

09 June 2025

To whom it may concern;

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED TOURISM DEVELOPMENT ON DRAAIHOEK

Dear Sir or Madam,

The NamibRand Nature Reserve (NRNR) hereby offer its support for the proposed tourism development on the Draaihoek property, a project being undertaken by Gondwana Collection Namibia (GCN) in partnership with the Klein family.

We wish to confirm that NRNR does not oppose this development. We welcome and support initiatives that align with the principles of low-impact, sustainable tourism and long-term landscape conservation. Based on the information shared to date and the approach demonstrated by Gondwana, we are confident that this project is being planned and executed with environmental sensitivity and respect for the ecological context of the area.

We understand that the development comprises the establishment of a low-impact, environmentally conscious lodge, including a staff accommodation lodge and a small number of guest pods, situated on the privately owned Draaihoek property, which lies adjacent to NamibRand Nature Reserve and falls within the Greater Sossusvlei-Namib Landscape (GSNL) conservation area. The property has been managed in alignment with similar conservation ideals, contributing to the broader ecological integrity and land stewardship objectives of the landscape.

We acknowledge that Gondwana is currently in the process of securing an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for the development, and that the project is being undertaken in line with Namibian environmental legislation and best practice. Gondwana has committed to working transparently and collaboratively with NRNR and all other stakeholders to ensure that conservation values are upheld.

We look forward to further engagement and collaboration as the project progresses and trust that this development will contribute positively to both conservation and sustainable tourism in the landscape.

Sincerely yours,



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