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RE: CULTIVATION OF VIRGIN SOIL (Regulation 2)

<u>FARM UNIT: REMAINDER OF FARM 585, MOUNTAIN ROSE FARM, HEMEL-EN-AARDE, VALLEY, HERMANUS, CALEDON, OVERBERG DISTRICT</u>

With reference to your application received **29 May 2023** dated **07 September 2022** in terms of the provisions of Regulation 2 of the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act (CARA) 1983 (Act 43 of 1983).

Permission is hereby granted to cultivate 18.78 ha of virgin land as indicated on your cultivation application form.

Please note before commencement of the aforementioned activity the following requirements mentioned below should be observed and adhered to:

- 1. The land user should protect the cultivated land on his farm unit effectively against excessive soil loss as a result of erosion through the action of water and wind by keeping risk areas (soil surface) covered with plants and plant residues to reduce the risk of erosion.
- 2. The land concerned must be cultivated in accordance with such methods or be laid out in such a manner that the run-off speed of run-off water is restricted.
- 3. Additionally, the land user must implement and maintain effective storm water measures to prevent soil erosion.
- 4. Furthermore, the land user must ensure soil erosion are prevented in any of the road infrastructure on the land concerned.
- 5. Protection of the land by means of mechanical soil conservation works under present conditions is not necessary. If in future, it appears that the land may be subject to erosion the land user will be compelled to construct such soil conservation works.
- 6. A run-off control plan must be compiled and send to this office for approval before the commencement of the proposed agricultural activity.
- 7. The land user shall not utilize the vegetation in a vlei, marsh or water sponge or within the flood area of a water course or within 10 meters horizontally outside the flood area in a manner that causes or may cause the deterioration of or damage to the natural agricultural resources. Hence, the land user is advised to establish a buffer zone of 32m from the edge of any water course on the land concerned.

- 8. The land user must practice conservation farming methods which include crop rotation and minimum soil tillage.
- 9. Weeds and invasive plants on the farm must be controlled and eradicated.

The land user is advised to contact the office of the Provincial Department of Agriculture: LandCare (Mr Christie Lourens, 028 425 4830) for all technical assistance with regard to the aforementioned conditions.

Other conditions:

- 1. Please note this permit does not exempt any person from any provision of any other law. It is therefore the applicant's responsibility to follow-up with the respective stakeholder and any other legislation applicable.
- 2. An environmental authorization must be obtained if applicable from the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEADP) before undertaking the proposed activity. This application is subjected to an exemption/recommendation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998). Please note it is the responsibility of the applicant to submit the Environmental authorization if applicable to this office once obtained.
- 3. Also in terms of the National Water Act, administered by the Department of Water and Sanitation; authorization will also need to be sought viz the irrigation water use rights if applicable.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the above-mentioned conditions are granted in terms of Act 43 of 1983. Failure to comply with the conditions is an offence and may lead to prosecution. Should you have problems with the interpretation of this letter or any other problem concerning the above-mentioned, do not hesitate to contact this office.

Should you feel aggrieved by this decision you may lodge an appeal in writing within 14 days of receipt of this correspondence to the *Director: Land and Soil Management, Private Bag X120, Pretoria, 0001* for his consideration.

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DIRECTOR: LAND AND SOIL MANAGEMENT