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### Quick Facts

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| **Countries** | Georgia |
| **Specific Location** | Anaklia, Khamiskuri, Khobi |
| **Financial Institutions** | World Bank (WB) |
| **Status** | Proposed |
| **Bank Risk Rating** | A |
| **Voting Date** | 2027-06-18 |
| **Borrower** | Government of Georgia |
| **Sectors** | Industry and Trade, Infrastructure, Transport |
| **Investment Type(s)** | Loan |
| **Investment Amount (USD)** | $ 225.56 million |
| **Loan Amount (USD)** | $ 225.56 million |
| **Project Cost (USD)** | $ 225.56 million |

## Project Description

As stated by the World Bank, the proposed ARGO RAIL operation with a project development objective of strengthening rail hinterland connectivity to Anaklia port will support the development of efficient, reliable, and climate-resilient rail connectivity between the Anaklia Deep Sea Port and Georgia's national railway network, enabling the port to function as a competitive gateway on the Trans-Caspian Transport Corridor (TCTC).

The project forms a critical component of the broader ARGO program aimed at strengthening Georgia's role in the TCTC and builds on earlier World Bank Engagement of TC GATE. The operation will have two components:

- One that will finance the construction of the dedicated rail connection linking Anaklia Port to the existing Georgian Railway network, including associated railway infrastructure, electrification, signaling systems, station facilities, and intermodal freight handling infrastructure.
  The current design envisages a new fully electrified railway line of approximately 17.7 kilometers, connecting the port area to the existing Senaki-Ingiri railway corridor through Khamiskuri, with provisions for future double-tracking as traffic volumes increase.
  The project includes the construction of a new Anaklia railway station, reconstruction of Khobi station, junction improvements, communications systems, drainage infrastructure, and rail access tracks extending to the port gates.
  The rail connection is essential to realizing the economic value of the Anaklia Deep Sea Port. Without efficient hinterland evacuation capacity, the port's ability to attract transit traffic, logistics investments, and shipping services would be significantly constrained. The project will therefore ensure that rail capacity develops in parallel with port infrastructure, reducing future bottlenecks and enabling seamless movement of containerized, bulk, and general cargo between maritime and inland transport networks.
- The second component will finance activities that will strengthen Georgian Railway's institutional capacity in infrastructure delivery, asset management, digitalization, and intermodal operations. The project is expected to leverage international best practice in railway design, procurement, environmental and social management, and operational integration between port and rail systems. Investments will be coordinated with parallel road access improvements and broader corridor modernization efforts to maximize transport system efficiency and resilience.

The implementing agencies will be the Georgian Railway and the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development.

## Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)

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**Bank Documents**

- Initial Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS) - Rail Access and Intermodal Linkages - P5199
- Initial Project Information Document (PID) - Rail Access and Intermodal Linkages - P519919