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APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA") REGULATIONS, 2014: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST ACCOMMODATION ON PORTION 2 OF FARM ANNEX GOEDEMOED NO. 127 (VILJOENSDRIFT WINE), ROBERSTON.

1. With reference to the above application, the Department hereby notifies you of its decision to **grant** the environmental authorisation, attached herewith together with the reasons for the decision.
2. In terms of Regulation 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, (as amended), you are instructed to ensure, within 14 days of the date of the environmental authorisation, that all registered Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") are provided with access to and reasons for the decision, and that all registered I&APs are notified of their right to appeal.
3. Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of the National Appeal Regulations, 2014 (as amended), which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. This procedure is summarized in the attached environmental authorisation.

Yours faithfully

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ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

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With reference to your application for the abovementioned, find below the outcome with respect to this application.

DECISION

By virtue of the powers conferred on it by the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA") and the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") Regulations, 2014, the Competent Authority herewith **grants Environmental Authorisation** to the applicant to undertake the listed activity specified in section B below with respect to the Preferred Layout and Design Alternative described in the Basic Assessment Report ("BAR"), received on 14 June 2023.

The applicant for this Environmental Authorisation is required to comply with the conditions set out in section E below.

A. 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**".

B. LIST OF ACTIVITY AUTHORISED

Listed Activity	Project Description
<p>Listing Notice 3 – Activity Number: 6</p> <p>The development of resorts, lodges, hotels, tourism or hospitality facilities that sleeps 15 people or more.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Inside a protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA; ii. Outside urban areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (aa) Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans; or (bb) Within 5km from national parks, world heritage sites, areas identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core area of a biosphere reserve; - <p>excluding the conversion of existing buildings where the development footprint will not be increased</p>	<p>The proposed accommodation units will sleep more than 15 people and will be located within 5km of a formally protected area.</p>

The abovementioned list is hereinafter referred to as “**the listed activity**”.

The holder is herein authorised to undertake the following alternative that includes the listed activity as it relates to the development:

The proposed development of five tourist accommodation units on Portion 2 of Farm Annex Goedemoed No. 127 (Viljoensdrift Wine), Roberston.

- Each unit will have a maximum development footprint of 175 m², with a total development footprint of approximately 875 m².
- Access will be via existing farm roads and tracks and two-spoor jeep tracks will connect the proposed eco-units with the existing farm road network.
- Sewerage management will be accommodated by prefabricated septic tanks with “honey sucker” outlets.

C. SITE DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

The site where the authorised listed activity will be undertaken is on Portion 2 of Farm Annex Goedemoed No. 127 (Viljoensdrift Wine), Roberston and each unit has the following co-ordinates:

Co-ordinates:	Latitude (S)	Longitude (E)
Eco-Unit 1	33° 52' 12.77" South	19° 59' 06.40" East
Eco-Unit 2	33° 52' 13.99" South	19° 58' 57.69" East
Eco-Unit 3	33° 52' 16.92" South	19° 58' 59.45" East
Eco-Unit 4	33° 52' 16.84" South	19° 58' 55.05" East
Eco-Unit 5	33° 52' 20.21" South	19° 58' 53.71" East

The SG digit code is: C0650000000012700002

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

The above is hereinafter referred to as "**the site**".

D. DETAILS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER

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E. CONDITIONS OF AUTHORISATION

Scope of authorisation

1. The holder is authorised to undertake the listed activity specified in Section B above in accordance with and restricted to Preferred Layout and Design Alternative described in the Basic Assessment Report ("BAR"), received on 14 June 2023 on the site as described in Section C above.
2. The holder must commence with, and conclude, the listed activity within the stipulated validity period which this Environmental Authorisation is granted, or this Environmental Authorisation shall lapse and a new application for Environmental Authorisation must be submitted to the competent authority.

This Environmental Authorisation is granted for-

- (a) A period of **five years** from the date of issue, during which period the holder must commence with the authorised listed activity.
 - (b) A period of **ten (10) years**, from the date the holder commenced with the authorised listed activity, during which period the authorised listed activity must be concluded.
3. 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.
 4. Any changes to, or deviations from the scope of the alternative described in section B 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 in order 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.

Written notice to the Competent Authority

5. Seven calendar days' notice, in writing, must be given to the Competent Authority before commencement of construction activity.
 - 5.1 The notice must make clear reference to the site details and EIA Reference number given above.
 - 5.2 The notice must also include proof of compliance with the following conditions described herein:

Conditions: 6, 7 and 10

Notification and administration of appeal

6. The holder must in writing, within 14 (fourteen) calendar days of the date of this decision–
 - 6.1 notify all registered Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") of –
 - 6.1.1 the outcome of the application;
 - 6.1.2 the reasons for the decision as included in Annexure 3;
 - 6.1.3 the date of the decision; and
 - 6.1.4 the date when the decision was issued.
 - 6.2 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 F below;
 - 6.3 draw the attention of all registered I&APs to the manner in which they may access the decision;
 - 6.4 provide the registered I&APs with:
 - 6.4.1 the name of the holder (entity) of this Environmental Authorisation,
 - 6.4.2 name of the responsible person for this Environmental Authorisation,
 - 6.4.3 postal address of the holder,
 - 6.4.4 telephonic and fax details of the holder,
 - 6.4.5 e-mail address, if any, of the holder,
 - 6.4.6 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 2014 National Appeals Regulations.
7. The listed activity, including site preparation, may not commence within 20 (twenty) 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.

Management of activity

8. The Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") dated June 2023 is hereby approved and must be implemented.

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

Monitoring

10. The holder must appoint a suitably experienced environmental control officer ("ECO"), or site agent where appropriate, before commencement of any land clearing or construction activity to ensure compliance with the provisions of the EMPr and the conditions contained herein.
11. The ECO must report on compliance with the EMPr in writing to this Department and the relevant authorities on a monthly basis during the construction phase.
12. A copy of the Environmental Authorisation, EMPr, audit reports, and compliance monitoring reports must be kept at the site of the authorised activity, and must be made available to anyone on request, including a publicly accessible website.
13. Access to the site referred to in Section C above 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.

Auditing

14. In terms of Regulation 34 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, the holder must conduct environmental audits to determine compliance with the conditions of the Environmental Authorisation, the EMPr. The Environmental Audit Report must be prepared by an independent person (other than the appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioner and Environmental Control Officer) and must contain all the information required in Appendix 7 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014.

The holder must undertake an environmental audit and submit an Environmental Audit Report to the Competent Authority within three months after the construction phase for the development is completed.

The holder must, within 7 days of the submission of each of the above-mentioned reports to the Competent Authority, notify all potential and registered I&APs of the submission and make the report available to anyone on request and on a publicly accessible website (if applicable).

Specific Conditions

15. 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 palaeontological remains (including fossil shells and trace fossils); coins; indigenous and/or colonial ceramics; any articles of value or antiquity; marine shell heaps; stone artifacts 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.

16. 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.

F. GENERAL MATTERS

1. Notwithstanding this Environmental Authorisation, the holder must comply with any other statutory requirements that may be applicable when undertaking the listed activity.
2. Non-compliance with a condition of this Environmental Authorisation or EMPr may render the holder liable to criminal prosecution.
3. If the holder does not commence with a listed activity within the period referred to in Condition 2, this Environmental Authorisation shall lapse for that activity, and a new application for Environmental Authorisation must be submitted to the Competent Authority. If the holder wishes to extend the validity period of the Environmental Authorisation, an application for amendment in this regard must be made to the Competent Authority prior to the expiry date of the Environmental Authorisation.
4. 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.

5. 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.

G. APPEALS

Appeals must comply with the provisions contained in the National Appeal Regulations 2014 (as amended).

1. An appellant (if the holder of the decision) must, within 20 (twenty) calendar days from the date the notification of the decision was sent to the holder by the Competent Authority –
 - 1.1. Submit an appeal in accordance with Regulation 4 of the National Appeal Regulations 2014 (as amended) to the Appeal Administrator; and
 - 1.2. Submit a copy of the appeal to any registered I&APs, any Organ of State with interest in the matter and the decision-maker i.e. the Competent Authority that issued the decision.
2. An appellant (if NOT the holder of the decision) must, within 20 (twenty) calendar days from the date the holder of the decision sent notification of the decision to the registered I&APs–

- 2.1. Submit an appeal in accordance with Regulation 4 of the National Appeal Regulations 2014 (as amended) to the Appeal Administrator; and
 - 2.2 Submit a copy of the appeal to the holder of the decision, any registered I&AP, any Organ of State with interest in the matter and the decision-maker i.e. the Competent Authority that issued the decision.
3. The holder of the decision (if not the appellant), the decision-maker that issued the decision, the registered I&AP and the 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. The appeal and the responding statement must be submitted to the address listed below:
By post: Western Cape Ministry of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
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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, 8001

Note: For purposes of electronic database management, you are also requested to submit electronic copies (Microsoft Word format) of the appeal, responding statement and any supporting documents to the Appeal Authority 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 Appeal Authority at: Tel. (021) 483 3721, E-mail DEADP.Appeals@westerncape.gov.za or URL <http://www.westerncape.gov.za/eadp>.

H. DISCLAIMER

The Western Cape Government, the Local Authority, committees or any other public authority or organisation 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.

Your interest in the future of our environment is appreciated.

Yours faithfully

MR. ZAAHIR TOEFY

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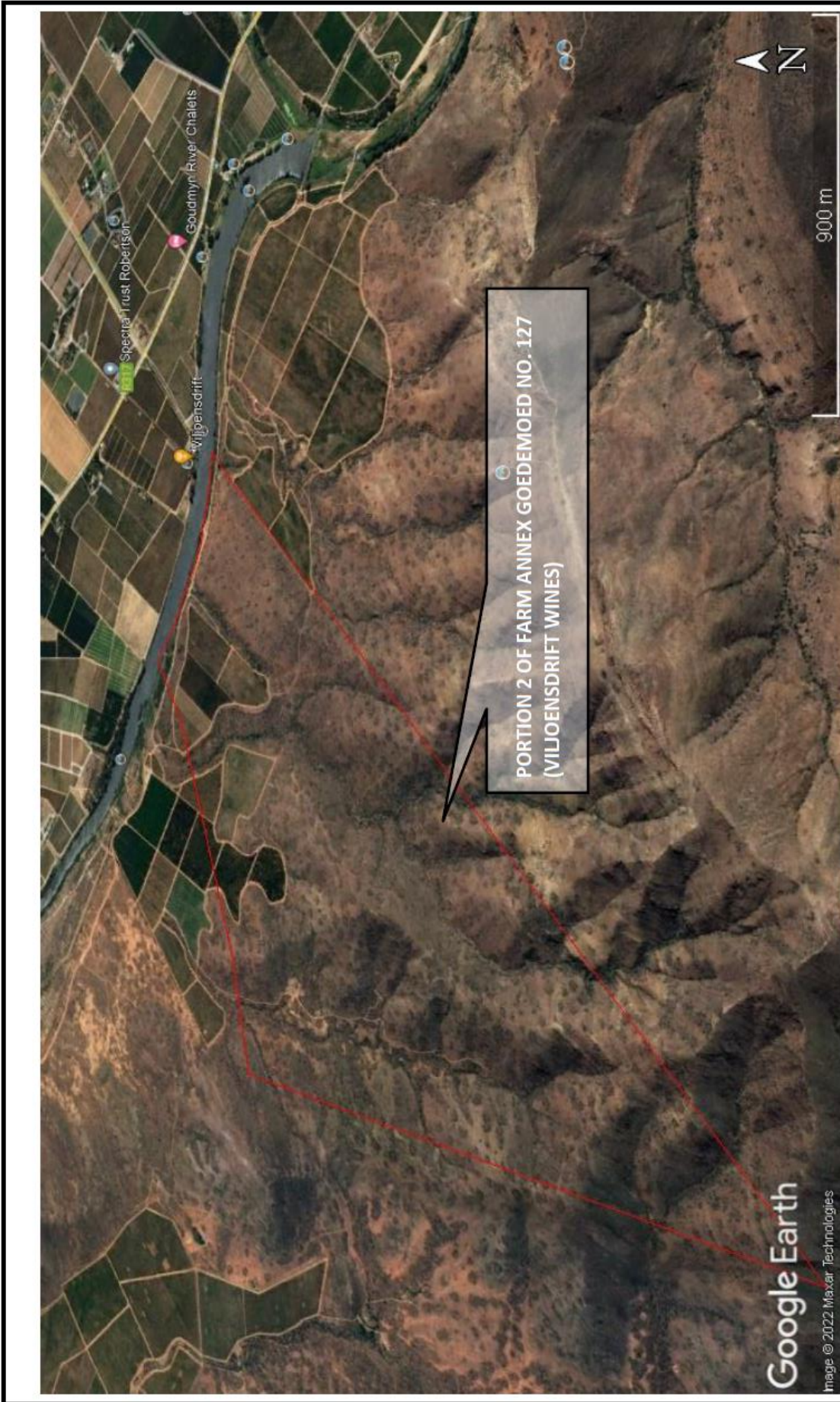
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ANNEXURE 1: LOCALITY MAP





PORTION 2 OF FARM ANNEX GOEDEMOED NO. 127
(VILJOENSDRIFT WINES)

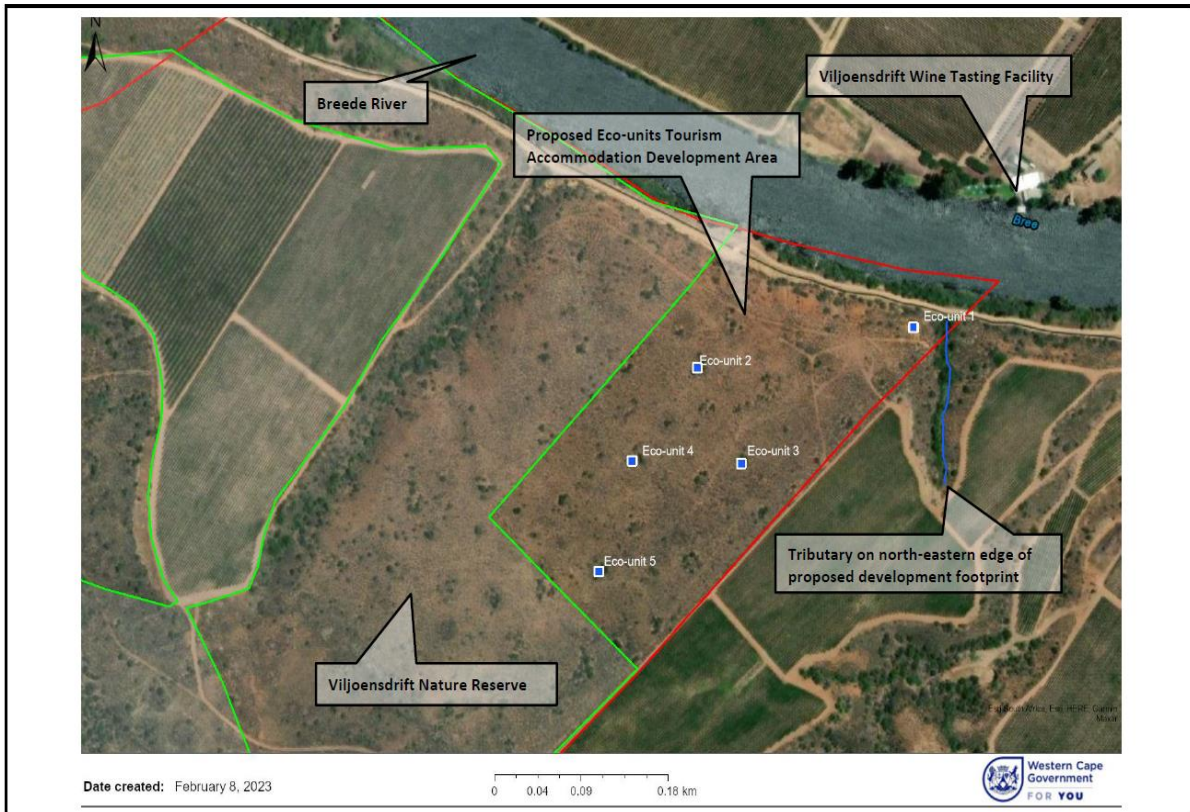
Appendix A2

Aerial Photograph of Viljoensdrift Farm, Robertson.



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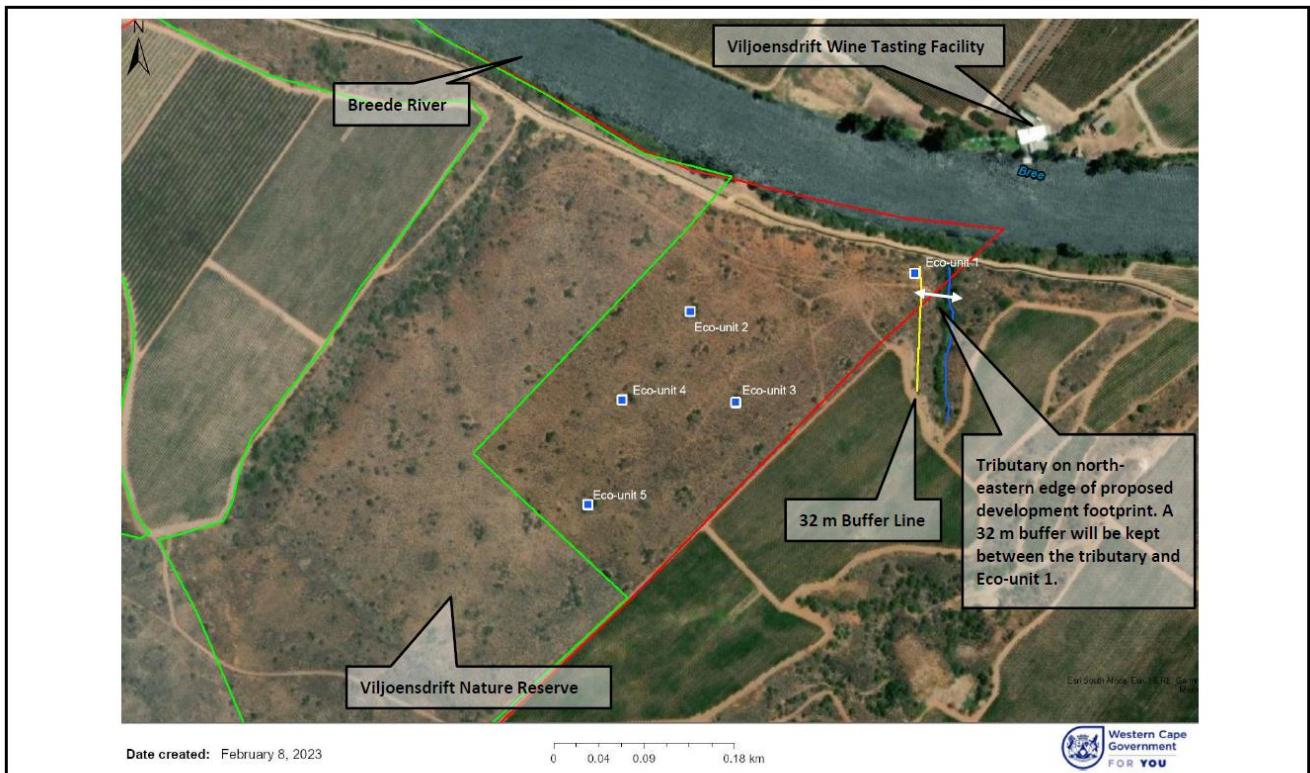
ANNEXURE 2: SITE PLAN



Appendix B1
 Site Development Plan of the proposed development at Viljoensdrift Farm, Robertson.



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Appendix B3
 Site Development Plan of the proposed development at Viljoensdrift Farm, Robertson, indicating the 32m buffer from the tributary.



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ANNEXURE 3: REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In reaching its decision, the Competent Authority considered, inter alia, the following:

- a) The information contained in the Application Form received on 27 March 2022, and the EMPr submitted together with the revised final Basic Assessment Report, received on 14 June 2023.
- b) Relevant information contained in the Departmental information base, including the Guidelines on Public Participation and Alternatives (dated March 2013);
- c) The objectives and requirements of relevant legislation, policies and guidelines, including section 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998);
- d) The comments received from I&APs and responses to these, included in the revised final Basic Assessment Report received on 14 June 2023;
- e) The balancing of negative and positive impacts and proposed mitigation measures.

No site visits were conducted. The Competent Authority had sufficient information before it to make an informed decision without conducting a site visit.

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 that were considered to be the most significant for the decision is set out below.

1. Public Participation

The Public Participation Process ("PPP") included:

- identification of and engagement with I&APs;
- placing notice boards at the site where the listed activity is to be undertaken on 31 August 2022;
- giving written notice to the owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the listed activity is to be undertaken, the municipality and ward councilor, and the various organs of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the listed activity on 28 November 2022;
- placing of a newspaper advertisement in the 'Breederivier Gazette' on 29 November 2022;
- circulating the pre-application draft BAR to I&APs from 29 November 2022 and the in-process draft BAR from 28 March 2023.

The Department is satisfied that the PPP that was followed met the minimum legal requirements and the comments raised and responses thereto were included in the comments and response report.

Specific alternatives, management and mitigation measures have been considered in this Environmental Authorisation and EMPr to adequately address the concerns raised.

2. Alternatives

Preferred Layout and Design Alternative (herewith authorised):

This alternative entails the establishment of five tourist accommodation units (eco-units) on Portion 2 of Farm Annex Goedemoed No. 127 (Viljoensdrift Wine), Roberston. Each unit will have a maximum

development footprint of 175 m², with a total development footprint of approximately 875 m². Access will be via existing farm roads and tracks, and jeep tracks will connect the proposed eco-units with the existing farm road network. Sewerage management will be accommodated by prefabricated septic tanks with “honey sucker” outlets.

This alternative is the result of multiple amendments of the originally proposed development, based on input received during the application process. The eco-units will be located south of the Breede River (more than 32 m away from the watercourse) above a steep embankment, within the north-eastern section of the property. The five proposed eco-units will be arranged within the allocated area in such a way to limit visibility and promote privacy and a feeling of seclusion. Only one eco-unit (Unit 1) will be located above the steep slope of the Breede River and will overlook the river. The preferred design of the eco-units is wooden or stone cottages, or a similar building material, which will blend in with the natural surrounding landscape. This alternative is the preferred option, as it addresses the concerns raised during the application process and avoids sensitive areas and potential environmental impacts in such areas.

Second Layout & Design Alternative

This alternative entails the construction of all the accommodation units just above the steep slope of the river within one continuous area so that they all have a view of the river. Semi-rigid tented units were proposed to reduce the possible visual impact. Following the specialist assessments and input received during the public and authority consultation process, the positions of the accommodation units were relocated further south, away from the steep edge of the riverbank and the municipal powerline traversing the site, giving rise to preferred layout. This alternative was therefore eliminated and not considered further.

No-go Option

The no-go option was also assessed but is not deemed as the preferred alternative, since the opportunity to establish tourist accommodation would not materialize. In such a case, the currently undeveloped target sites on the farm will remain undeveloped with no capital gain for the applicant or the socio-economic benefits for the broader area associated with tourist development. There would also be no employment opportunities during the construction phase of the development.

3. Impact Assessment and Mitigation measures

3.1 Activity need and desirability

The site is zoned for agricultural use and the proposed development is allowed as a consent use in terms of the existing land use rights. The proposed development is in line with the objectives of the Provincial Spatial Development Framework through the active farming on the property and the additional value that will be added by diversifying the existing activities through creating tourist facilities. It will contribute towards the socio-economic initiatives in the municipal area's tourism sector and will create job opportunities during the construction phase. The development has been amended based on specialist and authority input received and will result in limited biophysical impacts with the implementation of the recommended mitigation measures.

3.2 Biophysical Impacts

The proposed development footprint is mapped as a terrestrial Critical Biodiversity Area (“CBA”) due to the presence of critically endangered Muscadel Riviere vegetation. The findings of the Botanical

Impact Assessment dated 20 March 2022, compiled by Johlene Krige, confirmed that there is no representation of this ecosystem on the site. The on-site vegetation comprises least threatened Robertson Karoo vegetation. 92 plant species were recorded within the proposed development area of which four species are of conservation concern ("SCC"). All species are well represented within adjacent natural areas (the Viljoensdrift Nature Reserve) on the property. Avoidance or relocation is therefore not required. Approximately 183.30ha of the farm, which comprises most of the farm's remaining natural areas, forms part of a larger area set aside as the Viljoensdrift Nature Reserve. Formalisation of this reserve served to contribute to securing natural connectivity in the area and protecting populations of near threatened and vulnerable plant species.

The Freshwater Impact Assessment dated 8 May 2020, compiled by Bio-Consulting, confirmed that the aquatic ecosystems near the development site are the Breede River and an unnamed tributary of the Breede River referred to as the "north-eastern tributary". The Breede River is a major lowland river with its associated valley-bottom wetland. The tributary can be classified as a first-order, lower foothills, valley floor, non-perennial and intermittent river. The instream and riparian habitats of both the Breede River and tributary are considered largely modified primarily due to the flow and channel alterations of the river. Despite these modifications these watercourses are still considered to be of high ecological importance and sensitivity as the watercourses are providing regionally significant aquatic habitat.

The development components and footprint were significantly amended and reduced based on the specialist recommendations and the input received from the relevant authorities to minimise the potential biophysical impact. All the watercourses will be avoided by the development and a 32m buffer from the closest watercourse has been incorporated into the preferred layout. The preferred alternative is the best practicable environmentally option and is acceptable from a botanical and freshwater impact perspective with the implementation of the recommended mitigation measures.

3.3 Heritage and Visual Impacts

Based on the Heritage Impact Assessment findings dated 17 August 2022, compiled by ASHA Consulting, no historical materials were observed on the site. The only evidence of historical use were the overgrown jeep tracks and small stone cairn, none of which are significant. The cultural landscape with views southwards towards the units is the only identified sensitive heritage feature. The accommodation units were originally located in a visually prominent location, above the steep embankment, where no similar structures occur. This site is elevated above the river and thus fairly prominently situated and prone to skyline effects. For the preferred layout and design alternative, the eco-units were shifted southward to minimise the potential visual impact. Heritage Western Cape recommended that the proposed accommodation units be in a rustic style to blend in with the landscape, which will further mitigate the visual impact. To achieve this, the preferred design of the eco-units is wooden or stone cottages, or a similar building material, which will blend in with the natural surrounding landscape.

The development will result in both negative and positive impacts.

Negative Impacts:

- The development will result in a loss of natural habitat. These impacts will however be mitigated to an acceptable level with the implementation of the recommended mitigation measures, the preferred alternative and adherence to the EMPr.
- Construction phase impacts associated with the development are likely to be present, including elevated noise and dust levels. These impacts will be of temporary duration and mitigation

measures have been incorporated into the EMPr for implementation during the construction phase.

Positive impacts:

- The development of new accommodation eco-units will benefit the applicant and the broader community as it will support the tourism industry.
- The proposed project will create employment opportunities during the construction phase.

4. National Environmental Management Act 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 activity (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.

5. Conclusion

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 proposed listed activity will not conflict with the general objectives of integrated environmental management stipulated in Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and that any potentially detrimental environmental impacts resulting from the listed activity can be mitigated to acceptable levels.

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