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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND TOURISM

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Subject: Dune 7 Concession awarded

The Ministry of Environment Forestry and Tourism recently awarded Dune 7 Concession awarded to **Sandwich Dune Tours and Safari** as the Operator for the Dune 7 concession inside Dorob National Park.

The popular recreational area has off recent sparked criticism and public outcry on its state characterised by littering, vandalised ablution and water infrastructure. The Ministry has since renovated the area and added more toilets for the convenience of our visitors.

As a long-term solution, the Ministry advertised a tender for interested individuals and companies to manage the area on behalf of the Ministry. The tender process which was initiated on 16 November 2022 and closed on 27 January 2023 attracted interest from 18 companies.

Sandwich Dunes Tours and Safari emerged as the successful bidder due to the strength of their proposal. **Sandwich Dunes Tours and Safari** is expected to take over the management of the Dune 7 soon. It's expected that the company will employ at least 45 workers as part of its operations.

To further enhance visitor experience, the company, will offer various adventure activities at the spot including paragliding, dune climbing, stargazing as well as tours to Walvis Bay. **Sandwich Dunes Tours and Safari** will also develop a restaurant that is open daily and can host special events like weddings or corporate functions. The restaurant will include a swimming pool and a bar that will be open till late. Visitors to the area will also have the convenience of overnighting at the spot as the Company will construct 10 luxury chalets. While entrance to the restaurant will be free, the company will charge different levies to visitors for other Dune 7 activities, which will be communicated once the company starts operating.

The MEFT has also given the company the optional right to erect and operate a tethered hot air balloon.

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