

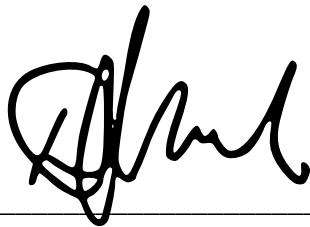
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## **PRESS RELEASE: PHASA SUSPENDED FROM OPHAA**

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