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**SITE SENSITIVITY VERIFICATION  
AND  
AGRICULTURAL COMPLIANCE STATEMENT  
FOR THE PROPOSED 6 GLAMPING PODS ON PORTION 11 OF FARM 449 MELKHOUTEFONTEIN  
NEAR GOURITS, WESTERN CAPE**

**Report by  
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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The overall conclusion of this assessment is that the proposed development is acceptable because it leads to negligible loss of future agricultural production potential.

This assessment disputes the high sensitivity classification of the assessed area by the screening tool and rates the entire assessed area as being of medium agricultural sensitivity with a maximum land capability of 7 because of its assessed agricultural production potential and current agricultural land use.

The dryland cropping potential of the site is limited by the combination of climate and soil constraints. The dominant constraints are the arid climate and the very low water and nutrient holding capacity of the very sandy soils. The combination means that there is an insufficient moisture reservoir to carry a crop through the season. Because of these constraints, the site is completely unsuitable for viable rainfed crop production and its viable agricultural use is limited to grazing.

An agricultural impact is a change to the future agricultural production potential of land. This is primarily caused by the exclusion of agriculture from the footprint of the development. In this case, the site is considered to be below the threshold for needing to be conserved as agricultural production land because of the limitations that make it unsuitable as viable cropland. The use of this land for non-agricultural purposes will cause negligible loss of future agricultural production potential in terms of national food security. The overall negative agricultural impact of the development (loss of future agricultural production potential) is assessed here as being of very low significance and as acceptable.

From an agricultural impact point of view, it is recommended that the proposed development be approved.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Environmental and change of land use authorisation is being sought for a proposed 6 glamping pods on portion 11 of farm 449 Melkhoutefontein near Gouritz, Western Cape (see location in Figure 1). In terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No 107 of 1998 - NEMA), an application for environmental authorisation requires an agricultural assessment. In this case, based on the medium agricultural sensitivity of the assessed area (see Section 7), the level of agricultural assessment required by the protocol is an Agricultural Compliance Statement.



**Figure 1.** Locality map of the property boundary (blue outline), northwest of Gouritz.

The purpose of an agricultural assessment is to answer the question:

Will the proposed development cause a significant reduction in agricultural production potential, and most importantly, will it result in a loss of arable land?

Section 9 of this report unpacks this question, particularly with respect to what constitutes a significant reduction. To answer the above question, it is necessary to determine the existing

agricultural production potential of the land that will be impacted, and specifically whether it is viable arable land or not. This is done in Section 8 of this report. Sections 8 and 9 of this report directly address the above question and therefore contain the essence and most important part of the agricultural impact assessment. As is shown in Section 9, this assessed development poses negligible threat to future agricultural production potential.

## **2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Applicant intends to build six (6) glamping pods on portion 11 of farm 449 Melkhoutefontein near Gouritz, Western Cape.

## **3 TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The terms of reference for this study are to fulfill the requirements of the *Protocol for the specialist assessment and minimum report content requirements of environmental impacts on agricultural resources*, gazetted on 20 March 2020 in GN 320 (in terms of Sections 24(5)(A) and (H) and 44 of NEMA, 1998).

The terms of reference for an Agricultural Compliance Statement, as stipulated in the agricultural protocol, are listed below, and the section number of this report which fulfils each stipulation is given after it in brackets.

1. The Agricultural Compliance Statement must be prepared by a soil scientist or agricultural specialist registered with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP) (**Appendix 3**).
2. The compliance statement must:
  1. be applicable to the preferred site and proposed development footprint (**Figures 2 and 3**);
  2. confirm that the site is of “low” or “medium” sensitivity for agriculture (**Section 7**); and
  3. indicate whether or not the proposed development will have an unacceptable impact on the agricultural production capability of the site (**Section 12**).
3. The Agricultural Compliance Statement must contain, as a minimum, the following information:
  1. details and relevant experience as well as the SACNASP registration number of the soil scientist or agricultural specialist preparing the statement including a curriculum vitae (**Appendix 1**);
  2. a signed statement of independence by the specialist (**Appendix 2**);

3. a map showing the proposed development footprint (including supporting infrastructure) with a 50 m buffered development envelope, overlaid on the agricultural sensitivity map generated by the screening tool (**Figure 2**);
4. confirmation from the specialist that all reasonable measures have been taken through micro-siting to avoid or minimize fragmentation and disturbance of agricultural activities (**Section 11.1**);
5. a substantiated statement from the soil scientist or agricultural specialist on the acceptability, or not, of the proposed development and a recommendation on the approval, or not of the proposed development (**Section 12**);
6. any conditions to which this statement is subjected (**Section 12**);
7. in the case of a linear activity, confirmation from the agricultural specialist or soil scientist, that in their opinion, based on the mitigation and remedial measures proposed, the land can be returned to the current state within two years of completion of the construction phase (**Section 11.2**);
8. where required, proposed impact management outcomes or any monitoring requirements for inclusion in the EMPr (**Section 10**); and
9. a description of the assumptions made and any uncertainties or gaps in knowledge or data (**Section 5**).

#### **4 METHODOLOGY OF STUDY**

The assessment was based on a verification of current agricultural land use on the site and was informed by existing climate, soil, and agricultural potential data for the site (see references). The level of agricultural assessment is considered entirely adequate for an understanding of on-site agricultural production potential for the purposes of this assessment.

#### **5 ASSUMPTIONS, UNCERTAINTIES OR GAPS IN KNOWLEDGE OR DATA**

There are no specific assumptions, uncertainties or gaps in knowledge or data that affect the findings of this study.

#### **6 APPLICABLE LEGISLATION AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

This section identifies all applicable legislation and permit requirements over and above what is required in terms of NEMA.

The project may require agricultural approval (or at least comment from Department of Agriculture) as part of the required approval in terms of applicable municipal land use legislation, as well as in terms of the Subdivision of Agricultural Land Act (Act 70 of 1970 - SALA), if the property is currently zoned for agriculture.

## 7 SITE SENSITIVITY VERIFICATION

A specialist agricultural assessment is required to include a verification of the agricultural sensitivity of the development site as per the sensitivity categories used by the web-based environmental screening tool of the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE). Agricultural sensitivity is an indication of the capability of the land for agricultural production, based only on its climate, terrain, and soil capabilities and its agricultural land use. The different categories of agricultural sensitivity indicate the priority by which land should be conserved as agricultural production land. However, the screening tool's agricultural sensitivity is often of very limited value for assessing agricultural impact. What is of importance to an agricultural assessment, rather than the site sensitivity verification, is its assessment of the cropping potential and its assessment of the impact significance, both of which are not necessarily correlated with sensitivity.

The screening tool classifies agricultural sensitivity according to two independent criteria, from two independent data sets, both of which may be indicators of the land's agricultural production potential but are limited in that the first is outdated and the second relies on fairly coarse modelled data. The two criteria are:

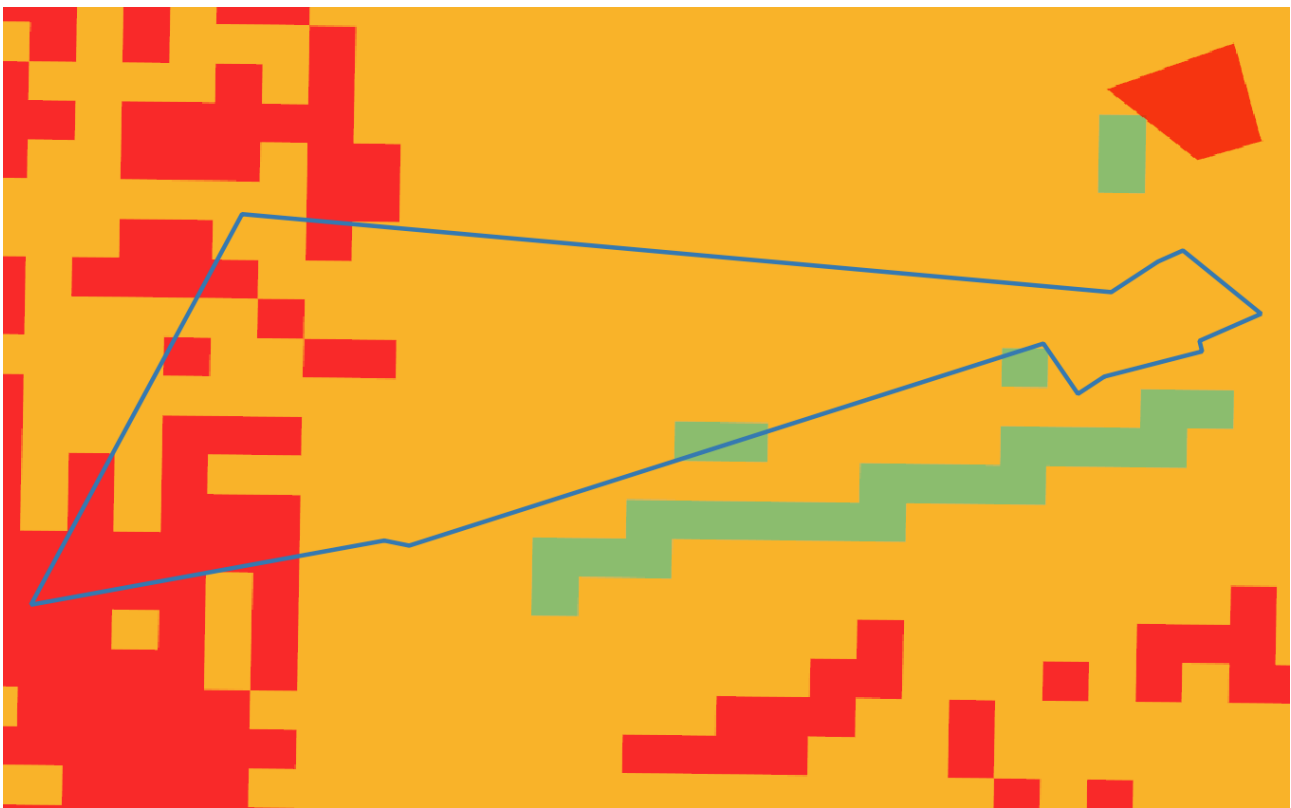
1. whether the land is classified as cropland or not on the field crop boundary data set (Crop Estimates Consortium, 2019), and
2. its land capability rating on the land capability data set (DAFF, 2017)

All classified cropland is, by definition, either high or very high sensitivity. Land capability is defined as the combination of soil, climate, and terrain suitability factors for supporting rain-fed agricultural production. It is rated by the Department of Agriculture's updated and refined, country-wide land capability mapping (DAFF, 2017). The higher land capability values ( $\geq 8$  to 15) are likely to indicate suitability as arable land for crop production, while lower values ( $< 8$ ) are likely to only be suitable as non-arable grazing land. The direct relationship between land capability rating, agricultural sensitivity, and rain-fed cropping suitability is shown in Table 1.

**Table 1:** Relationship between land capability, agricultural sensitivity, and rain-fed cropping suitability.

Land capability value	Agricultural sensitivity	Rain-fed cropping suitability
1 - 5	low	Unsuitable
6 - 8	medium	Unsuitable to marginally suitable
9 - 10	high	Suitable
11 - 15	very high	Suitable

The agricultural sensitivity of the site, as given by the screening tool, is shown in Figure 2. However, the screening tool sensitivity requires specialist verification because of the limitations of the data sets on which it is based.



**Figure 2.** The assessed property (blue outline) overlaid on agricultural sensitivity, as given by the screening tool (green = low; yellow = medium; red = high; dark red = very high). The screening tool's high sensitivity is disputed by this assessment, which rates the entire assessed area as being of medium agricultural sensitivity.

This verification of sensitivity addresses both components that determine it, namely cropping status and land capability. The screening tool classifies the assessed area as ranging from low to high agricultural sensitivity. None of the land is classified as cropland and the rating of agricultural sensitivity is therefore purely a function of classified land capability as per Table 1 above. This assessment verifies that the site is not within crop boundaries and therefore confirms the less than high sensitivity rating by the screening tool that is based on the cropping status component of sensitivity.

The classified land capability of the site ranges from 5 to 9. This assessment disputes a classified land capability of  $>7$  because the classified land capability is due to an H land types. The H land types comprise grey, regic sands originating from dunes and coastal sands. These land types, because of their unlimited soil depth, are attributed a land capability on the modelled land capability data set, wherever they occur, that is too high ( $\geq 8$ ) in relation to their actual cropping potential. In reality,



such soils have a low cropping potential due to their very low water and nutrient holding capacity and therefore do not deserve a land capability rating of any higher than 7. Evidence of the lack of cropping potential of these land types is that almost no crop production takes place on them. Crop production in the area is confined to land types that have higher water and nutrient holding capacity. This assessment therefore rates the assessed area as having a maximum land capability of 7 and therefore as being of medium agricultural sensitivity in terms of the land capability component of sensitivity.

In conclusion, this assessment disputes the high sensitivity classification of the assessed area by the screening tool and rates the entire assessed area as being of medium agricultural sensitivity with a maximum land capability of 7 because of its assessed agricultural production potential and current agricultural land use.

## 8 BASELINE DESCRIPTION OF THE AGRO-ECOSYSTEM

The purpose of this section is firstly to present the baseline information that controls the agricultural production potential of the site and then to assess that potential. Agricultural production potential, and particularly cropping potential, is one of three factors that determines the significance of an agricultural impact, together with size of footprint and duration of impact (see Section 9).

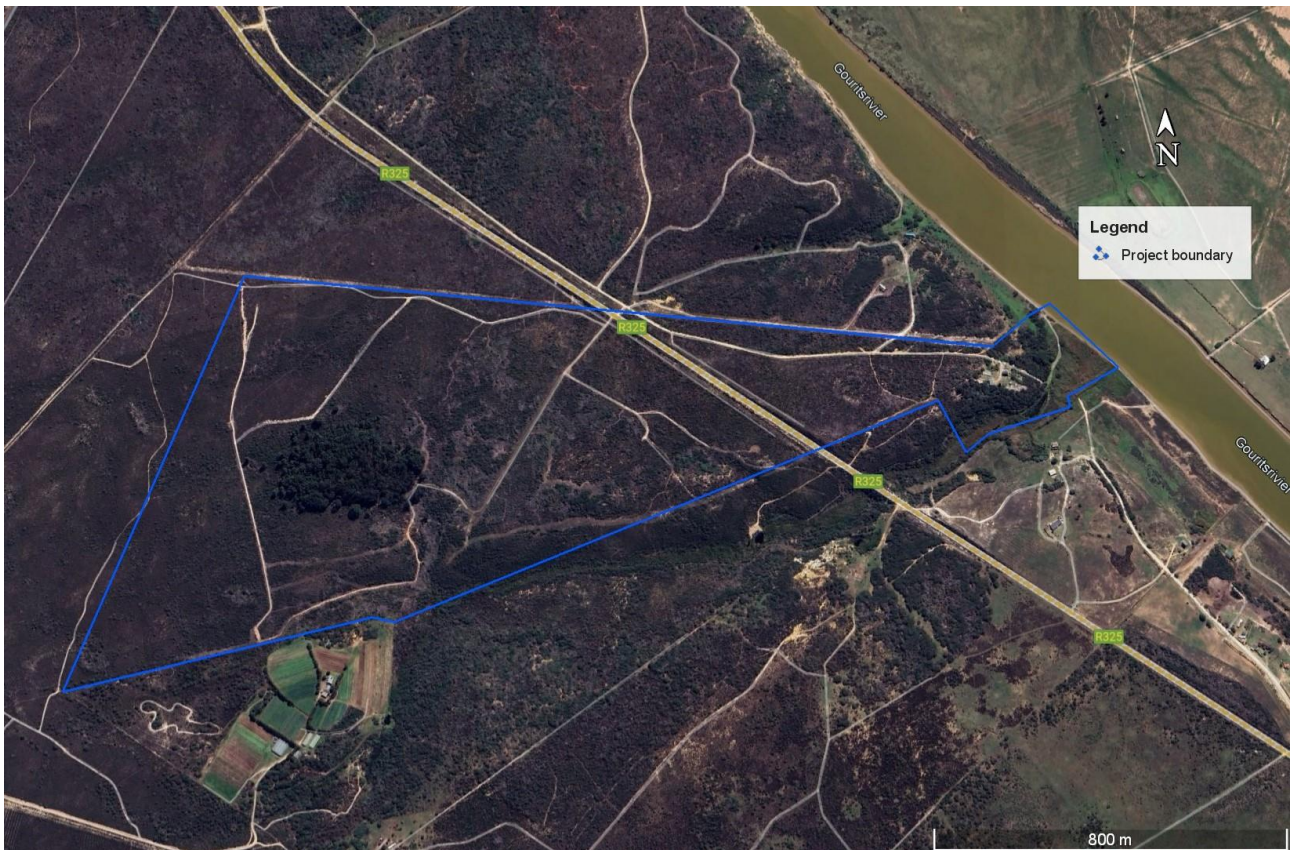
All the important parameters that control the agricultural production potential of the site are given in Table 2. The land type soil data are given in Appendix 4. A satellite image map of the development site is given in Figure 3.

The site falls outside of an area that is classified as a Protected Agricultural Area (PAA) (DALRRD, 2020). A PAA is a demarcated area in which the climate, terrain, and soil are generally conducive for agricultural production and which, historically, or in a regional context, has made important contributions to the production of the various crops that are grown across South Africa. Within PAAs, the protection, particularly of arable land, is considered a priority for the protection of food security in South Africa, but the protection of land outside of these areas is generally not considered a food security priority.

**Table 2:** Parameters that control and/or describe the agricultural production potential of the site.

	Parameter	Value
Climate	Köppen-Geiger climate description (Beck <i>et al</i> , 2018)	Arid, steppe, cold
	Mean Annual Rainfall (mm) (Schulze, 2009)	283

	Parameter	Value
	Reference Crop Evaporation Annual Total (mm) (Schulze, 2009)	955
	Climate capability classification (out of 9) (DAFF, 2017)	5 (moderate)
Terrain	Terrain type	Coastal plain with low hills
	Terrain morphological unit	Varied
	Slope gradients (%)	0 to 8
	Altitude (m)	60
	Terrain capability classification (out of 9) (DAFF, 2017)	3 (low) to 7 (high)
Soil	Geology (DAFF, 2002)	Calcrete and surficial sand.
	Land type (DAFF, 2002)	Ha2, Ia12
	Description of the soils	Deep, light coloured, very light textured soils
	Dominant soil forms	Fernwood
	Soil capability classification (out of 9) (DAFF, 2017)	4 (low-moderate) to 6 (moderate-high)
	Soil limitations	Very low water and nutrient holding capacity
Land use	Agricultural land use in the surrounding area	Mostly non-agricultural with some grazing
	Agricultural land use on the site	None
General	Long-term grazing capacity (ha/LSU) (DAFF, 2018)	Predominantly 12
	Land capability classification (out of 15) (DAFF, 2017)	5 (low) to 9 (moderate-high)
	Within Protected Agricultural Area (DALRRD, 2020)	No



**Figure 3.** Satellite image map of the property on which the development is planned.

### **8.1 Assessment of the agricultural production potential**

This assessment of the agricultural production potential of the site is based on an integration of the different parameters in Table 2 above.

The dryland cropping potential of the site is limited by the combination of climate and soil constraints, as identified in Table 2. The dominant constraints are the arid climate and the very low water and nutrient holding capacity of the very sandy soils. The combination means that there is an insufficient moisture reservoir to carry a crop through the season. Because of these constraints, the site is completely unsuitable for viable rainfed crop production and its viable agricultural use is limited to grazing.

## **9 ASSESSMENT OF THE AGRICULTURAL IMPACT**

### **9.1 Impact identification and assessment**

It should be noted that an Agricultural Compliance Statement is not required to formally rate agricultural impacts by way of impact assessment tables.

An agricultural impact is a change to the future agricultural production potential of land. In most

developments, including the one being assessed here, this is primarily caused by the exclusion of agriculture from the footprint of the development. The significance of an agricultural impact is a direct function of the following three factors:

1. the size of the footprint of land from which agriculture will be excluded (or the footprint that will have its potential decreased)
2. the baseline production potential (particularly cropping potential) of that land
3. the length of time for which agriculture will be excluded (or for which potential will be decreased).

The most significant loss of agricultural land possible, for any development anywhere in the country, is of high yielding cropland, and the least significant possible, is of low carrying capacity grazing land.

Cropping potential is highlighted in factor 2, above, because the threshold, above which it is a priority to conserve land for agricultural production, is determined by the scarcity of arable crop production land in South Africa (approximately only 13% of the country's surface area) and the relative abundance of the rest of agricultural land across the country that is only good enough to be used for grazing. If land can support viable and sustainable crop production, then it is considered to be above the threshold and is a priority for being conserved as agricultural production land. If land is unable to support viable and sustainable crop production, then it is considered to be below the threshold and of much lower priority for being conserved.

In this case, the site is considered to be below the threshold for needing to be conserved as agricultural production land because of the limitations that make it unsuitable as viable cropland. The use of this land for non-agricultural purposes will result in negligible loss of future agricultural production potential in terms of national food security. The overall negative agricultural impact of the development (loss of future agricultural production potential) is assessed here as being of very low significance and as acceptable.

## **9.2 Cumulative impact assessment**

Specialist assessments for environmental authorisation are required to include an assessment of cumulative impacts. The cumulative impact of a development is the impact that development will have when its impact is added to the incremental impacts of other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable future activities that will affect the same environment.

Due to its negligible agricultural impact, the assessed development will not contribute to the cumulative agricultural impact. The cumulative agricultural impact of the proposed development is therefore assessed here as being of very low significance and therefore as acceptable. The

development will not have an unacceptable negative impact on the agricultural production capability of the area, and it is therefore recommended, from a cumulative agricultural impact perspective, that the development be approved.

### **9.3 Assessment of alternatives**

Specialist assessments for environmental authorisation are required to include a comparative assessment of alternatives, including the no-go alternative. Because there is no viable cropland within the assessed site, the exact positions of all proposed infrastructure within it will make absolutely no difference to agricultural impacts. Any alternative layouts within the same assessed site will have equal agricultural impact and are assessed as equally acceptable.

The no-go alternative considers impacts that will occur to the agricultural environment in the absence of the proposed development. There are no agricultural impacts of the no-go alternative, but this is not significantly different from the very low impact of the development, and so from an agricultural impact perspective, there is no preferred alternative between the no-go and the development.

## **10 MITIGATION**

The most important and effective mitigation of agricultural impacts for any development is avoidance of viable croplands. This development has already applied this mitigation by selecting a site on which there are not viable croplands. No mitigation measures are required for the protection of agricultural production potential on the site because the development poses negligible degradation risk to agricultural resources.

## **11 ADDITIONAL ASPECTS REQUIRED IN AN AGRICULTURAL ASSESSMENT**

### **11.1 Micro-siting**

The agricultural protocol requires confirmation that all reasonable measures have been taken through micro-siting to minimize fragmentation and disturbance of agricultural activities. Because of the uniformly low agricultural potential of the environment, with no cropping, micro-siting will make no material difference to agricultural impacts and disturbance.

### **11.2 Confirmation of linear activity exclusion**

If linear infrastructure has been given exclusion from complying with certain requirements of the agricultural protocol because of its linear nature, the protocol requires confirmation that the land impacted by that linear infrastructure can be returned to the current state within two years of

completion of the construction phase. No such exclusion applies to this project.

## **12 CONCLUSION: AGRICULTURAL COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

The overall conclusion of this assessment is that the proposed development is acceptable because it leads to negligible loss of future agricultural production potential.

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From an agricultural impact point of view, it is recommended that the proposed development be approved. The conclusion of this assessment on the acceptability of the proposed development and the recommendation for its approval is not subject to any conditions.

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## APPENDIX 1: SPECIALIST CURRICULUM VITAE

### Johann Lanz Curriculum Vitae

#### Education

M.Sc. (Environmental Geochemistry)	University of Cape Town	1996 - 1997
B.Sc. Agriculture (Soil Science, Chemistry)	University of Stellenbosch	1992 - 1995
BA (English, Environmental & Geographical Science)	University of Cape Town	1989 - 1991
Matric Exemption	Wynberg Boy's High School	1983

#### Professional work experience

I have been registered as a Professional Natural Scientist (Pri.Sci.Nat.) in the field of soil science since 2012 (registration number 400268/12) and am a member of the Soil Science Society of South Africa.

#### **Soil & Agricultural Consulting      Self employed      2002 - present**

Within the past 5 years of running my soil and agricultural consulting business, I have completed more than 170 agricultural assessments (EIAs, SEAs, EMPRs) in all 9 provinces for renewable energy, mining, electrical grid infrastructure, urban, and agricultural developments. I was the appointed agricultural specialist for the nation-wide SEAs for wind and solar PV developments, electrical grid infrastructure, and gas pipelines. My regular clients include: Zutari; CSIR; SiVEST; SLR; WSP; Arcus; SRK; Environamics; Royal Haskoning DHV; ABO; Enertrag; WKN-Windcurrent; JG Afrika; Mainstream; Redcap; G7; Mulilo; and Tiptrans. Recent agricultural clients for soil resource evaluations and mapping include Cederberg Wines; Western Cape Department of Agriculture; Vogelfontein Citrus; De Grendel Estate; Zewenwacht Wine Estate; and Goedgedacht Olives. In 2018 I completed a ground-breaking case study that measured the agricultural impact of existing wind farms in the Eastern Cape.

#### **Soil Science Consultant      Agricultural Consultors International (Tinie du Preez)      1998 - 2001**

Responsible for providing all aspects of a soil science technical consulting service directly to clients in the wine, fruit and environmental industries all over South Africa, and in Chile, South America.

#### **Contracting Soil Scientist      De Beers Namaqualand Mines      July 1997 - Jan 1998**

Completed a contract to advise soil rehabilitation and re-vegetation of mined areas.

#### Publications

- Lanz, J. 2012. Soil health: sustaining Stellenbosch's roots. In: M Swilling, B Sebitosi & R Loots (eds). *Sustainable Stellenbosch: opening dialogues*. Stellenbosch: SunMedia.
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### APPENDIX 2: SPECIALIST DECLARATION FORM AUGUST 2023

Specialist Declaration form for assessments undertaken for application for authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended (the Regulations)

#### REPORT TITLE: THE PROPOSED 6 GLAMPING PODS ON PORTION 11 OF FARM 449 MELKHOUTEFONTEIN NEAR GOURITS, WESTERN CAPE

##### Kindly note the following:

1. This form must always be used for assessment that are in support of applications that must be subjected to Basic Assessment or Scoping & Environmental Impact Reporting, where this Department is the Competent Authority.
2. This form is current as of August 2023. It is the responsibility of the Applicant / Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to ascertain whether subsequent versions of the form have been published or produced by the Competent Authority. The latest available Departmental templates are available at <https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms>.
3. An electronic copy of the signed declaration form must be appended to all Draft and Final Reports submitted to the department for consideration.
4. The specialist must be aware of and comply with '*the Procedures for the assessment and minimum criteria for reporting on identified environmental themes in terms of sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the act, when applying for environmental authorisation - GN 320/2020*', where applicable.

#### 1. SPECIALIST INFORMATION

Title of Specialist Assessment	Agricultural Assessment
Specialist Company Name	SoilZA – sole proprietor
Specialist Name	Johann Lanz
Specialist Identity Number	6607045174089
Specialist Qualifications:	M.Sc. (Environmental Geochemistry)
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## 2. DECLARATION BY THE SPECIALIST

I, **Johann Lanz** declare that –

- I act as the independent specialist in this application;
- I am aware of the procedures and requirements for the assessment and minimum criteria for reporting on identified environmental themes in terms of sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998, as amended, when applying for environmental authorisation which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. “the Protocols”) and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020.
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant;
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
- I have expertise in conducting the specialist report relevant to this application, including knowledge of the Act, Regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will comply with the Act, Regulations and all other applicable legislation;
- I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing –
  - △ any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority; and;
  - △ the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority;
- All the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of Regulation 48 and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the NEMA Act.



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Signature of the Specialist

SoilZA (sole proprietor)

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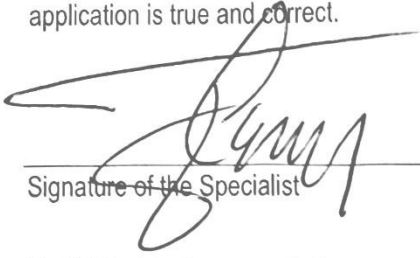
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3. UNDERTAKING UNDER OATH/ AFFIRMATION

I, **Johann Lanz**, swear under oath that all the information submitted or to be submitted for the purposes of this application is true and correct.



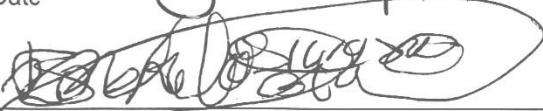
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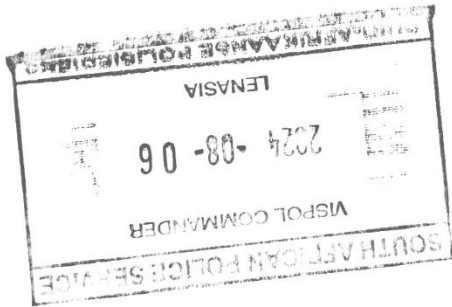
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Signature of the Commissioner of Oaths

2024/08/06

Date





**herewith certifies that**

**Johan Lanz**

Registration Number: 400268/12

**is a registered scientist**

in terms of section 20(3) of the Natural Scientific Professions Act, 2003  
(Act 27 of 2003)

in the following field(s) of practice (Schedule 1 of the Act)

Soil Science (Professional Natural Scientist)

Effective 15 August 2012

Expires 31 March 2025



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Chairperson

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Chief Executive Officer



**APPENDIX 4: LAND TYPE DATA**

**Table 4:** Land type soil data

Land type	Soil series (forms)	Depth (mm)	Clay % A horizon	Clay % B horizon	Depth limiting layer	% of land type
Ha2	Fw	1000 > 1200	0 - 6			74,3
Ha2	Ms	150 - 350	0 - 6		ka	12,0
Ha2	Fw	> 1200	0 - 6			8,5
Ha2	Ms	50 - 300	0 - 6		R	2,9
Ha2	R					1,9
Ha2	Ms	50 - 300	0 - 6		R	0,4
la12	Oa	> 1200	6 - 10	6 - 20		77,0
la12	S					8,0
la12	Du	> 1200	6 - 10			5,1
la12	Sd	200 - 400	25 - 35	35 - 55	U	3,3
la12	Fw	> 1200	0 - 6			2,8
la12	We	300 - 350	6 - 10	6 - 15	sp	1,5
la12	Hu	200 - 400	15 - 20	35 - 55	U	1,5
la12	Va	200 - 400	6 - 10	15 - 35	vp	0,9