



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **AIR NAMIBIA INCREASES FLIGHT FREQUENCIES TO GABORONE AND DURBAN**

Air Namibia herewith would like to inform all our key stakeholders including Travel agents, Tour Operator and our valuable customers that we will be increasing flight frequencies from 5 to 6 on the Windhoek – Gaborone – Durban route effective 25 September 2018, and to 7 per week effective 28 October 2018.

The Namibian national airline will now be flying to Gaborone and Durban on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, while Saturday will be added on the route network effective 28 October 2018. The route is serviced by the Embraer ERJ 135, offering 37 seats in economy class.

Air Namibia launched the route WDH-GBE-DUR during October 2016, following a comprehensive route network development review done. The route development study recommended that the operation WDH-GBE-DUR be operated using the Embraer ERJ 135 fleet, 7 flights per week.

Mr Xavier Masule, General Manager for Commercial Services noted that the initial phase of the operation involved use of the Airbus A319 x 4 flights per week. This was changed to Embraer fleet effective 24 June 2018, operating 5 flights per week. *“Since introduction of the ERJ on the route under review, we have spillage and load factors in excess of 85% average per flight during August 2018,”* Masule explained, while adding that the demand for Durban is mostly high during the period August to December.

Further motivating the move to increase frequencies, Masule said the additional rotations on the route are expected to carry about 70% load factor, generating a positive operating margin of 12%.

Air Namibia continues to meet the growing demand of passengers flying into this route, while setting new standards for comfort on single-aisle jetliners.

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