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Clarification on Sossusvlei shuttle concession

Windhoek, 13 December 2025 – The Ministry acknowledges the concerns on the Sossusvlei shuttle concession within the Namib-Naukluft Park and would like to inform stakeholders that the concession does not restrict self-drive visitors and Namibia Tourism Board-registered tour operators and lodges from accessing Sossusvlei at no cost.

The Ministry, in line with its Press Release issued on 5 September 2024, reassures all stakeholders, including the media and the public that the concession does not stop other operators from conducting business at Sossusvlei, except for unregistered operators, vehicles that are damaging to the environment such as buses and trucks as well as unsuitable 2x4s. The concession seeks to safeguard the environment to maintain the criteria of a world heritage site.

Importantly, only the concession-holder is allowed to pick up clients at the 2x4 parking.

The Ministry is committed to promoting tourism development and the sustainable management of natural resources.

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