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### OFFICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER

The Director  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

**SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF RECREATIONAL HOUSEBOATS AT THE NAMUSHASHA RIVER LODGE ALONG THE KWANDO RIVER, ZAMBEZI REGION**

The Environmental Scoping Report and Environmental Management Plan submitted are sufficient as it made provisions of the environmental management concerning the project's activities. From this perspective regular environmental monitoring and evaluations on environmental performance should be conducted. Targets for improvements should be established and monitored throughout this process.

This Ministry reserves the right to attach further legislative and regulatory conditions during the operational phase of the project. In addition, the Environmental clearance certificate is issued with the condition that: (a) all applicable and required permits are obtained and mitigation measures are applied, particularly with respect to ecological impacts management, and (b) see additional conditions in annexure A printed overleaf.

On the basis of the above, this letter serves as an environmental clearance for the proposed establishment of recreational houseboats along the Kwando River. However, this clearance letter does not in any way hold the Ministry of Environment and Tourism accountable for misleading information, nor any adverse effects that may arise from these activities. Instead, full accountability rests with the Gondwana Collection Namibia (Pty) Ltd and its consultants.

This environmental clearance is valid for a period of 3 (three) years, effective from the date of issue unless withdrawn by this office

Yours sincerely,



Teofilus Nghitila  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER



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**ANNEXURE A - CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE  
CERTIFICATE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RECREATIONAL HOUSEBOATS**

1. Strict Compliance with the Environmental Management Plan is required i.e. effluent from the houseboats must not be disposed off in any watercourse including the Kwando River.
2. Applicable standards and regulations relating to the operation of a sewage treatment (both onboard the boat and on-land) facilities must be adhered to and the necessary permit (effluent discharge permit) to obtained prior to commencement of this activity.
3. Storage of fluids or water soluble chemicals, Fuel and solid waste or sewage works, and any potentially polutting substances shall not be permitted onboard the boats.
4. The necessary water abstraction permit for consumption at the Lodge and onboard the boats must also be obtained from the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry prior to commencement of this activity.
5. The developer must develop and implement a monitoring programme for early detection of possible contamination of watercources, the programme should include monthly monitoring of both surface water in the river and every production borehole drilled to supply water to the Lodge.