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Quick Facts

Countries	Botswana, Mozambique, Zimbabwe
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2024-12-10
Borrower	Regional - Transnet
Sectors	Industry and Trade, Infrastructure, Mining, Transport
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 2.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 2.00 million



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Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the project aims to develop comprehensive feasibility studies for a multimodal transport corridor linking Botswana, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe, centered around the development of a deep-sea port at Techobanine, Mozambique, and a heavy-haul railway line across the three countries. In addition to its transport objectives, the project will consider the corridor's potential as a driver of regional economic and social development. The studies will include market analysis to identify business opportunities along the corridor, financial models, climate risk assessments, gender analysis, and a green port assessment to evaluate the project's environmental sustainability and social impacts.

The proposed Techobanine Port and Railway project is anticipated to significantly contribute to regional economic growth by providing critical transport infrastructure. This project is expected to facilitate trade, stimulate industrialization, and enhance regional integration. An initial prefeasibility study indicated potential for substantial economic returns. The project economics will however need to be revisited to bring on board wider expected benefits, besides mining, that may have not been emphasized at pre-feasibility stage including potential of agriculture, manufacturing and tourism.



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Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environmental Category: [3] Low Risk



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Investment Description

• African Development Bank (AFDB)

Finance Type: Standard grant Commitments (UA): 1,500,949

Conversion Rate USD (2024-12-10): 1,32974



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Private Actors Description

Implementing: Transnet

Transnet is South Africa's logistics infrastructure state-owned company responsible for the port, rail and pipeline network.



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Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Transnet	Undisclosed	-



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Bank Documents

• Appraisal Report