



## MEDIA RELEASE

### TRANSNAMIB DERAILMENT INCIDENT BETWEEN USAKOS AND KRANZBERG

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**Windhoek, 18 May 2026** – TransNamib hereby announces that an operational incident occurred on Monday, 18 May 2026, between Usakos and Kranzberg. Rail wagons parked at the station were involved in an uncontrolled movement event on the main railway line. No injuries were recorded as a result of the incident.

Preliminary information indicates that an unintended wagon movement occurred, with the wagons subsequently travelling uncontrolled along the main line, resulting in a derailment. The affected wagons were carrying cargo comprising cement, containers, concrete sleepers, and empty fuel tankers. The cause of the incident has not yet been determined, and a formal technical assessment is currently underway.

TransNamib's operational and safety teams were immediately deployed to the site to manage recovery efforts and to ensure that services along the affected corridor are restored as safely and efficiently as possible. The company prioritizes safety, operational integrity and will cooperate fully with all relevant stakeholders as investigations continue. Further updates will be provided once verified information becomes available," said Desmond Van Jaarsveld, CEO of TransNamib.

TransNamib regrets any inconvenience caused and remains committed to maintaining safe and reliable rail operations, Van Jaarsveld added.

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#### About TransNamib

TransNamib is Namibia's national rail operator, responsible for managing and operating the country's rail network. The organization provides freight and passenger rail services, playing a vital role in supporting Namibia's transport infrastructure, economic development, and regional connectivity.

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