Document presents a plan that externalizes extreme risk onto the Namibian public and environment for commercial convenience, while a demonstrably safer, more sustainable, and policy-compliant alternative exists.

TransNamib therefore OBJECTS in the strongest possible terms to the issuance of an Environmental Clearance Certificate for the road-based transport of hazardous goods as proposed by BHL.

We demand that the Environmental Commissioner:

1. **Reject** this application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate.
2. **Mandate** that the proponent, BHL, in collaboration with TransNamib, develop a proposal for the transportation of hazardous goods **primarily via rail**, with road

transport limited to the absolute final leg where no rail sidings exist, under strict, supervised conditions.

3. **Require** a new, comprehensive EIA that properly assesses the cumulative risk of the proposed volumes and compares the rail alternative as the baseline scenario.

The safety of Namibian citizens, the protection of our environment, and the integrity of our national strategy are not negotiable.

Submitted for and on behalf of TransNamib Holdings Limited.


Desmond E van Jaarsveld
Chief Executive Officer
TransNamib Holdings Limited



Date: 16 January 2026

cc: Mr. Jonas Sheelongo, Executive Director - Minister of Works and Transport
Mr. Hippy Tjivikua, CEO – Roads Authority