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Attention: Mr. LJ Erasmus
BY EMAIL AND HAND
Email:info@cropmax.co.za

Dear Sir,

RESPONSE TO FRESHWATER REHABILITATION PLAN REGARDING NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE A DIRECTIVE IN TERMS OF SECTION 53(1) OF THE NATIONAL WATER ACT; ACT NO 36 OF 1998 (NWA): FOR ALLEGED UNAUTHORISED WATER USE ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE AT PORTION 22 OF FARM KLIPFONTEIN 82, VILLIERSDORP.

1. The abovementioned freshwater rehabilitation plan report dated December 2025 compiled by Ms. Jeanne Snyman (everWater: Freshwater consulting services) on behalf of Mr. LJ Erasmus (farm Klipfontein 82 of portion 22, Villiersdorp), follow-up investigation conducted on 15 April 2025, freshwater assessment report response letter dated 28 May 2025 and a notice of intention to issue a directive dated 28 June 2024 issued by Breede-Olifants Catchment Management Agency (BOCMA) has reference.

2. BOCMA would like to bring to your attention that the response and decisions taken below are based on facts provided in the Freshwater rehabilitation plan report dated December 2025, findings on follow-up investigation conducted on 15 April 2025 and freshwater assessment report response letter dated 28 May 2025 with an intention to best protect the water courses from being degraded.

3. It is the findings of the committee that:

3.1 The BOCMA acknowledge impact assessment and mitigation measures on alleged unlawful water use activities at farm Klipfontein 82 of portion 22, Villiersdorp on page 12-13 of the freshwater rehabilitation plan report dated December 2025.

3.2 The BOCMA acknowledge rehabilitation plan proposed under rehabilitation objectives in page 14-22; Maintenance and aftercare under page 22-23 of the freshwater rehabilitation plan report dated December 2025. Therefore, the proposed rehabilitation plans below should be implemented under the supervision of the qualified registered with SACNAPS with action plan detailing time frames on each proposed plan.

- *"Full buffer zone rehabilitation: All cleared areas within the 50 m wetland buffer zone, including the marked 1,286 m² area (Figure 10), shall be fully rehabilitated and revegetated to prevent further loss of pristine wetland habitat, while the remaining undisturbed areas will be left intact. This will be done in accordance with the rehabilitation plan as shown in Figure 11 and the proposed plant list.*
- *Buffer zone protection: A 50 m buffer zone around the wetland shall be maintained and enforced for all future activities on the property to safeguard the wetland from disturbance.*
- *Rehabilitation of drainage structures: The existing drainage channels falling within the buffer zone shall be rehabilitated and revegetated, with excavated areas backfilled using topsoil from the degraded site and managed to prevent soil compaction. The remainder of the drainage channels should be vegetated.*
- *Stormwater management and external rehabilitation: A small, vegetated stormwater retention area shall be established at the property boundary to promote infiltration and prevent downstream erosion and sedimentation. The existing newly degraded and eroded area outside the property boundary, resulting from previous drainage excavation, shall be backfilled with surrounding topsoil and rehabilitated through appropriate revegetation.*
- *Monitoring and maintenance of rehabilitated areas: Rehabilitated areas, including the new stormwater retention area, should be monitored for at least 2 years to ensure successful recovery and establishment of the vegetation within."*

3.3 The program of the rehabilitation plan detailing actions with time frames should be submitted to BOCMA with **within 30 working days** for approval and monitoring upon the receipt of this letter.

4. Based on the above reasons, BOCMA approves the proposed freshwater rehabilitation plan report dated December 2025 for implementation.

5. Be informed that failure to submit the requested additional information mentioned in paragraph 3.3 and the implementation of the abovementioned notice of intention to issue a directive in terms of section 53(1) of the NWA dated 28/06/2024 will leave BOCMA with no option but to proceed with further enforcement action to ensure that you comply with the provisions of section 151(1)(d) of the NWA by issuing a directive in terms of section 53(1) of the NWA.

6. Should you have any further queries, please contact the relevant official of the details above.

Yours faithfully

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MR. JAN VAN STADEN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (ACTING)

DATE: 20/03/2026**……**



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Received by: Mr./Ms./Mrs/Dr. _____

ID Number/ Official Stamp: _____

On behalf of the company: _____

In my capacity as: _____

On this _____ day of _____ 2025, at_____