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## FIRE RISK IN 2 STOREY CANVAS LODGES

### Fire Risk management

Tonbridge, Kent, October 23, 2017– During a recent review by an independent safety expert of our 2-storey tent design with reference to fire safety, they identified a potential issue with regards to escape in the event of a fire, from the upper floor. As you are aware, we already include a zip at ground floor level in the rear of our tents for escape in the event of a fire at the front of the tent, but we have not addressed the issue of escape from the upper floor in our 2-storey lodge safari tent and our 2 storey grand safari tent.

The issue identified is a fire starting at the base of the stairs, usually where a log burner is placed. In this event there is no escape from the upper floor as the “balcony” is protected with fitted canvas safety sheets which cannot be removed from above.

Therefore, for all tents sold from 1<sup>st</sup> November onwards, we have changed the design of our upper floor windows to make them so they can be opened with a zip. In addition, we will be providing a fixed rope ladder at second floor level, that can be lowered out of the window if required and allow any people on the upper floor to escape safely.

*“We have always taken the safety of our customers guests very seriously and have maintained a constant approach to the review and modification of our designs. With the recent incident in a pod, we decided to ask for an update on our fire safety. From this we have modified our design and, with the option of our Campshield FR0001 fully fire-retardant canvas and our new escape arrangement, we are confident that our customers and their guests can sleep safely in their beds” said Mark Scott, Managing Director*

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