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AIR NAMIBIA FLIGHTS SW 285 & SW 286 DIVERSIONS TO GABORONE

***Wednesday, 23rd July 2014*:** Air Namibia hereby informs its esteemed clients and all relevant stakeholders that following an audit by the Directorate of Civil Aviation (DCA) on Namibia Airports Company's facilities, Windhoek's Hosea Kutako International Airport has been downgraded from Category 9 to Category 5 effective 22rd July 2014.

As part of Air Namibia's contingency plan, its SW 285 and SW 286, will divert to Gaborone, Botswana.

Consequently, Air Namibia's Airbus A330-200 aircraft used on the long haul flights to Frankfurt which require a Category 8 airport for landing and take-off, will not be authorized to operate into and out of Windhoek's Hosea Kutako International Airport with immediate effect. It is expected that Namibia Airports Company will execute and rectify the respective shortcomings, which will result in the international airport being upgraded to Category 9 in timely fashion. Normal operations of the A330-200 aircraft into/out of the Hosea Kutako International Airport will be communicated in due course.

To minimise the impact of the inconvenience caused to passengers as a result of the NAC's shortcomings, Air Namibia has in the meantime initiated the following;

- Flight SW 286 from Frankfurt to Windhoek on 23rd July 2014 will be diverted to land at Gaborone in Botswana on the morning of 24th July 2014.

- Flight SW 285 from Windhoek to Frankfurt scheduled to depart on 23rd July 2014 was cancelled. Affected passengers will be ferried to Gaborone in Botswana on the morning of 24th July 2014 from where they will board our flight to Frankfurt on the same morning. All affected passengers will be required to be at Hosea Kutako Airport in time for departure of the ferry flight to Gaborone at 04:00 (local time).

- Passengers arriving on SW 286 at Gaborone from Frankfurt on the morning of 24th July 2014 will be ferried from Gaborone to Windhoek the same morning using two of Air Namibia's Airbus A319-100 aircraft.

Once again, Air Namibia apologizes to all affected passengers and related stakeholders for the inconveniences caused by this unfortunate situation.

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Air Namibia, Namibia's national airline, operates scheduled flights and carries cargo (freights) on domestic, regional and intercontinental flights. The airline was founded in 1947 as South West Air Transport, which later changed to South West Airways. In 1992, the airline's name was changed to Air Namibia. The mandate of Air Namibia is to be a major contributor towards the attraction and promotion of tourism to Namibia by providing air transport services between Namibia and other countries, as well as by operating flights within the boundaries of Namibia. The airline is positioned as a niche carrier serving domestic points within Namibia, the immediate regional markets of South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Angola. Points beyond (Asia, USA, Middle East and Europe) are serviced in conjunction with partner airlines via our gateways: Frankfurt, Accra, Johannesburg and Lusaka.