

REFERENCE: 16/3/3/6/7/2/B1/14/1127/21
DATE: 20/8/2021

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Attention: Mr M Viljoen

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Dear Sir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE PRE-APPLICATION SCOPING REPORT IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT ("NEMA"), 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA") REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PROPOSED CLEARANCE OF INDIGENOUS VEGETATION FOR CULTIVATION PURPOSES ON PARTS OF PORTION NO. 38 OF FARM UITNOOD NO. 129, ROBERTSON

1. The electronic version of the pre-application Scoping Report, as received by the Department on 6 August 2021, refers.
2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the afore-mentioned document by this Department.
3. This Department will consider the pre-application Scoping Report and issue a comment within the prescribed timeframe.
4. Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of this application.
5. The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on the information received.

Yours faithfully

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**HEAD OF COMPONENT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MANAGEMENT SERVICES: REGION 1
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**

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REFERENCE: 16/3/3/6/7/2/B1/14/1127/21

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Dear Sir

**COMMENT ON THE PRE-APPLICATION SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CLEARANCE OF
INDIGENOUS VEGETATION FOR CULTIVATION PURPOSES ON SECTIONS OF PORTION NO. 38 OF
FARM UITNOOD NO. 129, ROBERTSON**

1. The electronic version of the pre-application Scoping Report, as received by the Department on 6 August 2021 and the Departmental letter issued on 20 August 2021, refer.
2. It is the Department's understanding that the proposal entails the cultivation of approximately 78ha of indigenous vegetation on the abovementioned farm. Five potential sites namely Area 1a of approximately 34.6ha, Area 1b of approximately 21.5ha, Area 1c of approximately 2.1ha, Area 2 of approximately 8.2ha, Area 3 of approximately 1ha, Area 4 of approximately 6.8ha and Area 5 of approximately 3.7ha will be cultivated. The required infrastructure to develop these parcels is already existing on the property. Irrigation water will be used from a previously approved dam on the farm. Irrigation pipes will also be installed as part of the cultivation areas. The existing farm roads will be formalised.
3. The following is the Department's provisional comment and must be addressed in the in-process Scoping Report:
 - 3.1 Please be reminded that an updated signed and dated applicant declaration is required to be submitted with each relevant document (pre-app reports, formal application form, in-process draft report and final reports) to be submitted to this Department for decision-making. It is important to note that by signing this declaration, the applicant is confirming that they are aware and have taken cognisance of the contents of the report submitted for decision-making. Furthermore, through signing this declaration, the applicant is making a commitment that they are both willing and able to implement the necessary mitigation, management and monitoring measures recommended within the report with respect to this application.
 - 3.2 It is noted that irrigation water will be obtained from an existing dam located on the farm. It is further noted that the applicant obtained a Water Use Licence for the storage of water in this dam. A copy of the Water Use Licence must be included in the in-process draft Scoping Report. You are also required to confirm whether the available water allows for irrigation of both the existing cultivated areas and the planned expansion of the new cultivated areas on the farm.

- 3.3 It is noted that Irrigation pipelines will be placed inside the already disturbed footprint of existing farm roads and cultivation areas. You are required to provide this Department with details on the pipelines to be installed for irrigation purposes i.e., capacity, length etc.
- 3.4 It is also noted that existing farm roads, leading to the new areas to be cultivated, will be formalised. Clarity is required on what the formalisation of the roads will entail i.e., will these roads be cleared of vegetation and or will it only be brush cut, will the roads be made wider etc.
- 3.5 The report states that a few significant drainage lines have been buffered as part of the preferred alternative. However, the size of the buffers is not mentioned in the report as stipulated in the Freshwater Constraints Report dated May 2021. The in-process Scoping Report must be amended to include all the buffer specifications for all the sensitive areas on the proposed sites.
- 3.6 Page 9 of the report states that an application to cultivate must be submitted by the applicant in terms of CARA. You are requested to include the CARA application in the draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for reviewing purposes.
4. You are further reminded that the in-process Scoping Report must contain all the information outlined in Appendix 2 of EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended).
5. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.
6. Please note that it is an offence in terms of Section 49A(1)(a) of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Competent Authority has granted an Environmental Authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Failure to comply with the requirements of Section 24F of the NEMA will result in the matter being referred to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Directorate of this Department. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable to a fine not exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.
7. The Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw comments or request further information based on any information received.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Mr de Villiers

**Pre-Application Scoping Report for Proposed Cultivation on Parts of Portion 38
of Farm Uitnood 129, Robertson
(DEA&DP ref. no.: 16/3/3/6/7/2/B1/14/1127/21)**

CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed development and would like to make the following comments. Please note that our comments only pertain to the biodiversity related impacts and not to the overall desirability of the proposed development.

The areas under investigation for cultivation are mainly classified as Other Natural according to the Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan (WCBSP), apart from the Ecological Support Area (ESA) along drainage lines and very small patch of Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA) in the eastern corner. The vegetation occurring on the site mainly consists of Robertson Karoo (Least Concern according to 2011 NEM:BA and 2018 NBA), with a section of Breede Sand Fynbos (Vulnerable according to 2011 NEM:BA and 2018 NBA) and Muscadel Riviere (Critically Endangered according to 2011 NEM:BA and Endangered according to 2018 NBA) corresponding with the mapped CBA. There are no wetlands mapped for the site with several non-perennial/ephemeral drainage lines traversing the hillsides.

The ground-truthing for the terrestrial biodiversity assessment confirmed the presence of Robertson Karoo and Breede Sand Fynbos on the site, although the distribution of the latter is more patchy than the NBA mapping. The area mapped as Muscadel Riviere was however confirmed to contain Breede Sand Fynbos. The CBA mapping could therefore be further interrogated at this location due to the differing vegetation threat status. The vegetation is described as mainly in good condition, apart from historical mining along the northern boundary and edge effects adjacent to cultivated lands.

A total of five Plant Species of Conservation Concern (SCC) were encountered within the area under investigation, with substantial populations present in some cases. The locations of

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the threatened species have been included in a map in terrestrial biodiversity assessment report. The threatened species populations also correlated with the best condition habitat and steep slopes in certain parts and based on this an area was defined for exclusion from cultivation. Although these areas were classified as Other Natural in the WCBSP, there were previously no records of SCCs from the site, and this new information could have potentially changed the classification on the WCBSP. CapeNature is in agreement with the recommendations of the terrestrial biodiversity assessment with regards to the proposed cultivation areas and no-go areas.

The freshwater constraints and opportunities report confirms that the drainage lines on site are episodic and would not be considered as watercourses or wetlands as they support terrestrial vegetation. They were accordingly rated as low ecological importance and sensitivity, however the potential for erosion if disturbed was mentioned. Only the larger drainage lines were identified as constraints along with a 15 m buffer.

A remnant floodplain wetland was also identified in the area mapped as Muscadel Riviere. The wetland and a 20 m buffer have been identified as a constraint. The preferred layout has taken into account some of the proposed freshwater constraints but not all of them. The current preferred layout should either be amended to exclude the areas identified in the freshwater constraints and opportunities report or a freshwater assessment addendum report must be compiled with relevant mitigation measures.

In terms of irrigation water for the application, the existing on-site dams and associated water rights are proposed to be used for the additional cultivated lands. The application will therefore not impact any further on the water-stressed Keisers River catchment.

The subject property was included in an application for a new dam along with several neighbouring properties (DEA&DP Reference: 16/3/3/2/B1/14/1054/18). CapeNature recommended that the remaining areas of natural vegetation should be conserved. We have not received an environmental authorisation for this application, however the associated mitigation measures must be taken into consideration for this application. As indicated, the application took into consideration multiple properties.

In conclusion, CapeNature agrees with the proposed layout with regards to the terrestrial ecological constraints, however the freshwater constraints also need to be taken into account. Further confirmation must be provided regarding the conservation areas associated with the dam application.

CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.

Yours sincerely



Rhett Smart

For: Manager (Landscape Conservation Intelligence)

Pieter de Villiers

From: Rhett Smart <rsmart@capenature.co.za>
Sent: Tuesday, 28 September 2021 11:29
To: Rudolph Roscher; Pieter de Villiers
Cc: Marthinus Van Tonder; Philippa Huntly; Corne Claassen
Subject: RE: Keisersdrift Dam EA and offset

Hi Rudolph and Pieter

We have since had a follow-up from Groenberg and they have clarified that a biodiversity agreement has been signed for this application for 5/129 and did not include any other properties. The reason why we were alerted to this was that 38/129 was included as part of the dam application. There are therefore no outstanding offset/stewardship requirements for 38/129 in terms of this previous dam application.

Regards

Rhett

From: Roscher, Rudolph <RudolphR@elsenburg.com>
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Cc: Marthinus Van Tonder <mvtonder@capenature.co.za>
Subject: RE: Keisersdrift Dam EA and offset

Hallo Rhett

Not sure if what you have send is what Pieter was asking for...maybe I am confused but the Silver Oaks applicant was not a client of Pieter...what you have send is of another (almost) neighboring property...I could be wrong but please confirm.

Regards

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Subject: FW: Keisersdrift Dam EA and offset

Hi Pieter

Please find attached the EA for the dam application referred to in the comment for the cultivation NEMA application for 38/129 Uitnood, Robertson. The extent of the stewardship conservation area still needs to be clarified.

Regards

Rhett

From: mische@groenbergenviro.co.za <mische@groenbergenviro.co.za>
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Subject: RE: Keisersdrift Dam EA and offset

Hi Rhett

Trust this mail finds you well.

Apologies for the delay. I was on maternity leave.

Please find attached the EA. The EA holder was notified/made aware of the conditions stipulated in the EA.

There is a condition for a Stewardship Agreement with CapeNature.

Nerine was working on the final stages of this project, so I'm not sure what the EA holder did after receiving the EA.

Vriendelike groete / Kind regards,



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Subject: Keisersdrift Dam EA and offset
Importance: High

Dear Mische

We wish to follow-up with you regarding the application relevant to the attached comment. The query relates to stewardship/offsets as referred to in the attached comment. Please can you send us a copy of the EA (assuming this has been issued) and if there was a requirement for stewardship/offsets, a map and/or report indicating the extent of the conservation area.

Regards

Rhett

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Pieter de Villiers

From: Rahab Maboja <RahabM@Dalrrd.gov.za>
Sent: Wednesday, 15 September 2021 14:46
To: pieter@cornerstoneenviro.co.za
Subject: FW: Department of Agriculture comments for pre application draft scoping report for por 38 of farm Uitnood no 129

Good day, please note the Departmental comments already captured on the report dated 10 August 2021 with ref: 16/3/3/6/7/2/B1/14/1127/21. Please note there is no need for commenting at these moment unless there is additional/ amendments to the development proposed.

Kind regards

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Attention: P de Villiers
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Dear Sir

**COMMENT ON PRE-APPLICATION DRAFT SCOPING REPORT: PORTION 38 OF UITNOOD NO. 129,
ROBERTSON - CLEARING NATURAL VEGETATION FOR AGRICULTURAL EXPANSION**

1. I refer to your email dated 6 August 2021, in the above regard. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
2. The application proposes the clearing of ± 78 ha. of natural vegetation for the cultivation of vineyards. No netting of the cleared areas is proposed.
3. The following comments are noted from a land use planning point of view:
 - 3.1. Portion 38 of Uitnood 129 is zoned Agricultural Zone I, and accommodates cultivated agricultural land and natural vegetation, in accordance with the primary land use rights in the Agricultural Zone I. The proposed expansion of agricultural activities is consistent with the zoning.
 - 3.2. Portions of the areas marked 1a, 1b, 4 and 5, fall within an identified Core Spatial Planning Category in terms of the Langeberg Spatial Development Framework Plan, 2015:



- 3.3. The Desired Management Objective within Core SPCs is to maintain natural land and ecological processes. However, it is noted that the extent of the areas initially proposed to be cleared has been reduced, based on identified botanical and aquatic constraints and topography. Further, the findings of the Botanical Assessment report (J Krige) are that the proposed cultivated areas will not impact on endangered vegetation or natural corridors, and the proposed agricultural development is acceptable from a botanical perspective.
4. Given the above comments, please be advised that the proposal as set out in the draft scoping report, dated August 2021, is supported from a land use planning point of view, subject to the following:
- 4.1. Comment must be obtained from Cape Nature, with specific reference to the impact on the connectivity of natural corridors.
 - 4.2. The recommendations of the Botanist and Freshwater Ecologist with regard to maintaining ecological processes and natural buffers to watercourses must be complied with.
 - 4.3. Correct 5.5.2 to refer to Breede River (not Bergrivier).

Yours faithfully



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(Ref: 16/3/3/6/7/2/B1/14/1127/21)

From: [Pieter de Villiers](#)
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Cc: "[Ockert Augustyn](#)"; "[Annemarie Hurter](#)"
Subject: FW: Notice of Public Participation - Uitnood Farm Development - Pre-app Scoping Report
Date: Monday, 16 August 2021 12:43:42
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Beste Mechau en Mike,

Sien epos van Rudolph hieronder en sy vraag: *die plaas het so paar jaar terug groot ontwikkelings goedkeuring gekry vir areas en die dam...wat was die off-set agreements vir daardie goedkeurings gewees?*

Stuur asseblief vir my enige inligting hieroor aan – bv. die omgewingsgoedkeuring, waterlisensie ens. sodat ek vir Rudolph kan antwoord.

Groete/Regards

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Subject: RE: Notice of Public Participation - Uitnood Farm Development - Pre-app Scoping Report

Goeie more Pieter, dankie hiervoor – epos asb. vir my die .kmz files van die areas wat ontwikkel wil word. Ons sal weldrae 'n besoek gaan aflê en ons insette gee. Vraag – die plaas het so paar jaar terug groot ontwikkelings goedkeuring gekry vir areas en die dam...wat was die off-set agreements vir daardie goedkeurings gewees? (Ek Cc Cape Nature se beampptes in op die epos – reply all asb)

Groete

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Subject: Notice of Public Participation - Uitnood Farm Development - Pre-app Scoping Report

Dear Organ of State

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED CLEARANCE OF
INDIGENOUS VEGETATION FOR CULTIVATION ON PARTS OF PORTION 38 OF THE FARM UITNOOD
NO. 129, ROBERTSON REGISTRATION DIVISION, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

NOTICE OF INTENT DEA&DP REFERENCE NUMBER: 16/3/3/6/7/2/B1/14/1127/21

PRE-APPLICATION DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR COMMENT

On behalf of the Applicant, Eilandia Plase (Pty) Ltd., we herewith notify you of the availability of the pre-application Draft Scoping Report for the above-mentioned proposed project, for comment.

The report has been sent to you via WeTransfer. The report will also be available for download from our website at <https://www.cornerstoneenviro.co.za/projects-and-downloads/> and a hard copy will be available at the Robertson Public Library for perusal. The main report, without appendices, is attached to this email.

This notification is made in terms of Section 240 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), as amended.

A 30-day comment period commences on Tuesday, 10 August 2021 until Thursday, 9 September 2021.

You are welcome to contact the undersigned, should you have any questions or require any additional information.

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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO DEVELOP: FINAL
In terms of Section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) and the Western Cape Provincial Gazette 6061, Notice 298 of 2003

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO DEVELOP PROPOSED CLEARANCE OF VEGETATION OF PTN 38 OF FARM 129, UITNOOD, ROBERTSON, SUBMITTED IN TERMS OF SECTION 38(8) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999)

CASE NUMBER: 21042201AM0423E

The matter above has reference.

Heritage Western Cape is in receipt of additional information for the above matter received. This matter was discussed at the Heritage Officers Meeting held on 10 May 2021.

You are hereby notified that, since there is no reason to believe that the proposed clearance of vegetation of Ptn 38 of Farm 129 will impact on heritage resources, no further action under Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) is required.

However, should any heritage resources, including evidence of graves and human burials, archaeological material and paleontological material be discovered during the execution of the activities above, all works must be stopped immediately, and Heritage Western Cape must be notified without delay.

This letter does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining any necessary approval from any other applicable statutory authority.

HWC reserves the right to request additional information as required.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the official above and quote the case number.

Yours faithfully

Colette Scheermeyer
Acting Chief Executive Officer



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Subject: RE: Notice of Public Participation - Uitnood Farm Development - Pre-app Scoping Report

Mr Pieter de Villiers,

The Koningsrivier branch of the Le Chasseur & Goree canal system runs from north to south, to the east of the road through the development.

During the development of the existing vineyards to the west of the road, a number of smaller drainage lines have been channelled into a "contour furrow" that concentrate storm water flows at two points – one at the northern corner and one at the southern corner of the area. These concentrated flows creates an unacceptable risk for the canal.

If the proposed new areas are developed, a proper storm water management plan needs to be included in the authorisation. This has to specifically address measures to prevent any concentrated flows from entering the canal.

Regards

Louis Bruwer Pr Eng

CEO: Central Breede River WUA

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Subject: Notice of Public Participation - Uitnood Farm Development - Pre-app Scoping Report

Dear Organ of State

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED CLEARANCE OF INDIGENOUS VEGETATION FOR CULTIVATION ON PARTS OF PORTION 38 OF THE FARM UITNOOD NO. 129, ROBERTSON REGISTRATION DIVISION, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

NOTICE OF INTENT DEA&DP REFERENCE NUMBER: 16/3/3/6/7/2/B1/14/1127/21

PRE-APPLICATION DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR COMMENT

On behalf of the Applicant, Eilandia Plase (Pty) Ltd., we herewith notify you of the availability of the pre-application Draft Scoping Report for the above-mentioned proposed project, for comment.

The report has been sent to you via WeTransfer. The report will also be available for download from our website at <https://www.cornerstoneenviro.co.za/projects-and-downloads/> and a hard copy will be available at the Robertson Public Library for perusal. The main report, without appendices, is attached to this email.

This notification is made in terms of Section 24O of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), as amended.

A 30-day comment period commences on Tuesday, 10 August 2021 until Thursday, 9 September 2021.

You are welcome to contact the undersigned, should you have any questions or require any additional information.

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REPORT: SITE INSPECTION / MEETING (Complete one per site / meeting)

PROGRAMME 2: SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (SRM)

Date and time of visit	07 September 2021
Site Visited	Uitnood portion 38 of farm 129 Ref: WC/CW/5/049
Purpose of visit / meeting	The Applicant, Eilandia Plase (Pty) Ltd., who is also the landowner, proposes to expand the existing cultivation activities on Portion 38 of Farm Uitnood No. 129 by clearing indigenous vegetation and establishing new agricultural areas. The applicant appointed Cornerstone Environmental Consultants as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to facilitate the environmental authorization (EA) application process. The Western Cape Department of Agriculture is identified as an interested and affected party and was approached by the EAP to provide comment on the proposed activities in terms of the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, Act 43 of 1983 (CARA).
Findings / Observation/Discussion	All the required infrastructure to farm the proposed cultivation areas are already present in the vicinity. Irrigation water will be used out of the previously approved dam on the farm. Irrigation pipes will be installed as part of the establishment of the cultivation areas and existing farm roads will be used to access the new developments. Water use rights for irrigation is granted by the Central Breede River Water Users Association. Prior to the site visit a desktop study was done with LandCare technician, Mr. Chris Meintjies and areas of interest were identified. Area 1a, as illustrated in Annexure A figure 1, was the first block to be viewed. Due to the deep sandy soils overlying rocky material and the vegetation growth within the watercourses and overall landscape, precipitation seeps readily through the soil therefore little to no run-off can be seen within the drainage line as shown in figure 1 of Annexure A. No obvious signs of erosion could be identified as the slopes were well vegetated with natural veld. It was confirmed by the landowner that only in the event of intense showers during the summer

	months would erosion pose a risk to his land. Image 5 in Annexure A illustrates the contour constructed below area 1b as illustrated by figure 1, to divert run-off from the existing developed land. Image 7 and 8 illustrates the vegetation cover of area 2. Port Jackson (<i>Acacia saligna</i>) exist within area 2 which the landowner will eradicate once authorization has been granted to develop. From his statement, this is the only alien vegetation the landowner is aware of. Image 9 and 10 shows the veld condition of area 3. With reference to annexure A, image 10 on the right hand side shows the condition of the remnant wetland discussed in the pre-application scoping report compiled by Corner Stone Environmental Consultants. Cape Farm Mapper shows no sign of a wetland in that area but with reference to the waterlogged areas shown in image 11 and 12 it could possibly be an area for water to accumulate from the higher elevated slopes. From image 11 and 12 waterlogging can be seen near the remnant wetland. Area 4 of the development as indicated in figure 1 was inaccessible according to the landowner because of the dam being filled to its capacity. Comments from the Cape Nature officials included that the overall veld condition on the farm is good.
Recommendation/s Conclusions	A follow-up site visit will be necessary to inspect: • Area 4 when it is accessible. The farmer will have to communicate when the area is accessible. • The position and condition of the open canal to understand the impact of the development on the water quality. For the proposed activities, the following is recommended; • No slopes more than 20% should be developed to protect the land from erosion. Especially in area 1b, it is recommended that the upper proposed boundary be lowered. • A complete soil analysis must be submitted to determine the characteristics of the soil and potential agricultural value. This will aid to address the need for a drainage design and to determine the quality of sub-surface drainage water. • It is the farmer/landowners responsibility to maintain a 10m buffer from any watercourse or water resource to protect the natural ecosystems within such a watercourse. • No-till practice is recommended to minimize soil disturbance and to reduce the risk soil erosion. The Western Cape Department of

	Agriculture: Agricultural Producer Support and Development can be contacted for further assistance in this regard. • Proof of the availability of water to irrigate should be provided. The landowner/farmer is required to submit an application to the Regional office of the Department of Water and Sanitation or the Catchment Management agency who will then process the application. • It is the landowner's responsibility to maintain the dam infrastructure to prevent any degradation of the environment and agricultural land. • If such a plan does not already exist, a River Maintenance management Plan should be in effect for all instream dams to protect both ecological and man-made infrastructure. • A diverse variety of cover crops must be planted in between the crop rows to improve the water holding capacity of the soil minimizing surface water run-off. This will also improve the microclimate in the soil and promote healthy soil conditions for biodiversity. The Western Cape Department of Agriculture: Analytical Services can be contacted for assistance in this regard. Annexure A provides photographs of the sites that were identified to be of concern as well as a map (figure 1) to illustrate the layout of the proposed activities.	
Signatures:	Name of WC DoA Official	
	Sub-Directorate	LandCare
	Date:	07/09/2021

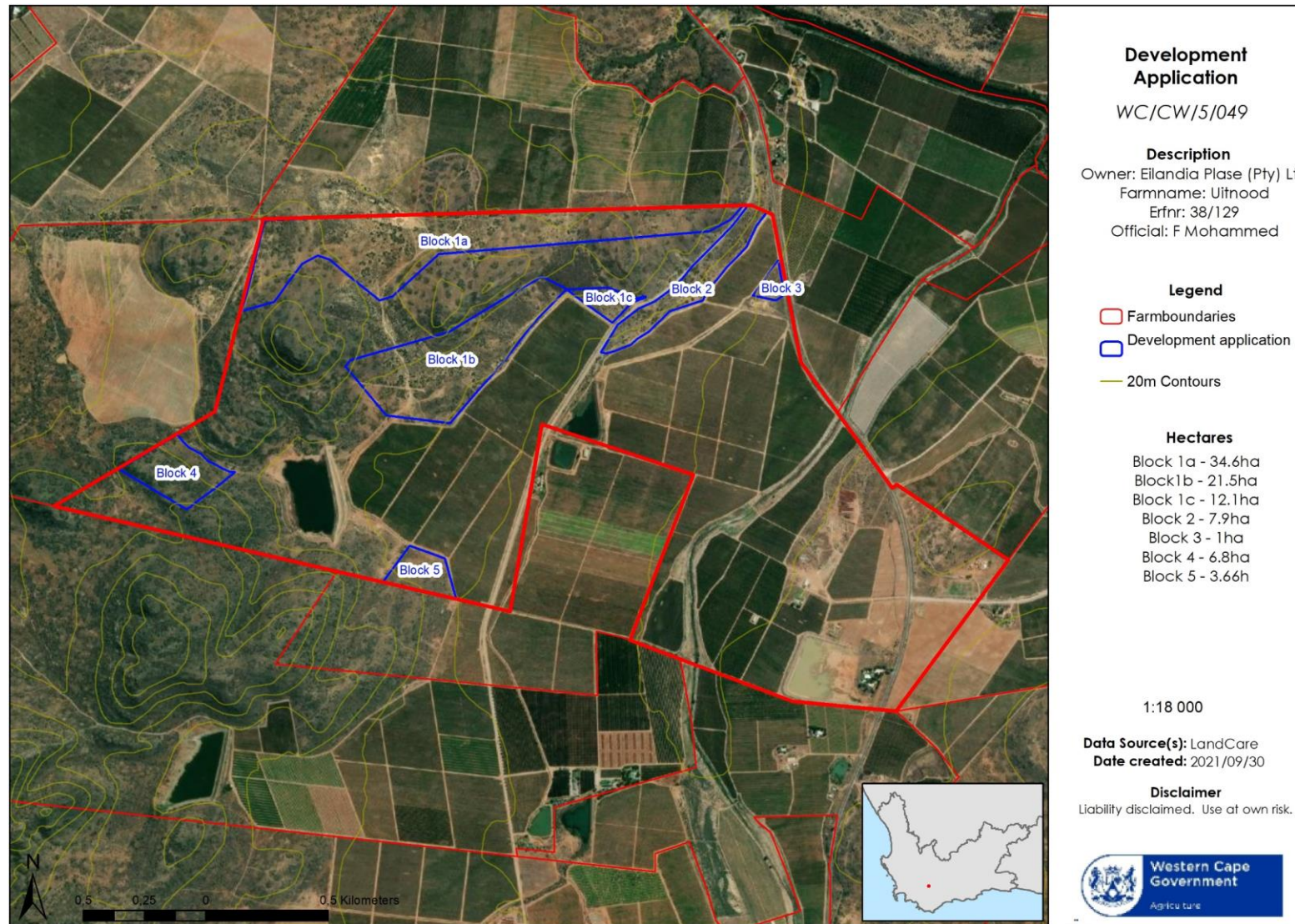


Figure 1: illustrating a map of the proposed areas to be developed.

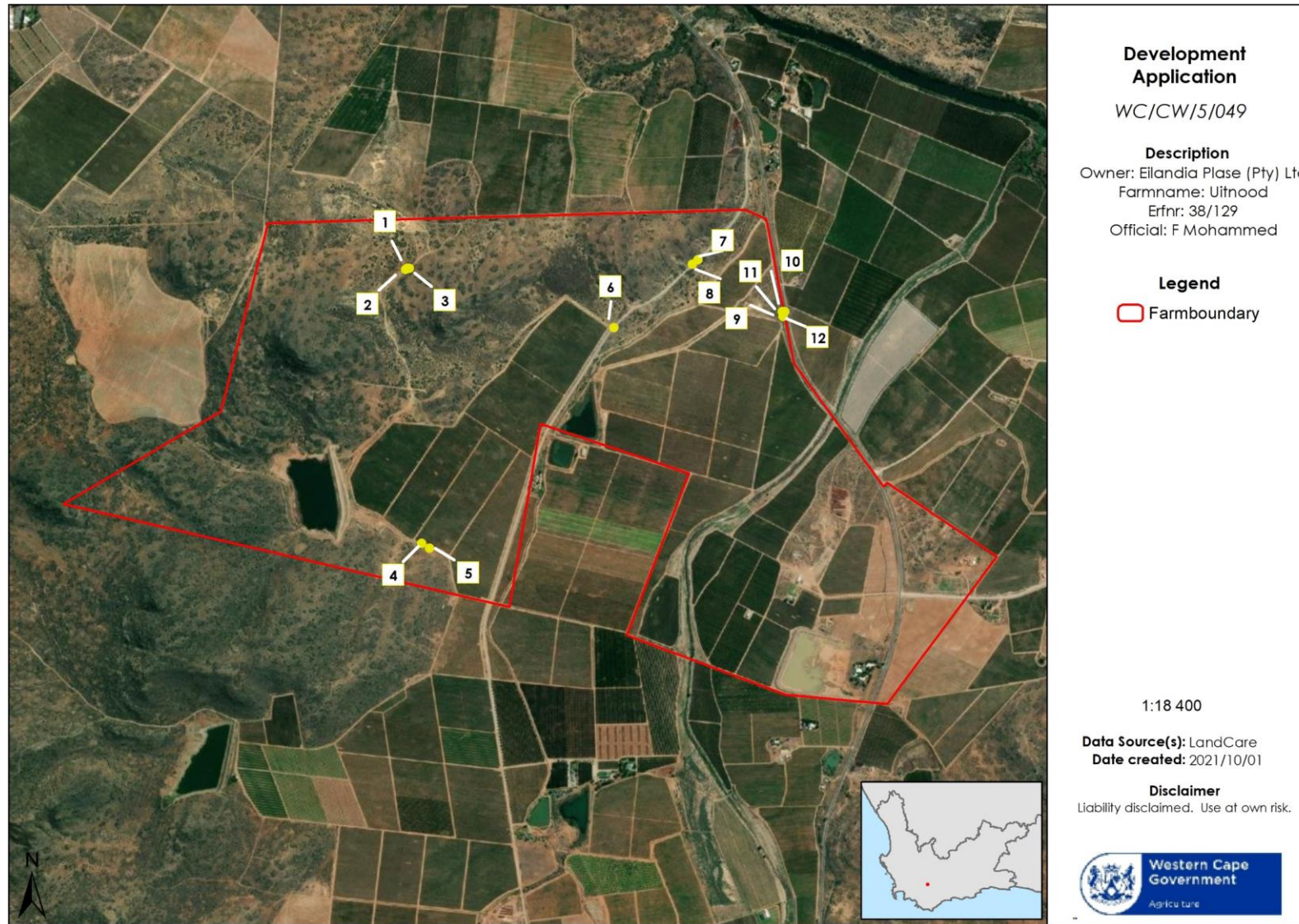


Figure 2: illustrating the direction in which the following photos were taken of the proposed development



Image 1 was captured standing between the two joining drainage lines as indicated in the pre-application scoping report.



Image 2 was captured pointing towards the right showing the existing path.



Image 3 was captured facing the direction of block 1b shown in figure 2. It illustrates the vegetation cover from the existing path upslope.



Image 4 illustrating the veld condition within block 5 of figure 1.



Image 5 illustrating the contour constructed by the landowner.



Image 6 illustrating the slope and vegetation cover within block 1c of figure 1.



Image 7 illustrating a close up of the vegetation in block 2 of figure 1.



Image 8 illustrating a general overview of block 2 looking towards block 3 as shown in figure 2.



Image 9 and 10 illustrating the condition of block 3 as well as the remnant wetland discussed in the pre-application scoping report.



Image 11 and 12 shows evidence of waterlogging on both side of the road near area 3, the direction and position is shown in figure 2.