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FIRE OUTBREAK AT SESRIEM

Windhoek, 03 December 2025 – The Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism acknowledges, with deep concern, the fire outbreak that took place at Sesriem Namibia Wildlife Resort (NWR) residential area in the Namib Naukluft National Park in the Hardap Region on Tuesday afternoon, 02 December 2025.

The Ministry expresses profound empathy to all those affected by the fire. Preliminary insights from the ground confirm that houses for NWR and Ministerial staff at Sesriem have been destroyed by the ravaging fire. The affected staff work at the Sesriem Campsite and the Sossus Dune Lodge.

According to information from the Police, the fire destroyed staff accommodation facilities at Sesriem, with, sadly, one death recorded of a two-year-old boy. The Ministry regrets the loss of life and conveys condolences to the affected family and the entire staff at Sesriem. No wildlife or tourists were affected by the fire.

In response, ministerial staff on the ground are actively monitoring the situation to ensure that the fire does not restart. Investigations to establish the cause of the fire are ongoing. The Ministry emphasises its commitment to safeguard the well-being of its employees and general stakeholders.

A further update will be provided when the latest information becomes available.

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