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Dear Sir

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) ("NEMA") AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA") REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED): THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING TOURISM RESORT AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE FARM DRIEHOEK NO. 650, CLANWILLIAM

1. With reference to the above application, the Department hereby notifies you of its decision to **grant** 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 decision on the application, that all registered Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") are provided with access to the decision 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 Environmental Authorisation below.

Your interest in the future of the environment is greatly appreciated.

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 (as amended), 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 Alternative, described in the final Basic Assessment Report ("BAR"), dated 14 April 2022.

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

A. DETAILS OF THE HOLDER 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. LISTED ACTIVITY AUTHORISED

Listed Activity	Activity/Project Description
<p>Listing Notice 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended)–</p> <p>Activity Number: 17 Activity Description: <i>“The expansion of a resort, lodge, hotel, tourism or hospitality facilities where the development footprint will be expanded and the expanded facility can accommodate an additional 15 people or more.</i></p> <p>i. Western Cape</p> <p>i. <i>Inside a protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA;</i></p> <p>ii. <i>Outside urban areas:</i></p> <p>(aa) <i>Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans; or</i></p> <p>(bb) <i>Within 5km from national parks, world heritage sites, areas identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core area of a biosphere reserve; -</i></p> <p><i>excluding the conversion of existing buildings where the development footprint will not be increased”</i></p>	<p>The proposed expansion of the existing tourism resort and associated infrastructure will result in the provision of tourism accommodation sleeping an additional or more on a site located within 5km of a protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA.</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 relating to the expansion of tourism accommodation facilities at the ‘Die Bos’ and the ‘Camping Club’ sites of the existing tourism resort on the Farm Driehoek No. 650, Clanwilliam.

The proposed expansion will accommodate sleeping an additional 15 persons or more and will comprise the following:

- The demolition of one (1) existing wooden cabin at the ‘Die Bos’ site (to be reconstructed to the east of the existing ablution facilities);
- The construction of two (2) cabins of approximately 56m² each at the ‘Die Bos’ site;
- The demarcation of ten (10) plots of approximately 14m² each at the ‘Die Bos’ site for the establishment of caravan camping stands, and
- The demarcation of ten (10) plots of approximately 14m² at the ‘Camping Club’ site for the establishment of cabins and/or caravan stands.

Access within the existing tourism resort has been established and no new roads are proposed. The two (2) cabins proposed at the ‘Die Bos’ site will be provided with its own septic tank sewage system and a new approximately 2000 litre JoJo water tank.

The total development footprints amount to approximately 252m² at the ‘Die Bos’ site and approximately 140m² at the ‘Camping Club’ site.

C. SITE DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

The Listed Activity will be undertaken on the Farm Driehoek No. 650, Clanwilliam.

The SG 21-digit code is given below:

Farm Driehoek No. 650, Clanwilliam	C02000000000065000000
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The co-ordinates of the site is given below:

Sites	Latitude (S)	Longitude (E)
Camping Club	32° 25' 58.45" South	19° 10' 47.22" East
Die Bos	32° 26' 30.01" South	19° 11' 14.12" East

Refer to **Annexure 1**: Locality Map. Refer to **Annexure 2**: Site Development Plans.

The above property 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 the Preferred Alternative described in Section B above.
2. The holder must commence with, and conclude, the Listed Activity within the stipulated validity period which this Environmental Authorisation is granted for, 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 (**5**) 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 behalf, including an implementing 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 approved in writing by the Competent Authority before such changes or deviations may be implemented. In assessing whether or not to grant such approval, 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. A written notice of seven (7) calendar days must be given to the Competent Authority before construction work can be commenced with.
 - 5.1. The notice must make clear reference to the site details and EIA Reference number given above.
 - 5.2. The notice must include proof of compliance with the following conditions described herein:

Conditions: 6, 7 and 11

Notification of Environmental Authorisation and Administration of Appeal

6. The holder must in writing, within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of this decision—
 - 6.1. notify all registered Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") of –
 - 6.1.1. the decision reached on 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 Appeal Regulations, 2014 (as amended) detailed in Section G 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 the:
 - 6.4.1. 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; and
 - 6.4.6. 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 Appeals Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

Commencement

7. The Listed Activity, including site preparation, must not be commenced with within (20) twenty calendar days from the date the applicant notifies the registered I&APs of this decision.
8. 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

9. The draft Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") (submitted as part of the final BAR on 14 April 2022), is hereby approved and must be implemented.
10. The Environmental Authorisation and EMPr must be included in all contract documentation for all phases of implementation.

Monitoring

11. The holder must appoint a suitably experienced Environmental Control Officer ("ECO") before the Listed Activity can be commenced with, to ensure compliance with the EMPr and the conditions contained herein. The ECO must submit ECO reports on a quarterly basis for the duration of the construction phase.
12. A copy of the Environmental Authorisation, EMPr, ECO reports, audit reports and compliance monitoring reports must be kept at the contractor's site office during the construction phase and thereafter the said documents must be kept at the office of the holder and must be made available to any authorised official of the Competent Authority on request.
13. Access to the site referred to in Section C must be granted, and the environmental reports mentioned above must be produced, to any authorised official representing the Competent Authority who requests to see the reports for the purposes of assessing and/or auditing compliance with the conditions contained herein.

Auditing

14. In terms of Regulation 34 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the holder must conduct environmental audits to determine compliance with the conditions of the Environmental Authorisation and the EMPr. Environmental audit reports must be compiled and be submitted to the Competent Authority. Environmental audit reports must be prepared by an independent person and must contain all the information required in Appendix 7 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).
15. The audit reports must be compiled and subsequently submitted to the Competent Authority in the following manner:
 - 15.1. An audit report must be submitted to the Competent Authority within **six (6) months** of the commencement of the construction phase; and
 - 15.2. A final audit report must be submitted within **three (3) months** of the proposed expansion being completed.
16. The audit report must indicate compliance status with the conditions of this Environmental Authorisation, and the EMPr and make recommendations for improved environmental management.
17. The holder must, within **seven (7) calendar days** of the submission of the audit report to the Competent Authority, notify all registered I&APs of the submission and make the audit report available to any registered I&AP on request and, where the holder has such a facility, place on a publicly accessible website.

Specific Conditions

18. Should any heritage remains be exposed during excavations or any other actions on the site, this 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 disturbed further until the necessary approval has been obtained from Heritage Western Cape.

Heritage remains include, *inter alia*, 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 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.

19. A qualified archaeologist and/or paleontologist 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 any Condition of this Environmental Authorisation or EMPr may render the holder liable for criminal prosecution.
3. If the holder does not commence with the Listed Activity within the period referred to in Condition 2, this Environmental Authorisation shall lapse. If the holder wishes to extend the validity period of the Environmental Authorisation, an application for amendment in this regard must be lodged with the Competent Authority.
4. An application for amendment of the Environmental Authorisation must be submitted 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 (as amended) must be submitted.
5. Please note that an amendment of the Environmental Authorisation is not required for a change in the contact details of the holder. In such a case, the Competent Authority must only be notified of such changes.
6. The manner and frequency for updating the EMPr must be as follows:
 - 6.1. Amendments to the EMPr must be made in accordance with Regulations 35 to 37 of GN No. R.982 (as amended) 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 twenty (20) 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 twenty (20) 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 twenty (20) 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
Private Bag X9186
CAPE TOWN
8000

By facsimile: (021) 483 4174; or

By hand: Attention: Mr Marius Venter (Tel.: 021 483 2659)
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 at 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 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 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 greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

MR. ZAAHIR TOEFY
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DATE OF DECISION: 05 AUGUST 2022

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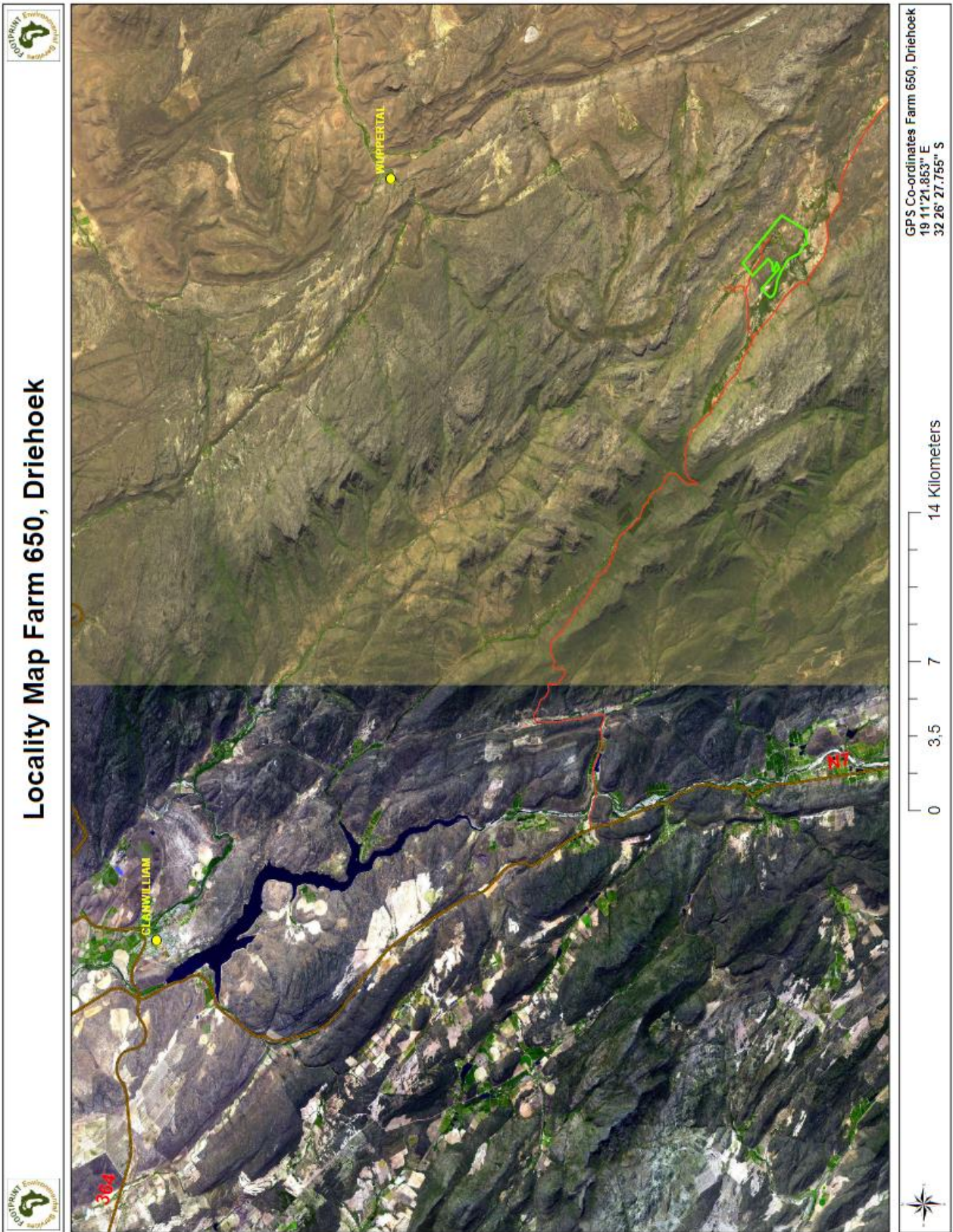
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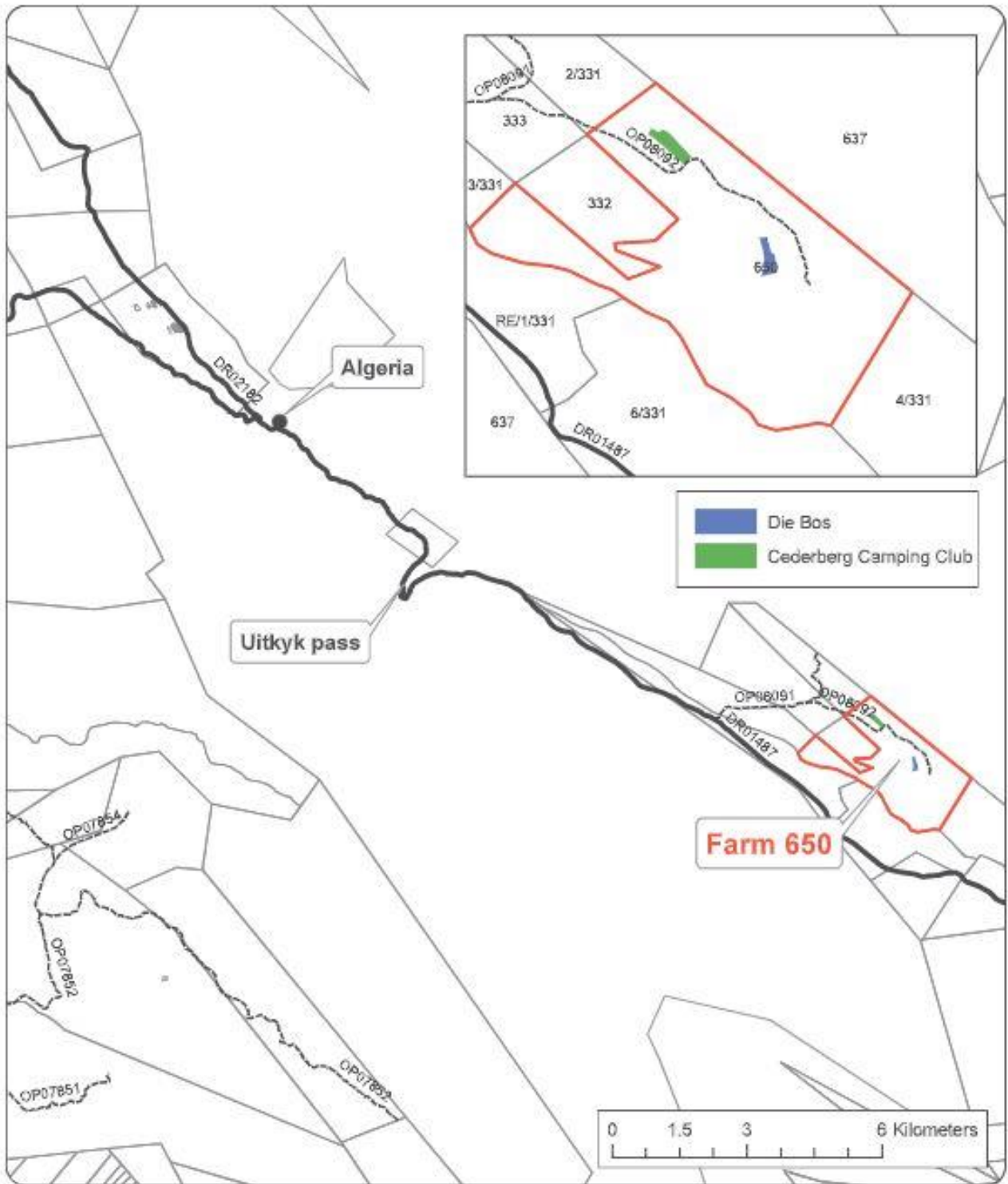
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ANNEXURE 1: LOCALITY MAPS



Locality Map Farm 650, Driehoek



LOCATION MAP AND ACCESS

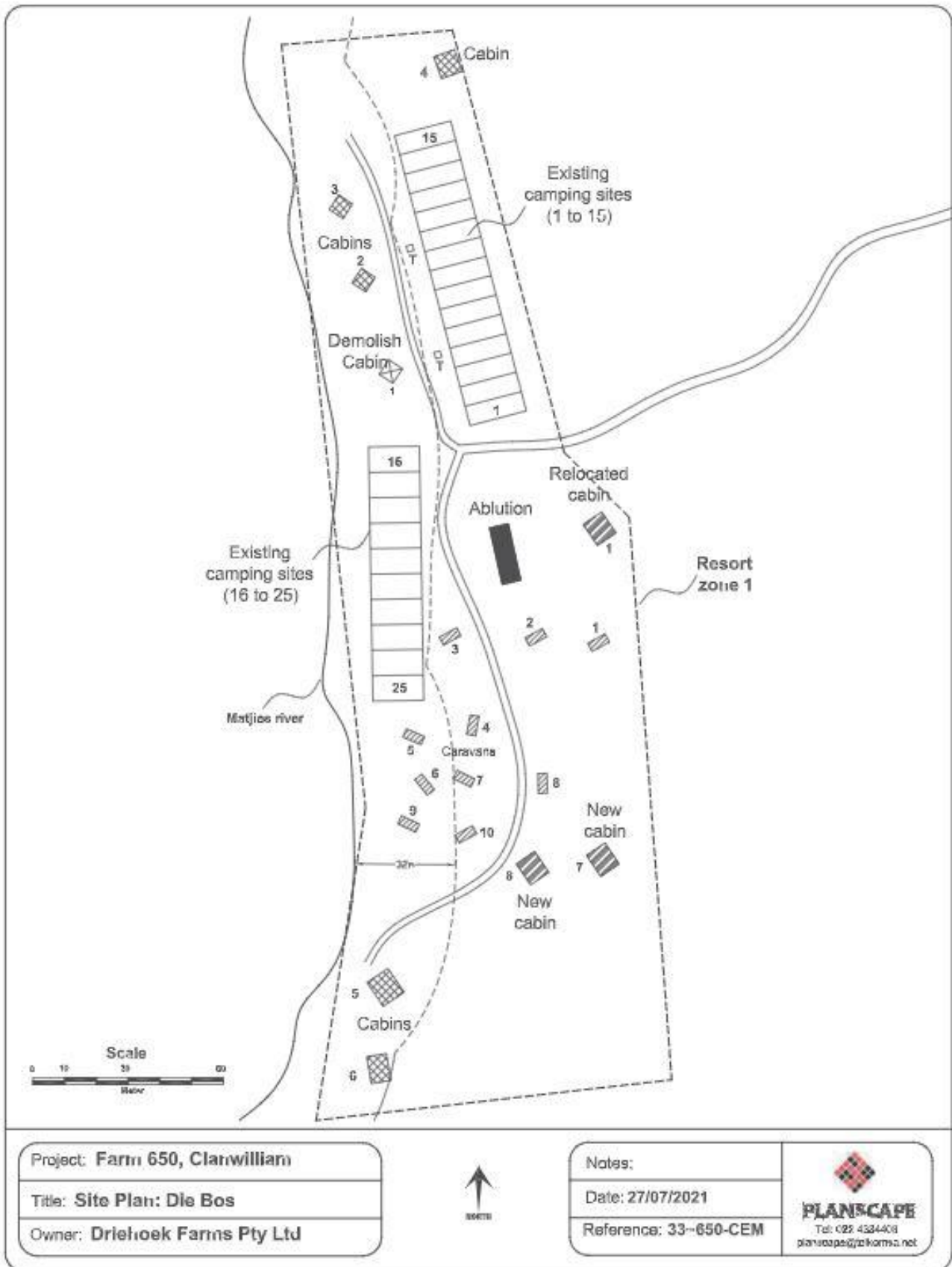
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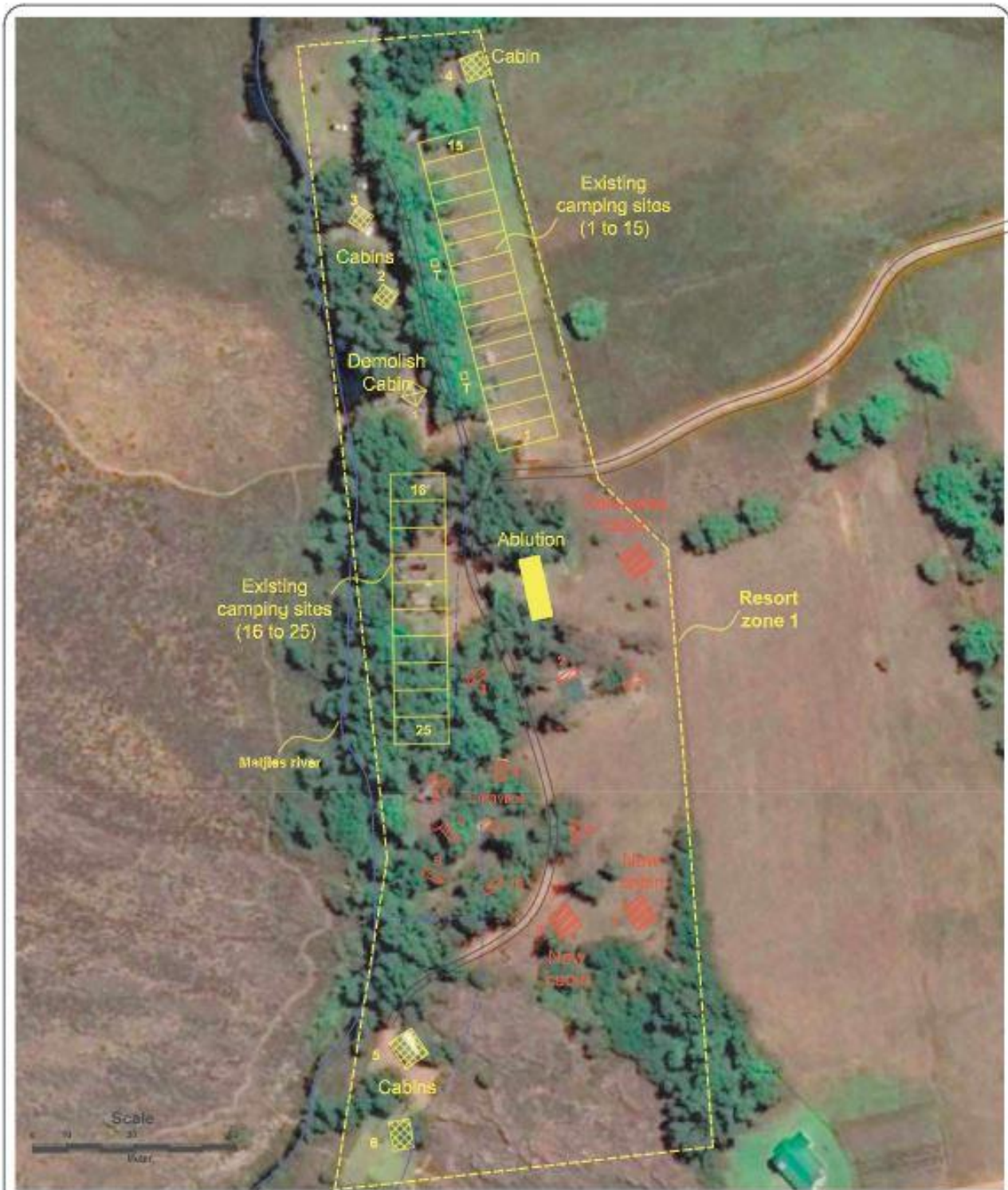


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ANNEXURE 2: THE LAYOUT PLANS





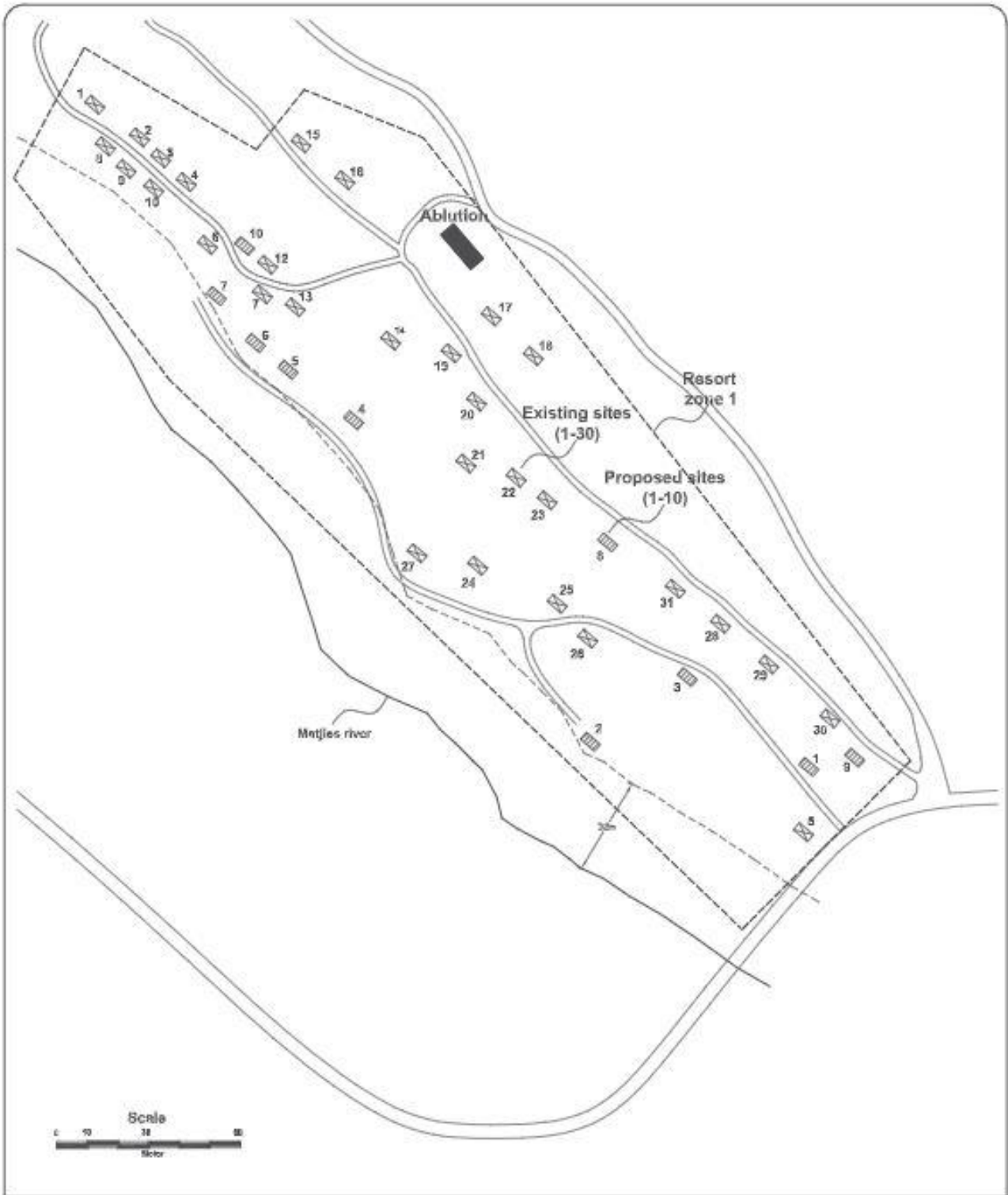
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Title: Site Plan: Die Bos
Owner: Driehoek Farms Pty Ltd



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Project: Farm 650, Claiwilliam
Title: Site Plan: Camping Club
Owner: Driehoek Farms Pty Ltd



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Date: 27/07/2021
Reference: 33-650-CEM

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Project: Farm 650, Clanwilliam

Title: Site Plan: Camping Club

Owner: Driehoek Farms Pty Ltd



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Date: 27/07/2021

Reference: 33-650-CEM



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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 dated 10 January 2022, the final BAR dated 14 April 2022, the EMPr dated April 2022, and the additional information received on 5 and 6 July 2022;
- b) Relevant information contained in the Departmental information base, including the Guidelines on Public Participation, Need and Desirability and Alternatives (dated March 2013);
- c) The objectives and requirements of relevant legislation, policies and guidelines, including section 2 of the NEMA;
- d) The comments received from I&APs and the responses thereto, included in the final BAR; and
- e) The balancing of negative and positive impacts and proposed mitigation measures.

No site visit was 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;
- Giving written notice to potential I&APs, including owners, interest groups and occupiers of land adjacent to the site, the Municipality, Organs of State and State Departments having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity on 17 February 2022;
- The placing of a newspaper advertisement in the "Ons Kontrei" newspaper on 18 February 2022;
- Fixing two site notices at, *inter alia*, the main office at Driehoek and at the entrance of the Akkerbos site on 19 February 2022;
- Making the draft BAR available to I&APs for comment from 17 February 2022 to 24 March 2022;
- Hardcopies of the draft BAR were placed at the Clanwilliam Public Library for public review on 21 February 2022; and
- A reminder of the public review period on the draft BAR was sent out via electronic mail correspondence to all key stakeholders on 15 March 2022.

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

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

2. Alternatives

Preferred Alternative (Herewith Authorised)

The Preferred Alternative entails the expansion of tourism facilities at the 'Die Bos' and the 'Camping Club' sites of the existing tourism resort on the Farm Driehoek No. 650, Clanwilliam. The proposed expansion will accommodate sleeping an additional 15 persons or more and will comprise the following:

- The demolition of one (1) existing wooden cabin at the 'Die Bos' site (to be reconstructed to the east of the existing ablution facilities);
- The construction of two (2) cabins of approximately 56m² each at the 'Die Bos' site;

- The demarcation of ten (10) plots of approximately 14m² each at the 'Die Bos' site for the establishment of caravan camping stands, and
- The demarcation of ten (10) plots of approximately 14m² at the 'Camping Club' site for the establishment of cabins and/or caravan stands.

Access within the existing tourism resort has been established and no new roads are proposed. The two (2) cabins proposed at the 'Die Bos' site will be provided with its own septic tank sewage system and a new approximately 2000 litre JoJo water tank.

The total development footprints amount to approximately 252m² at the 'Die Bos' site and approximately 140m² at the 'Camping Club' site.

This preferred alternative was informed by the site's constraints (although minimal), with a view to maximising the capacity of the proposed new tourism accommodation facilities within the existing tourism resort. The preferred alternative was therefore deemed to be the best practicable environmental option.

'No-go' Alternative

The 'No-Go' Alternative of not proceeding with the proposed expansion of the existing tourism resort and associated infrastructure on the Farm Driehoek No. 650, Clanwilliam was considered. The positive impacts of the said proposed expansion include the provision of additional employment opportunities and contribution to the local tourism economy with the provision of additional tourist facilities and accommodation, which are benefits that will not be realised with the 'No-Go' alternative.

In light of the above, the 'No-Go' Alternative was therefore deemed undesirable.

3. Impact Assessment and Mitigation measures

3.1 Need and Desirability

The site is zoned Resort Zone I with a Consent Use Area zoned Agriculture I. The applicable planning related applications are required to fully permit the proposed expansion of the existing tourism resort. The desirability of the proposed expansion is based on the offering of a *bona fide* tourist product that is enhanced by the location of the site, *i.e.*, in the heart of the Cederberg surrounded by vast areas of wilderness.

In terms of the Western Cape Provincial Spatial Development Framework, the proposed expansion is in line with the need to diversify rural livelihoods, while protecting existing agricultural resources. This is attributed to the fact that the proposed expansion will not be undertaken on land used for agriculture. The proposed expansion is aligned with the existing Integrated Development Plan, whereby diversification of the agricultural land use and economic growth must be facilitated without the loss of agricultural potential of an area. To this end, the nature of the proposed expansion will contribute towards enhancing the Cederberg region as a tourist destination, as per the local municipal's objectives for local economic development, without any loss of viable agricultural land.

3.2 Aquatic Impacts

The Matjiesriver is located in close proximity to the site. Three of the proposed caravan stands of approximately 14m² each are demarcated within 32m of the said watercourse, however, these caravan stands will not include the establishment of physical infrastructure or structures. Additionally, no expansion activities will take place within the said watercourse itself.

The impact of the proposed expansion on the said watercourse is therefore deemed to be of very low significance.

3.3 Heritage Impacts

A Notice of Intent to Develop was submitted to Heritage Western Cape whereupon Heritage Western Cape indicated (in their comment dated 08 February 2022) that since there is no reason to believe that the proposed expansion will impact on heritage resources, no further action under Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) is required.

Additionally, the applicant will comply with Conditions 18 and 19 of this Environmental Authorisation. This will help to ensure the protection of any heritage resources that may be encountered on the site.

The development proposal will result in both negative and positive impacts.

Negative Impacts include:

- Construction related impacts, such as dust, noise and visual intrusion during the construction phase.

Positive Impacts include:

- The creation of employment opportunities during construction and the operational phases; and
- The proposed expansion will increase the financial viability of the existing resort (business opportunities) through the creation of additional tourism facilities.

4. National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) 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 EMP, the Competent Authority is satisfied that the authorised Listed Activity 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 undertaking of the Listed Activity can be mitigated to acceptable levels.

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