



REFERENCE: 14/2/4/2/2/C3/13/0002/20

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Attention: Mr Johan Theron

Dear Sir

APPLICATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 24G OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) ("NEMA"): UNLAWFUL COMMENCEMENT OF A LISTED ACTIVITY: UNLAWFUL CLEARANCE OF VEGETATION BY CULTIVATING VIRGIN SOIL ON FARM ALLEMANSFONTEIN NO. 7, MURRAYSBURG

With reference to your application dated 18 November 2019 and received by this Department on 02 March 2020 in terms of section 24G of the NEMA for the consequences of unlawful commencement of listed activities identified in terms of the NEMA, find below the decision in respect of your application.

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

A. DECISION

By virtue of the powers conferred by section 24G of the NEMA and the *Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014* ("EIA Regulations, 2014") (as amended), the competent authority herewith **grants environmental authorisation** to the applicant to continue with the listed activities specified in Section C as described in the application and environmental assessment dated 18 November 2019.

The granting of this Environmental Authorisation is for the continuation, conducting or undertaking of the listed activities as described in Section C below and is subject to compliance with the conditions set out in Section G. This Environmental Authorisation shall only take effect from the date on which it has been issued.

The Environmental Authorisation does not exempt the holder thereof from compliance with any other applicable legislation.

B. DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT FOR THIS ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

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The abovementioned applicant is the holder of this Environmental Authorisation and is hereinafter referred to as "the holder".

C. LIST OF ACTIVITIES AUTHORISED

Listed Activities	Activity/Project Description
<p><i>Government Notice No. R546 of 18 June 2010 –</i></p> <p>Activity Number: 13</p> <p><i>Activity Description: The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more of vegetation where 75% or more of the vegetative cover constitutes indigenous vegetation, except where such removal of vegetation is required for:</i></p> <p><i>1) The undertaking of a process or activity included in the list of waste management</i></p>	<p>Approximately 4.5 ha of indigenous vegetation was cleared for the cultivation of virgin soil.</p> <p>The site area where the activity took place was identified and mapped as an Ecological Support Area (ESA) by the Central Karoo District Biodiversity Assessment (2009).</p>

<p><i>activities published in terms of section 19 of the National Environmental Management Waste Act, 2008, in which case the activity is regarded to be excluded from this list.</i></p> <p><i>2) The undertaking of a linear activity falling below the thresholds mentioned in Listing Notice 1 in terms of GN No. 544 of 2010.</i></p> <p><i>a) Critical biodiversity areas and ecological support areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority.</i></p>	<p>According to the Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan (2017) the site is not located within either a Critical Biodiversity Area or ESA.</p>
<p>Government Notice No.327 of 2014 –</p> <p>Activity Number: 27</p> <p>Activity Description: <i>The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for-</i></p> <p><i>(i) The undertaking of a linear activity; or</i></p> <p><i>(ii) Maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.</i></p>	<p>Approximately 4.5 ha of indigenous vegetation was cleared for the cultivation of virgin soil.</p>

The abovementioned list is hereinafter referred to as “the listed activities/development”.

D. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

The listed activities commenced on Portion 4 Farm Allemansfontein No. 7, Murraysburg.

The SG digit code is: C052 000 000 000 007 00004

The co-ordinates for the property boundary are:

Point	Latitude (S)	Longitude (E)
1	31° 45' 50.55" South	23° 36' 44.25" East
2	31 ° 45' 42.79" South	23° 36' 48.86" East
3	31 °45' 50.41" South	23° 37' 02.56" East
4	31 °44' 32.55" South	23 ° 36' 54.47" East

The co-ordinates for the site boundary are:

Point	Latitude (S)	Longitude (E)
1	31 ° 45' 46.04" South	23 ° 36 ' 29.58" East
2	31 ° 45 ' 37.65" South	23 ° 36 ' 31.16" East
3	31 ° 45 ' 36.40" South	23 ° 36 ' 34.71" East
4	31° 45 ' 36.98" South	23 ° 36 ' 38.08" East

Refer to Annexure 1: Locality Plan and Annexure 2: Site Plan.

Herein-after referred to as "the site".

E. DETAILS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER ("EAP")

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F. DETAILS OF THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

The holder cleared approximately 4.5 ha of indigenous vegetation for the cultivation of virgin soil. The site area where the activity took place was mapped as an Ecological Support Area ("ESA") by the Central Karoo District Biodiversity Assessment (2009).

The holder commenced with the clearing of vegetation in March 2014 with the intention to make approximately 4.5ha available for the cultivation of lucerne pastures under center pivot irrigation system. The clearing of vegetation was done by means of mechanical removal and the center pivot irrigation system was installed during April 2014. Prior to the commencement of the activity, the site was unused and scattered with remnants of old kiln ovens historically used for bricks and brick making. The site has been degraded in the past due to overgrazing.

The holder applied for an application in terms of *Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act 43 of 1983* ("CARA") Regulation 2 for the cultivation of virgin soil on Allemansfontein Farm No. 7 from the then Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries (DAFF) on the 29th of November 2013. The application proposed the cultivation of approximately 3ha of virgin soil for the development of lucerne pastures. The CARA Permit was issued on the 2nd December 2013 (Attached as Annexure 3).

G. CONDITIONS OF AUTHORISATION

The following are conditions of authorisation that are set and must be implemented for this Environmental Authorisation.

PART I

Scope of authorisation

1. The holder is authorised to undertake the listed activity/ies specified in Section C above in accordance with and restricted to the implemented Alternative described in the application and assessment report dated 18 November 2019 on the site as described in Section D above.
2. The holder shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions by any person acting on his/her behalf, including an agent, sub-contractor, employee or any person rendering a service to the holder.
3. Any changes to, or deviations from the scope of the alternative described in Section F above must be accepted or approved, in writing, by the competent authority before such changes or deviations may be implemented. In assessing whether to grant such acceptance/approval or not, the competent authority may request information to evaluate the significance and impacts of such changes or

deviations, and it may be necessary for the holder to apply for further authorisation in terms of the applicable legislation.

PART II

Notification and administration of an appeal

4. The holder must in writing, within 14 (fourteen) calendar days of the date of this decision–
 - 4.1 notify all registered Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") of –
 - 4.1.1 the outcome of the application;
 - 4.1.2 the reasons for the decision as included in Annexure 4;
 - 4.1.3 the date of the decision; and
 - 4.1.4 the date when the decision was issued.
 - 4.2 draw the attention of all registered I&APs to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the *National Appeals Regulations, 2014* detailed in Section I below.
 - 4.3 draw the attention of all registered I&APs to the manner in which they may access the decision.
 - 4.4 provide the registered I&APs with:
 - 4.4.1 the name of the holder (entity) of this Environmental Authorisation;
 - 4.4.2 name of the responsible person for this Environmental Authorisation;
 - 4.4.3 postal address of the holder;
 - 4.4.4 telephonic and fax details of the holder;
 - 4.4.5 e-mail address, if any, of the holder; and
 - 4.4.6 the contact details (postal and/or physical address, contact number, facsimile and e-mail address) of the decision-maker and all registered I&APs in the event that an appeal is lodged in terms of the *National Appeal Regulations, 2014*.
5. The listed activities, including site preparation, may not commence within 34 (thirty-four) calendar days from the date of issue of this Environmental Authorisation. In the event that an appeal is lodged with the Appeal Authority, the effect of this Environmental Authorisation is suspended until the appeal is decided.

PART III

Management of the activity/development

6. The draft Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") of June 2020 compiled by the CEN Environmental Unit and submitted as part of the application for environmental authorisation is hereby approved and must be implemented.

7. The EMPr must be included in all contract documentation for all phases of implementation.

PART IV

Monitoring

8. A copy of the Environmental Authorisation, EMPr, audit reports and compliance monitoring reports must be kept at the site of the authorised activities, and must be made available to anyone on request, including a publicly accessible website (if applicable).

9. Access to the site referred to in Section D must be granted, and the environmental reports mentioned above must be produced, to any authorised official representing the competent authority who requests to see it for the purposes of assessing and/or monitoring compliance with the conditions contained herein.

PART V

Auditing

10. In terms of regulation 34 of the *EIA Regulations, 2014* the holder must conduct environmental audits to determine compliance with the conditions of the Environmental Authorisation and the EMPr and submit Environmental Audit Reports to the competent authority upon receiving such request in writing from the competent authority. The Audit Report must be prepared by an independent person and must consider all the information required in Appendix 7 of the *EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended)*.

PART VI

Activity/ Development Specific Conditions

11. Should any heritage remains be exposed during excavations or any other actions on the site, these must immediately be reported to the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority of the Western Cape, Heritage Western Cape. Heritage remains uncovered

or disturbed during earthworks must not be further disturbed until the necessary approval has been obtained from Heritage Western Cape.

Heritage remains include: meteorites, archaeological and/or paleontological remains (including fossil shells and trace fossils); coins; indigenous and/or colonial ceramics; any articles of value or antiquity; marine shell heaps; stone artefacts and bone remains; structures and other built features with heritage significance; rock art and rock engravings; and/or graves or unmarked human burials including grave goods and/or associated burial material.

12. A qualified archaeologist and/or palaeontologist must be contracted where necessary (at the expense of the holder) to remove any heritage remains. Heritage remains can only be disturbed by a suitably qualified heritage specialist working under a directive from the relevant heritage resources authority.

H. GENERAL MATTERS

1. Notwithstanding this Environmental Authorisation, the holder must comply with any other statutory requirements that may be applicable when undertaking the listed activities.
2. Non-compliance with a condition or term of this Environmental Authorisation or EMPr may render the holder liable to criminal prosecution.
3. The holder must submit an application for amendment of the Environmental Authorisation to the competent authority where any detail with respect to the Environmental Authorisation must be amended, added, substituted, corrected, removed or updated. If a new holder is proposed, an application for Amendment in terms of Part 1 of the *EIA Regulations, 2014* must be submitted.

Please note that an amendment is not required if there is a change in the contact details of the holder. In this case, the competent authority must only be notified of such changes.

4. The manner and frequency for updating the EMPr is as follows:
Amendments to the EMPr must be done in accordance with regulations 35 to 37 of the *EIA Regulations, 2014* or any relevant legislation that may be applicable at the time.

I. APPEALS

Appeals must comply with the provisions contained in the *National Appeal Regulations, 2014*.

1. An appellant (if the holder) must –
 - 1.1 submit an appeal in accordance with regulation 4 *National Appeal Regulations, 2014* to the Appeal Administrator and a copy of the appeal to any registered I&APs, any Organ of State with interest in the matter and the decision maker within 20 (twenty) calendar days from the date the holder was notified by the competent authority of this decision.
2. An appellant (if NOT the holder) must –
 - 2.1 submit an appeal in accordance with regulation 4 *National Appeal Regulations, 2014* to the Appeal Administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the holder, any registered I&APs, any Organ of State with interest in the matter and the decision maker within 20 (twenty) calendar days from the date the holder notified the registered I&APs of this decision.
3. The holder (if not the appellant), the decision-maker, I&APs and Organ of State must submit their responding statements, if any, to the Appeal Authority and the appellant within 20 (twenty) calendar days from the date of receipt of the appeal submission.
4. This appeal and responding statement must be submitted to the address listed below:
By post: Attention: Marius Venter
 Western Cape Ministry of Local Government, Environmental Affairs &
 Development Planning
 Private Bag X9186, Cape Town, 8000; or
By facsimile: (021) 483 4174; or
By hand: Attention: Mr Marius Venter (Tel: 021-483 3721)

Room 809, 8th floor Utilitas Building
1 Dorp Street, Cape Town, 8000; or

By e-mail: DEADP.Appeals@westerncape.gov.za

Note: You are also requested to submit an electronic copy (Microsoft Word format) of the appeal and any supporting documents to the Appeal Administrator to the address listed above and/ or via e-mail to DEADP.Appeals@westerncape.gov.za.

5. A prescribed appeal form, as well as assistance regarding the appeal processes is obtainable from the office of the appeal authority/ at: Tel. (021) 483 3721, E-mail DEADP.Appeals@westerncape.gov.za or URL <http://www.westerncape.gov.za/eadp>.

J. CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS

Non-compliance with a condition or term of this Environmental Authorisation or EMPr may result in suspension or withdrawal of this Environmental Authorisation and may render the holder liable for criminal prosecution.

K. DISCLAIMER

The Western Cape Government, appointed in terms of the conditions of this Environmental Authorisation shall not be responsible for any damages or losses suffered by the holder, developer or his/her successor in any instance where construction or operation subsequent to construction is temporarily or permanently stopped for reasons of non-compliance with the conditions as set out herein or any other subsequent document or legal action emanating from this decision.

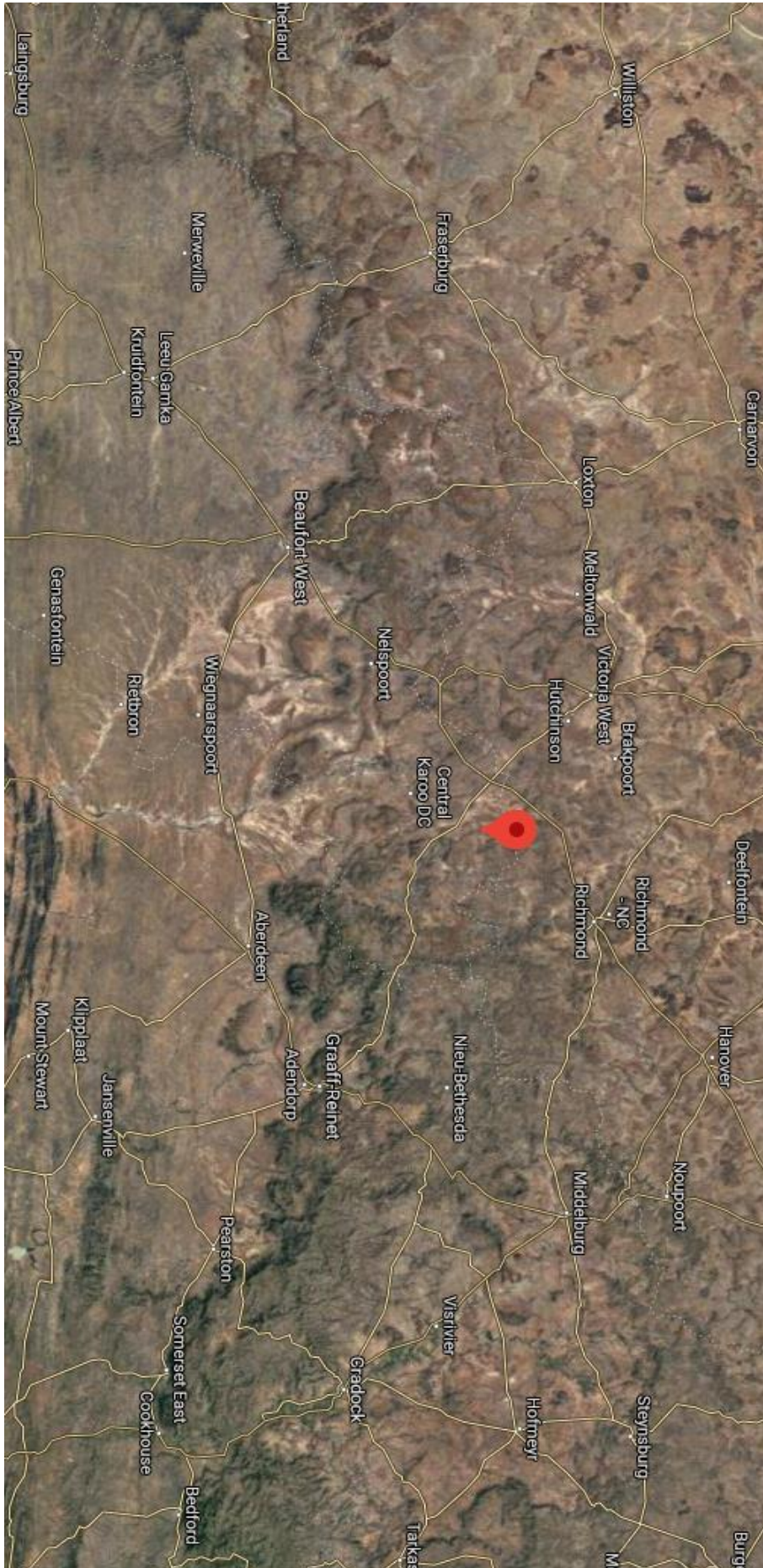
Yours faithfully

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ANNEXURE 1: LOCALITY MAP





ANNEXURE 2: SITE PLAN- 2013 PRIOR TO ACTIVITY COMMENCEMENT



2016 AFTER COMMENCEMENT OF ACTIVITY



ANNEXURE 3: CARA Permit



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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: CULTIVATION OF VIRGIN SOIL (Regulation 2)

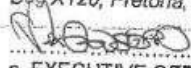
Farm: Allemansfontein Farm No 7: District: Central Karoo (Murraysburg)

With reference to your application of 29 November 2013 in terms of the provisions of Regulation 2 of the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act 1983 (Act 43 of 1983)

1. Permission is hereby granted to cultivate 3 ha virgin soil as indicated on your application.
2. Protection of the land by means of soil conservation works under present conditions is not necessary. If in future it appears that the land may be subject to erosion, you will be compelled to construct soil conservation works.
3. The land concerned shall be cultivated in accordance with such method or laid in such a manner that the surface movement of soil particles through the action of wind is restricted.
4. Other conditions:
 - 4.1 Comply with other statutory requirements that may be applicable in the proposed activity.
 - 4.2 The land user must obtain water rights use from the Department of Water Affairs before commencing with cultivation.
 - 4.3 Other relevant legislations must be adhered to that is National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act no 107 of 1998)

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the above-mentioned conditions are granted in terms of Act 43 of 1983. Failure to comply with the conditions is an offence and may lead to prosecution. Should you have problems with the interpretation of this letter or any other problem concerning the above-mentioned, do not hesitate to contact this office.

Should you feel aggrieved by this decision you may lodge an appeal in writing within 14 days of receipt of this correspondence to the *Director: Agricultural Land Resource Management, Private Bag X120, Pretoria, 0001* for his consideration.


p. EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Act 43 of 1983

Enquiries:

Reference:

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S24G REFERENCE:

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ENFORCEMENT REFERENCE :

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ANNEXURE 4: REASONS FOR THE DECISION

This Environmental Authorisation is in respect of the consequences of commencement of the afore-mentioned illegal activities. An Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP") was appointed to submit a section 24G Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") to the Department to obtain this Environmental Authorisation. The EIA was considered adequate for informed decision-making. In addition, the holder paid an administrative fine of R25 000 (Twenty-five thousand Rand) to meet the requirements of section 24G of the *National Environmental Management Act, 1998* ("NEMA").

In reaching its decision, the competent authority, *inter alia*, considered the following:

- a) The information contained in the application form dated 18 November 2019 and received by this Department on 02 March 2020 and the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) of June 2020 submitted together with the environmental assessment report.
- b) Relevant information contained in the Departmental information base, including, the Guidelines on Public Participation and Alternatives.
- c) The objectives and requirements of relevant legislation, policies and guidelines, including section 2 of the NEMA.
- d) The comments received from Interested and Affected Parties and the responses provided thereto.
- e) The sense of balance of the negative and positive impacts and proposed mitigation measures.
- f) No site inspection was conducted on the property as the processing of the section 24G application took place during the National lock down relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The information contained within the section 24G application was deemed sufficient by the Department to make an informed decision regarding the unlawful activities commenced with on the property.

All information presented to the competent authority was taken into account in the consideration of the application for environmental authorisation. A summary of the issues which, according to the competent authority, were the most significant reasons for the decision is set out below.

1. Public Participation Process

In terms of section 24G(1)(vii)(dd) of the NEMA, "...a description of the public participation process followed during the course of compiling the report, including all comments received from interested and affected parties and an indication of how the issues raised have been addressed ...", is required.

The public participation process conducted by the EAP comprised of the following:

- An advertisement was placed in "**The Graaff-Reinet Advertiser**";
- A site notice was erected; and
- Letters were sent to interested and affected parties ("I&APs") and the municipal ward councillor.
- I&APs were afforded the opportunity to provide comments on the application.

1.1 Consultation with organs of state in terms of section 24O of the NEMA

The following organ of state provided comment on the application:

- Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries ("DAFF")

At the end of the public participation process, only the DAFF provided comment on the application. The DAFF stated that the clearing of vegetation to establish lucerne pastures under a pivot irrigation system has already occurred. The landowner was authorised to cultivate 3ha with the landowner exceeding by 1.5ha which is not in accordance with the cultivation permit and a contravention of *Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 1983 (Act 43 of 1983)*. The landowner is therefore required to comply with the cultivation permit conditions.

All the concerns raised by I&APs were responded to and adequately addressed during the public participation process. Specific management and mitigation measures have been considered in this Environmental Authorisation and in the EMPr to adequately address the concerns raised.

The competent authority concurs with the EAP's responses to the issues raised during the public participation process and has included appropriate conditions in this Environmental Authorisation and in the EMPr.

2. Alternatives

2.1 Technology/Location/Site/Activity Alternatives

Alternative 1 (Herewith authorized)

This entails the clearance of approximately 4.5ha of indigenous vegetation for the cultivation of virgin soil. The site area where the activity took place was mapped as an Ecological Support Area ("ESA") by the Central Karoo District Biodiversity Assessment (2009).

The Holder commenced with the clearing of vegetation in March 2014 with the intention to make approximately 4.5ha available for the cultivation of lucerne pastures under centre pivot irrigation system. The clearing of vegetation was done by means of mechanical removal and the centre pivot irrigation system was installed during April 2014. Prior to the commencement of the activity, the site was unused and scattered with remnants of old kiln ovens historically used for bricks and brick making. The site has been degraded in the past due to overgrazing.

Location Alternatives

No additional property and location alternatives are applicable as the activity already commenced on Portion 4 of Farm No. 7 Allemansfontein and is zoned for agricultural purposes. The current site areas are considered to be favourable and viable as it is located adjacent existing lucerne pastures which is utilised in a similar manner. The centre pivot irrigation system has already been installed and removing it or moving it to a different location will incur additional costs for the Holder.

Activity Alternative

The activity has already been commenced. Currently the site area is cultivated for a lucerne pasture under irrigation. According to the information provided in the application, the negative impacts that may have occurred with this activity cannot be avoided retrospectively.

Design and Technology Alternatives

Prior to the commencement of the activity, lucerne pastures on the farm was mainly irrigated by means of flood irrigation. The site area that has been cleared and cultivated with lucerne is irrigated by means of a centre pivot irrigation system. The pivot irrigation method uses sprinklers. Flood irrigation is facilitated by

flooding the entire lucerne pasture with water by delivering water using gravity. For flood irrigation to be effective, it requires that the land be level, this can be required by means of earth works, however it is very costly. A sprinkler irrigation system, as utilised by the pivot, does not require the land to be levelled and utilises less water than flood irrigation.

This irrigation system as a technology alternative was furthermore favoured given that the site area is situated on a gentle slope which would not be suitable for flood irrigation. The centre pivot irrigation system was considered the most reasonable and feasible technology alternative for the site area.

2.2 The option of not implementing or continuing with the activity ("No-Go" Alternative)

This alternative proposes that the established lucerne pasture and center pivot irrigation system be removed from the site area and the site area to be rehabilitated to its former state. This activity is considered to be feasible, as it is possible to remove the pivot irrigation system, clear the lucerne pasture and rehabilitate the affected site area. However, this is not considered to be a reasonable alternative.

3. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Mitigation Measures

In reaching its decision, the competent authority, considered the following in respect of the EIA and mitigation measures:

3.1. Activity Need and Desirability

The property is zoned for Agriculture, was previously used occasionally for grazing and has been issued with a CARA Permit for the cultivation of virgin soil. The site area is surrounded by lucerne pastures to the south and east. Prior to the commencement of the activity, the site area was not considered to be economically viable for occasional grazing. At present the lucerne pastures contribute to the sustainability and economic viability of the current farming operations.

3.2. Regional/ Planning Context

The site is zoned as Agriculture and is in line with the regional planning context.

3.3. Biophysical and Biodiversity Impacts

The clearance of indigenous vegetation resulted in a localised impact on the receiving environment. The site would have historically contained Eastern Upper Karoo vegetation habitat. A vegetation survey of neighbouring veld adjacent to the site area cleared for the lucerne pasture was done on the 13th of August 2019. Twenty-two species were recorded, of which seven of the recorded species are listed as important taxa for the Eastern Upper Karoo vegetation habitat.

The clearance of vegetation has resulted in the loss of some indigenous vegetation which cannot be recovered unless the cleared areas are rehabilitated. Considering the relatively small area cleared of vegetation and the surrounding land use being predominantly for agriculture (existing lucerne pastures to the south and east of the site area) the impact is rated as low negative. The site area is surrounded by lucerne pastures to the south and the east and was of low conservation value.

4. **NEMA Principles**

The National Environmental Management Principles (set out in section 2 of the NEMA), which apply to the actions of all organs of state, serve as guidelines by reference to which any organ of state must exercise any function when taking any decision, and which must guide the interpretation, administration and implementation of any other law concerned with the protection or management of the environment), *inter alia*, provides for:

- the effects of decisions on all aspects of the environment to be taken into account;
- the consideration, assessment and evaluation of the social, economic and environmental impacts of activities (disadvantages and benefits), and for decisions to be appropriate in the light of such consideration and assessment;
- the co-ordination and harmonisation of policies, legislation and actions relating to the environment;
- the resolving of actual or potential conflicts of interest between organs of state through conflict resolution procedures; and
- the selection of the best practicable environmental option.

In view of the above, the NEMA principles, compliance with the conditions stipulated in this Environmental Authorisation, and compliance with the EMPr, the competent authority is satisfied that the listed activities will not conflict with the general objectives of integrated environmental management stipulated in Chapter 5 of the NEMA and that any potentially detrimental environmental impacts resulting from the listed activities can be mitigated to acceptable levels.

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