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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND TOURISM

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Sustainable hunting of an old black rhinoceros

The Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) has one (1) old post-reproductive male Black Rhinoceros available for sustainable hunting during the current hunting season (ending November 2023), within the provisions of the relevant national and international regulations. The individual animal to be hunted will be determined by the MEFT and the hunt will be accompanied by MEFT officials.

Rhinos, just as in any wildlife species in the country are a resource and according to the constitution and our conservation principles must be utilized to benefit the current and future generations of this country. Furthermore, old aged rhinos become non reproductive in a population, and some will even cause territorial fights that may injure and cause mortalities to reproductive young bulls.

Funds generated from sustainable hunting are deposited into the Game Product Trust Fund account. This fund supports general conservation in the country particularly the investment into anti-poaching activities; it also supports activities aimed at mitigating and reducing the impact of human wildlife conflict on communities that share the same living space with wild animals. The money to offset losses and damages incurred by communities comes from the Game Product Trust Fund, in addition to supporting initiatives such as provision for water to game, construction of predator proof kraals, maintenance of vehicles amongst others.

The Fund is governed by processes that ensure that the money invested there are utilized for intended purposes only. The fund is also edited extremely every year. Namibia has the largest population of black rhinos in the world thanks to our innovative conservation methods and unwavering dedication, as a result we can afford to utilize the resources we have to raise much needed funds for conservation.

Namibia Tourism Board (NTB) registered Namibian companies, owned by or having in its employment a Namibian Professional Hunter (Big Game) registered with the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism are invited to submit their written financial offers (in

Namibia Dollars only). Offers should also indicate when they intend to conduct the hunting.

A twenty per cent (20%) discounts will be given to companies with at least twenty percent (20%) ownership by formerly disadvantaged Namibians; and/or ten percent (10%) discounts for companies with formerly disadvantaged Namibians at the Professional Hunter (Big Game) level.

Written financial offers in sealed envelopes should be deposited in a box at the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism Headquarters, Cnr Robert Mugabe and Dr Kenneth Kaunda Street, Permit Office reception, on or before 07 August 2023, not later than 13h00.

Full payment must be made into the Game Products Trust Fund Account (details to be provided to successful company) and proof of payment must be submitted before or on 21 August 2023. Failure to do so will lead to automatic cancellation of the offer, and the next bidder in line will be given the offer. Those who wish to take part and require more details can contact Ms. Elly Hamunyela at 061 284 2526 or email: elly.hamunyela@meft.gov.na.

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