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PRESS RELEASE: PHASA SUSPENDED FROM OPHAA

The Operators and Professional Hunting Associations of Africa (OPHAA) are deeply troubled by the decision made by PHASA at their AGM on November 22, 2017 to adopt a new constitution that accepts the practice of captive bred lion hunting. The practice of CBLH inevitably brings **the entire** African hunting industry, **in every** African nation where hunting is permitted, into ill repute.

PHASA's actions completely disregard one of the fundamental concepts of hunting, namely fair-chase, and will, without doubt, jeopardize not only conservation efforts, but also the livelihoods of those who rely on well-managed and ethical hunting practices, far beyond the borders of South Africa. As a result, the majority of OPHAA members have voted to indefinitely suspend PHASA's membership in OPHAA until further review.

Sincerely yours,



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Chair