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To Whom It May Concern,

It is of concern to ZPHGA the number of foreign professional hunters, agents and outfitters that are coming into Zimbabwe to conduct safaris. The two recent incidents, which regrettably led to the loss of lives of Scott van Zyl and Theunis Botha, have brought this serious problem to the fore.

Our concerns are many and this statement is not to discuss the irregularities and illegal practices taking place in the Zimbabwe safari arena. The purpose of this statement is to highlight the importance of associations throughout Africa to work together and ensure that respective members abide by each other's country laws and codes of conduct of recognised industry associations. It has become glaringly apparent that an increasing number of foreign professional hunters, agents and outfitters, are coming into Zimbabwe and taking advantage of corrupt networks in certain sectors of the industry to conduct safaris. The majority of complaints and incidents that continue to be brought to our attention tend to be regarding non-members of ZPHGA or other Associations.

ZPHGA would like to state the following as law of Zimbabwe and code of conduct expected by all its members :

- 1) No person without a valid Zimbabwe Professional Hunter's license may conduct or be in control of a safari
- 2) No foreigner, other than a hunting client who has a valid TRAS2 in his/her name, may carry a firearm at any point on a safari
- 3) No safaris may be conducted from a foreign registered vehicle
- 4) Anyone who receives payment for their services in Zimbabwe should be registered with Zimra (Zimbabwe Revenue Authority) or have a valid Work Permit
- 5) Zimbabwean Professional Hunters who have their name on any valid TRAS2 documents are solely responsible for conducting and controlling the safari in person.
- 6) All Big Game safaris are to be accompanied by a ZNPWMA ranger, including those conducted on private land
- 7) Please contact ZPHGA direct regarding membership status of all Zimbabwean Professional Hunters and Operators.

We urge all foreign professional hunters, agents and outfitters to abide by our laws and use registered, paid up Zimbabwean Professional Hunters. And we encourage you to employ the services of members of our Association to avoid complications.

Furthermore, we encourage clients travelling to Zimbabwe to do their due diligence in back-ground checking of area, operator and PH. You are well within your rights to demand presentation of Professional Hunter's current license as well as preview of the TRAS2 documents on arrival.

Please feel free to contact our offices if there are any further queries regarding operating in Zimbabwe.

Yours sincerely,



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