

For immediate release

For more information contact Neil Bald,  
AHA managing director, on 011 728 4701

## **AHA AWARDED FULL MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR GONDWANA GAME RESERVE**

**Johannesburg, 11 February 2013** – African Hotels and Adventures, the tourism property management business of Tourvest's Accommodation and Activities, division has secured the full management contract for the properties on the award-winning Gondwana Game Reserve near Mossel Bay.

The 11 000-hectare reserve, voted South Africa's leading nature experience in the 2012 World Travel Awards, is the only fynbos reserve with free-roaming Big Five game. In addition to the Big Five, the reserve is also home to a many endangered species including the Cape mountain zebra, black rhino and black harrier.

The reserve's flagship Kwena Lodge comprises 14 suites modelled after traditional Khoi-San dwellings but with a modern twist. Each suite commands spectacular views of the surrounding Outeniqua and Swartberg mountain ranges, relics from the prehistoric supercontinent Gondwanaland, after which the reserve takes its name. The suites are equipped with clay pot fireplaces, deep baths, walk-in showers and internet access, while the lodge itself sports a large infinity pool, open-plan lounge and bar, a dining room set around two open fireplaces and an outdoor boma.

Additionally, the reserve has several large bush villas. These privately situated two, three and four-bedroom bush villas are ideal for families or groups looking for more space and exclusivity. The villas can be staffed with a personal field guide, chef and butler or rented on a luxury self-catering basis.

Activities on offer include game drives and Africology spa treatments. It is also within easy reach of many championship golf courses including Pinnacle Point, Pezula, Oubaai and Fancourt as well as excellent swimming beaches and the popular coastal towns along the Garden Route.

AHA managing director Neil Bald notes that the property is the company's second along the Garden Route – it manages the popular The Rex boutique hotel in Knysna – and that Gondwana would cement AHA's growing footprint in the region. "It is a welcome addition to our growing portfolio of boutique hotels, lifestyle retreats and game lodges and we look forward to adding considerable value to the daily operational management and marketing efforts of this reserve " he says.

AHA represents and operates a collection of boutique city hotels, lifestyle retreats and game lodges throughout Southern and East Africa. For a full list of properties currently under AHA management, please visit [www.ahagroup.co.za](http://www.ahagroup.co.za) or [www.tourvest.co.za](http://www.tourvest.co.za).