



## LOLLDAIGA WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY

### STATEMENT ON THE PROPOSED ELEPHANT FENCE ON LOLLDAIGA VALLEY CONSERVANCY (LVC)

Lolldaiga Wildlife Conservancy is a 45,520 acre wildlife conservancy located in Laikipia County that is committed to ensuring the sustainable conservation of flora and fauna on its land and to ensure a positive contribution to the surrounding communities. Lolldaiga Wildlife Conservancy is wholly owned by Lolldaiga Hills Limited which legally trades as Lolldaiga Wildlife Conservancy and Lolldaiga Conservancy.

#### ***Our Commitment to Protecting Communities: The Elephant Fence***

As part of our commitment to ensuring sustainable wildlife conservation and protection of property, Lolldaiga Wildlife Conservancy committed considerable resources towards putting up an elephant fence between LVC and the Timau River. Lolldaiga Wildlife Conservancy made this commitment as a responsible corporate citizen. It does **not** own the land on which the fence is located. That portion of land is owned by LVC.

The sole purpose of this proposed elephant fence is to protect farming communities within the larger Lolldaiga area, by reducing human elephant conflict, an issue that many families in the neighbouring community are grappling with on a daily basis. The communities within the larger Lolldaiga area continue to be an integral part of our mission and vision of attaining sustainable conservation and we have had good relations with them for many years.

A number of stakeholders have been involved in the process leading up to the commitment to put up the elephant fence – including the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS). However, some private landowners on the southern boundary across the Timau River have raised concerns over the elephant fence project. We welcome constructive dialogue by all stakeholders, and it is for this reason that the elephant fence project has now been subjected to an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), which is ongoing and will be submitted to the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) and also to KWS, shortly. Once this process is complete, the fence will be completed in accordance with guidance to be provided by NEMA and KWS.

In the meantime, Lolldaiga Wildlife Conservancy continues to support the mitigation of human elephant conflict by dedicating its staff, vehicles and other resources towards management of any human wildlife conflict matter. This includes night patrols, use of vehicles and aircraft to push elephants out of farms and regular engagement with the negatively impacted communities.

We urge all stakeholders to help manage human elephant conflict in accordance with the laws of Kenya. Anyone with any concerns about the elephant fence is requested to share their concerns with Lolldaiga Wildlife Conservancy through email on [info@lolldaigawildlifeconservancy.org](mailto:info@lolldaigawildlifeconservancy.org).

#### **Lolldaiga Wildlife Conservancy does NOT own LVC**

The previous owners of Lolldaiga Wildlife Conservancy sold 3,750 acres of land on the southern part of the Conservancy to LVC. The sale was by way of a 99-year lease, which under Kenyan law is title to land.

We do not own, control or have any directorships or shareholding in LVC or in any of its proposed initiatives.

All matters related to LVC should be directed to LVC, who can be reached on the contacts available on their website – [www.lolldaigavalley.com](http://www.lolldaigavalley.com)

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