
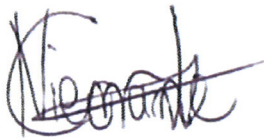



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Declaration

I, Russell Tate, declare that:

- I act as the independent specialist in this study;
- I will perform the work relating to the study 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 science relevant to this study, including knowledge of the Act, regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the study;
- 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 study;
- 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 71 and is punishable in terms of Section 24F of the Act.
- Please refer to appendix A for the specialist CV.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Russell Tate'.

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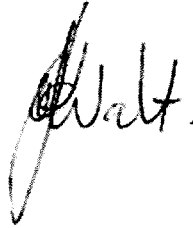
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11. STATEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE

I, Jaco van der Walt as duly authorised representative of Beyond Heritage, hereby confirm my independence as a specialist and declare that neither I nor the Beyond Heritage have any interest, be it business, financial, personal or other, in any proposed activity, application or appeal in respect of which the client was appointed as Environmental Assessment practitioner, other than fair remuneration for work performed on this project.



SIGNATURE:

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 –
 12. any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority; and;
 13. 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.



Signature of the Specialist

Johann Lanz – Soil Scientist (sole proprietor)

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1.2 DFFE Screening Tool Site Sensitivity Verification

In terms of Part A of the Assessment Protocols published in GN 320 on 20 March 2020, site sensitivity verification is required relevant to the DFFE Screening Tool. As indicated in Figure 1 below, the Map of Relative Landscape (Solar).

The SSV review was informed by the **site visit that was undertaken on the 12 June 2023**. During the survey, photographs and comments were recorded and can be viewed in Annexure A, with the associated map of the survey points as well as the survey tracks. The following table outlines the relevance of the risks raised in the SSV as informed by the site visit.

Table 2. DFFE SSV Landscape Risk table.

DFFE Feature	DFFE Sensitivity	Risk Verification	Motivation
Slope between 1:4 and 1:10	High	High	The southern flat-topped inselbergs are unique mountain features and do have steep slopes on the northern flanks that are included in the proposed project assessment area. These areas and a buffer of 300m from the mountain feature should be retained as a natural landscape. Exclusion of these areas would result in Low risk to slopes and mountain features.
Mountain tops and high ridges	Very High	Very High	
Slope more than 1:4m	Very High	Very High	