

Figure 2: The Trans-Oranje rail and road corridor showing the key TradePort Namibia proposed import and export operational sites: Ariamsvlei (1), Lüderitz Concrete Slab (2) and Lüderitz Port (3) (Source: Risk-Based Solutions, 2019)

2.1. SITE SELECTION

The haulage route through town and to the port area is surrounded by mixed land-use within both Ariamsvlei Settlement and Lüderitz Town. The route follows the existing railway and is intended to eliminate any potential implications on traffic within the two towns as it's transported to the warehouses. Along the way, the route passes initially through some residential areas to the right and some partially dormant semi-industrial on the left of the railway, and mixed use Lüderitz CBD consisting of various institutions, residential properties, tourist accommodation, restaurants and various business.

On a site specific level, two sites (one each) at the Ariamsvlei and at the Port of Lüderitz were selected, on which the warehouse facilities were constructed (corner GPS coordinates presented in Table 3) and operations currently undertaken. The sites selection process took into consideration key site selection factors such as land availability, proximity to sensitive receptors, site accessibility, topography, risks, current land use.

Additionally, a site with the harbour was identified for the proposed operation of a Floating Transshipment / Barge facility were to be installed and operated and for which a separate Environmental Clearance Certificate was obtained. However, due to the declining global economy emanating from the Corvid-19 pandemic and recently the Russia-Ukraine conflict, this particular component of the operations has not commenced.

Table 1: Corner coordinates of the proposed development site

| Corner point | Latitude | Longitude |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| A – Ariamsvlei Warehouse | -28 . 119220° S | 19.838435° E |
| B – Lüderitz Warehouse | -26.641372° S | 15.153275° E |
| C – Lüderitz Barge Facility | -26.640786° S | 15.152960° E |

Table 2: Technical details of the proposed facility as required by the Competent Authority

| | , | Description / Dimensions | |
|--|----------------|---|---|
| Component | | Ariamsvlei | Lüderitz Port |
| Height of Warehouse facility | | 9,5 meter | 9,5 meter |
| Areas of Warehouse facility | | 426 m2 | 426 m2 |
| Area occupied by buildings | | XXX | XXX |
| Volume (tons) of Fuel & Mineral exported Monthly | Manganese | 100 000 ton | 100 000 ton |
| | Iron (Planned) | 90 000 ton | 90 000 ton |
| | Lime | _ | 5000 ton |
| | Fertiliser | 180 000 ton | 180 000 ton |
| | Others | 10 000 ton | 10 000 ton |
| Power Requirements | | 1.5 Kw | 1.5 Kw |
| Water Requirements | | 500 liters | 500 liters |
| Size and number of vessels | | Ultra and Supramax, 2 per Month | Ultra and Supramax, 2 per Month |
| Size and number of rail wagons | | 2.4m x 17m, 17 ton Tare, 61 ton Load, 200 oF | 2.4m x 17m, 17 ton Tare, 61 ton Load, 200 oF |
| Height of fencing | | 3 meter | 3 meter |
| Type of fencing | | Barbwire | Barbwire |

2.2. KEY COMPONENTS OF TRADEPORT NAMIBIA'S OPERATIONS

The following is the summary of the activities for which the environmental clearance certificate was issued, and which takes into considerations the characteristics of the materials to be handled by the proponent and the sensitivity of the receiving environment at Ariamsvlei and Lüderitz Port areas as well as the need to build closed up warehouses:

• In South Africa: Road trucks will be loaded with sieved and dust treated manganese lumpy ore and other materials such as gypsum, fertiliser and lime in Northern Cape TradePort Namibia - South Africa. Diesel in bond (handled in Tank-tainers) will likely be transported by rail to and from South Africa;