

## **VICTORIA FALLS BUNGEE.**

### **Agent/Press Release – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2011;**

Further to our release of the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2011, attached below, we wish to further advise the following;

We remain in contact with the Australian lady involved in the incident who is recuperating in South Africa where she has received expert medical attention. We are pleased to advise that she has now been released from hospital and although she remains bruised and sore she will shortly be free to return home to Australia.

As a matter of record we wish to highlight her bravery and survival skills, which contributed significantly to her rescue. Her continued positive disposition and strength of character has been an inspiration to us all.

It goes without saying that we deeply regret the incident, which is the first such incident in 17 years of operations during which time more than 150,000 people have safely jumped from the bridge.

The exact reason for the bungee cord failure is as yet unknown. We have engaged the necessary safety specialists who will be investigating the cause in the coming week.

We are treating this incident with the upmost seriousness and our aim now is to learn what we can from this and apply that knowledge so as to ensure that there is no reoccurrence.

To this end the following preliminary measures have been implemented:

- We have removed all bungee cords from the system which were made with the same batch of rubber as that used to make the failed cord. These have been retained for further testing.
- An entirely new set of bungee cords have been installed on the system. These have been extensively load tested and inspected thoroughly and we are satisfied that they are safe to jump on.
- The entire bungee system has been thoroughly inspected and checked and we are fully confident that everything is safe to jump on.
- In addition to our normal checks and procedures we have instigated additional daily and intermittent checks on the bungee cords and we are fully satisfied that these checks and procedures are more than sufficient to ensure our clients safety.
- Our own crew are conducting test jumps before the commencement of daily operations and throughout the day.
- Experts in South Africa have been contacted and we expect them to be on site next week to help us with our ongoing investigations as to the cause of the incident.
- The broken cord has been carefully stored and will shortly be sent to South Africa for forensic testing.
- A qualified river guide with first aid certification and the necessary safety and recovery equipment has been positioned in the gorge below the bridge.

In light of the above Victoria Falls Bungee are entirely satisfied that everything humanly possible has been done to ensure the safety of our clients and bungee jumping operations have now recommenced without further incident.

Should you have further questions please contact Victoria Falls Bungee on;

[info@victoriafallsbungee.com](mailto:info@victoriafallsbungee.com) .

We thank you for your continued support.

**Agent Release - 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2011;**

We wish to advise that on the 31st of December at about 17.30hours there was an incident at the Victoria Falls Bridge whereby a bungee cord broke which resulted in a tourist from Australia falling into the water from a height of approximately 20 meters. The lady was able to swim to the Zimbabwe side of the river and was then rescued by the bridge crew and a local medical response team. She sustained relatively minor injuries, mostly bruising and has no broken bones. She is comfortable and recovering well having remained in hospital overnight for observation.

The cause of the incident is being thoroughly investigated, a process we expect to take at least 24 hours. During this period the Bridge Swing, Bridge Slide and Bridge Tour shall continue operating as normal. We expect to recommence Bungee Jumping operations on the 2nd January 2012.

Should you have any further questions please feel free to contact Victoria Falls Bungee on;

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