



CAPE TOWN STADIUM

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To whom it may concern

On behalf of DHL Stadium, we would like to confirm our support of the bid for Cape Town to host the Gay Games in 2030.

The vision of the Gay Games: Inclusion, Participation and Personal Best, are values South Africans understand and celebrate. They align perfectly with South Africa's principles of LGBTI equality and non-discrimination.

The DHL Stadium in Cape Town has such a long history with Cape Town's LGBTI Community. We were built for the 2010 FIFA Football World Cup, and when that tournament was over, our very first commercial event was hosting the 17th annual Mother City Queer Project (MCQP) costume party, under the theme of "Flower Power", which took place on Saturday 18 December 2010. I have such fond memories of the LGBTI community enjoying the event here and claiming the stadium as a safe space for themselves. It was such a success, that we hosted the MCQP event again with 2012's *Fairy Tale Fantasy*, 2013's *Space Cowboys* and 2018's *Drag Race*. For the 26<sup>th</sup> annual event in 2019 – The MCQP *Love Ball* there were thousands and thousands of dazzling costumes and beautiful people!

We offer our full support for the DHL Stadium to form part of Gay Games Cape Town XIII – 2023! With our support, and unified support from various stakeholders, Cape Town will undoubtedly present a compelling bid to host this prestigious event. This event will serve as a platform to showcase our commitment to embracing diversity and celebrating athleticism on a global stage and showcase Cape Town as the Pink Tourism destination it is.

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I wish the 2030 Gay Games XIII bid team success and look forward to collaborating to deliver a world-class event that celebrates diversity and inclusion

We look forward to helping you make both this bid and eventual event a great success.

Yours Sincerely

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