Indemnity Against Injuries Inflicted by Wildlife on the Hoedspruit Wildlife Estate ("HWE")

The Estate is home to a variety of wild animals, including many that are potentially harmful to people. These animals live in close proximity to people and many have lost their natural fear of humans, and with the large number of people who live on this estate, this leads to frequent close encounters with wildlife and a high risk of wildlife injuring or even killing someone.

The most dangerous wildlife that occur on the estate are:

- Leopard, which occasionally attack people leading to severe injury or death. A leopard that feels threatened or cornered will attack without warning, with speed and ferocity. Leopard have also been known to hunt and kill both children and adults.
- Spotted hyena, which occasionally attack people, leading to severe injury and sometimes death.
- Large herbivores, of which the giraffe is the most dangerous. Giraffe have occasionally attacked people on foot, resulting in severe injuries and sometimes death. Smaller antelope, such as duiker and nyala, as well as warthog are also capable of inflicting serious injuries.
- A variety of venomous snakes of which the most dangerous are the black mamba, snouted cobra, Mozambique spitting cobra, puff adder and boomslang. A bite from these will require hospitalization and can even be fatal.
- A variety of scorpions, including the Transvaal thick-tailed scorpion which delivers a painful sting that usually requires hospitalization for treatment.

To minimize the risk of a dangerous encounter and harm to yourself, we recommend you adhere to the following guidelines when outside of your home or vehicle (whether in the Greenbelt or on the roads of the estate):

- Never walk or cycle after dark. The risk of attack by the large predators (particularly leopard and hyena) is far greater at dusk, dawn and night, as this is when these animals are most active.
- Children should always be accompanied by an adult when outside of a residence or vehicle. Children are most at risk from dangerous wildlife, and the presence of one or more adults greatly reduces the risk of a predator attacking, or an encounter with a dangerous snake.
- It is safer to walk in groups than on your own. The larger the group, the less likely an attack.
- Always maintain a safe distance between yourself and wildlife. See the HWE guidelines on walking with wildlife for more information (available in the "Living with Wildlife" document on the HWE website and HWE Estate App).
- When walking with dogs, always keep them on a leash and ensure they are kept at a safe distance from all wildlife.
- Never attempt to feed any wildlife. This leads to the animals losing their fear of humans, which increases the risk of an attack. Feeding of any animals is a punishable offence on the estate.

- Let someone know when you are going for a walk and take a cell phone so you can call for help if an incident occurs.

Anyone entering the estate, and anyone walking on the communal areas of the estate does so at their own risk. The HWE Management, including employees and Directors bear no responsibility for any injuries that result from wildlife living on the estate.

INDEMNITY

I, the undersigned _____, being the owner/tenant/guest (select which is applicable) of stand _____ Hoedspruit Wildlife Estate acknowledge the dangers of living, walking, running or cycling on the Hoedspruit Wildlife Estate, in regard to possible incidents involving wild animals roaming the estate, and have read, understood and accepted the risks and guidelines above. I further acknowledge that even if I follow the guidelines stipulated above that this does not guarantee that I will not be harmed while using, walking, running or cycling in the Estate, and in this regard I fully indemnify and hold harmless Hoedspruit Wildlife Estate (NPC) its Directors, Members, and Employees against any and all losses or damages, injury, harm or loss of life of whatsoever nature suffered by me or occasioned as a consequence of my use of or presence in Hoedspruit Wildlife Estate (being a wildlife area).
I also take responsibility for informing any visitors or guests to my stand of the above dangers and ensuring that any guest / visitor of mine that utilizes Hoedspruit Wildlife Estate, as contemplated herein, will have read, completed, and signed this document. To the extent that I fail to comply with this obligation, and anything whatsoever happens to my visitor / guest while making use of Hoedspruit Wildlife Estate, I confirm, understand and agree that I shall be liable for any and all consequences and liability that may arise therefrom and fully indemnify Hoedspruit Wildlife Estate NPC, its directors, Members and Employees against any such claim.

I warrant that I have read and understood the document titled "**Indemnity Against Injuries Inflicted by Wildlife on the Hoedspruit Wildlife Estate**"

In the event that this document is signed by a Parent or Legal Guardian on behalf of a minor child the details below must be completed:

Full Name of Minor Child: _____

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Full Name of Minor Child: _____

Full Name of Minor Child: _____

Relationship of Signatory to Minor Child: _____

Full Name of Signatory: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____