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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**

ON

**CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF THE
ENVIRONMENT AND WILDLIFE**

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Namibia, (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party");

RECOGNISING the significance of a sustainable development approach for the protection and enhancement of the environment as well as for the health and well-being of the present and future generations and sharing the commitment to implement the principles set out in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), *The Future We Want*; the World Summit on Sustainable Development, *Johannesburg Plan of Implementation*; and the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), *Agenda 21*;

FURTHER RECOGNISING that many environmental problems are of a cross-border nature and require international co-operation, through both bilateral treaties or agreements and multilateral conventions;

CONVINCED that co-operation between national environmental authorities can reduce environmental problems considerably and can be of mutual benefit at national, regional and global levels;

SHARING the common concerns and responsibilities in the fields of biodiversity management, land degrading, desertification, climate change, waste and pollution management, law enforcement, and the provision of related conventions;

BEARING in mind the need for closer scientific and technical co-operation for the management of the environment and conservation of natural resources;

WISHING to strengthen the co-operation in the framework of those international conventions, particularly Multilateral Environmental Agreements to which the Parties are parties to; and

PURSUANT to the prevailing laws and regulations in both countries;

HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MoU”) is to enhance mutual co-operation in the field of environment and wildlife within the framework of the existing domestic laws of the two countries.

ARTICLE 2

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The Competent Authorities responsible for the implementation of this MoU shall be—

- (a) the Ministry of Environment and Tourism of the Government of the Republic of Namibia; and
- (b) the Department of Environmental Affairs of the Government of the Republic of South Africa.

ARTICLE 3

AREAS OF COOPERATION

In order to reduce environmental degradation, to protect the environment on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit, and to transfer knowledge and technology in the fields of environment and wildlife, the main areas of cooperation shall be the following:

- (a) biodiversity conservation and protection;
- (b) land degradation;
- (c) desertification;
- (d) climate change;
- (e) waste management and pollution control;
- (f) environmental assessment;