

1 OVERVIEW

1.1 Project Background

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.

1.2 Gross Barmen Resort

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. The locality of the Gross Barmen Resort is depicted in

Figure 1-1 below.



Figure 1-1: Locality map of Gross Barmen Resort