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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA  
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT. 2007  
(Section 32)  
APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

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PART A: DETAILS OF APPLICANT

1. Name: (person or business)  
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**PART B: SCOPE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE****1. The Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) is for:**

Namibia Wildlife Resorts (NWR) is a state-owned enterprise, mandated to run the tourism facilities within the protected areas of Namibia. NWR has several operations across the country which are owned and managed by NWR. The majority of the facilities were constructed prior to the commencement of the Environmental Management Act (EMA) (7 of 2007). As such, Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) were never conducted for these facilities. However, the facilities are still required to comply with the provisions of the EMA and its regulations. It is therefore required that Environmental Management Plans (EMPs) be developed and implemented for the existing facilities. This EMP is compiled for the existing Gross Barmen Resort located in the Otjozondjupa Region.

**2. Details of the activity(s) covered by the environmental clearance certificate:****Title of Activity:**

Operational Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the existing Gross Barmen Resort in the Otjozondjupa Region

**Nature of Activity:**

Gross Barmen Resort is located approximately 100 km from the capital city of Windhoek, on the banks of a tributary of the Swakop River, set between rows of palm trees, green lawns and many pleasant walks.

Gross-Barmen is a popular day resort for Namibians and a stopover for tourists. Water from the mineral-rich spring has a temperature of about 65 degrees Celsius (°C), which is cooled to about 40 °C for the revitalising indoor thermal pool (MEFT, 2021). Gross Barmen includes facilities for spa and wellness, fitness, recreation, and leisure. The main attraction of the resort is the health and hydro/medical spa centre, featuring thermal springs and providing a full range of spa treatments.

The facility was constructed prior to the commencement of the Environmental Management Act (EMA) (7 of 2007). As such, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was never conducted for the facility. However, the facility is still required to comply with the provisions of the EMA and its regulations and is a listed activity as per Activity 6. It is therefore required that an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) be developed and implemented for the existing facility. This EMP is compiled for the existing Gross Barmen Resort located in the Otjozondjupa Region.

**Location of Activity:**

Otjozondjupa Region (See attached Locality map)

**Scale and Scope of Activity:**

The scope of this project is limited to obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate for the following:

Operational Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the existing Gross Barmen Resort in the Otjozondjupa Region

**Opinion with respect to Environmental Authorisation:**

Based on the information provided within the EMP, GCS is confident the identified risks associated with the proposed development can be reduced to acceptable levels, should the measures recommended in the EMP be implemented and monitored effectively. It is therefore recommended that the project receive Environmental Clearance, provided that the EMP be implemented.

**PART C: DECLARATION BY APPLICANT**

I hereby certify that the particulars given above are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand the environmental clearance certificate may be suspended, amended or cancelled if any information given above is false, misleading, wrong or incomplete.

Stephanie StraussEnvironmental Assessment PractitionerSignature of ApplicantFull name in Block LettersPositionNamibia Wildlife Resorts Limited27 October 2021On behalf ofDate