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Flood Event and Temporary Closure – Amava River Lodge

Severe flooding occurred on the Olifants River last night, resulting in significant damage to Amava River Lodge. As experienced across several river systems further west within the Greater Kruger National Park and surrounding Lowveld areas, the Olifants River has entered full flood, overtopping its banks. The failure of several upstream dams on private land feeding into the Olifants River system contributed to a sudden flush flood, exceeding the severity of the 2012 flood event. Lodges situated above the established floodline were consequently severely impacted. Access to the affected areas remains cut off at this stage, and a number of lodge units have been destroyed. I conducted an aerial inspection this morning to assess the situation firsthand. Based on these observations, the decision has been taken to close Amava River Lodge with immediate effect and until further notice.

Comprehensive damage assessments are currently underway. A structured recovery and reopening plan will be finalised once access is restored and full evaluations have been completed. Further communication will follow as soon as greater clarity is available regarding access limitations, the extent of the damage, and anticipated recovery timelines. Affected guests will be contacted directly to arrange suitable alternative accommodation options.

Bundox Safari Co carries comprehensive insurance cover for events of this nature, and we remain confident in our ability to recover in a responsible, methodical, and sustainable manner.

Our foremost priority remains the safety and wellbeing of our people, followed closely by the careful and considered restoration of our facilities.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our staff for their calm and professional execution during the evacuation of the tents, as well as to the Balule team and Gerry McDonad for their invaluable assistance and support. We also thank our guests and trade partners for their understanding and continued support during this period.

We will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available.

Kind regards,



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CEO