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**Addendum to the agricultural compliance statement for  
farm numbers 824, 826 and 887  
near Villiersdorp, Western Cape Province**

**In support of rezoning of the land from agricultural zoning**

SoilZA completed a site sensitivity verification and agricultural compliance statement for additions to the existing tourism operation on the above farms in December 2023. Since then, the applicant has decided to apply to consolidate the three farm portions and rezone all the land to open space 4 with stewardship with Cape Nature.

As an agricultural specialist whose work it is to preserve scarce, valuable agricultural land for agricultural production, I am in favour of the rezoning because it is my assessment that the land has much greater conservation value than it has agricultural production value.

The climate is suitable for a range of fruit crops that are grown in the area. However, the site is limited by steep slopes and predominantly shallow, rocky soils on mountainous land that is completely unsuitable for farming. A small and isolated area of less steep land in the vicinity of the farmstead (only 27 hectares of a total of 288, which is 9%) has been used for a commercial fruit tree nursery in the past, but not for more than 20 years. This land theoretically has sufficient land capability to be cultivated but is highly unlikely to ever be utilised as viable, productive farmland in future, predominantly because it is a small, isolated area within mountainous land and therefore lacks practical and economic viability as productive farmland. Its soil potential is also limited by low clay content and consequent low water holding capacity. Because of the conservation value of the entire properties, most of the land would not be approved by the authorities for agricultural production, so no expansion of agricultural activities would be possible.

It is my assessment that the farm is completely non-viable for any form of agricultural production. It is not land that needs to be conserved as agricultural production land. In contrast it has conservation value and has been utilised for its conservation value for many years. I therefore recommend that it is rezoned from agricultural land to conservation.

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Johann Lanz (Pr.Sci.Nat. Reg. no. 400268/12)

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