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Dear Sir

**INVESTIGATION FEEDBACK REGARDING THE ALLEGED UNAUTHORIZED  
CLEARANCE OF VEGETATION ON PORTION 7 OF FARM RIETFontein 259,  
CALEDON RD**

1. The Breede-Olifants Catchment Management Agency (BOCMA) received an S24G application for comment regarding the alleged unauthorized clearance of vegetation on Portion 7 of Farm Rietfontein 259, Caledon RD.
2. The S24G application was referred to the Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Unit (BOCMA) for further investigation dated 10 September 2024 due to potential illegal water uses that may contravene Section 21 of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) ("NWA"), no water use authorization was identified based on a desktop investigation of Portion 7 of Farm Rietfontein 259, Caledon.
3. BOCMA Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement (CME) officials conducted an investigation on 26 February 2025 on Portion 7 of Farm Rietfontein 259, Caledon RD. The following findings were made and serve as a reason for its decision on this matter:
  - 3.1 During the site investigation, it was confirmed that as much as the activity falls within 100m of a watercourse, due to the densely vegetated land in between and the distance between the activity and the watercourse, these seem adequate to keep the impact out of the watercourse.

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3.2 The following considerations listed by the Freshwater specialist should be taken into consideration during the activity being undertaken, such as:

3.2.1 Dense vegetation between the watercourses and the cleared areas must be maintained as dense undisturbed indigenous vegetation for the lifecycle of the farming activities.

3.2.2 The surrounding watercourses, and particularly the northern 50 m buffer area, should be monitored for any potential erosion on a regular basis.

3.2.3 Should erosion be observed, appropriate measures should be taken such as Alien Invasive Plant Species (AIS), which might colonize disturbed areas and outcompete natural vegetation, should be monitored for and removed during ongoing management of the farm.

3.2.4 Dumping and littering within any surrounding watercourses is strictly prohibited.

3.2.5 All farming machinery and vehicles used must be regularly serviced, fuel must be stored more than 15 m away from any watercourse in a bunded area.

3.3 However, any future development beyond this currently cleared area will require a detailed aquatic/freshwater/wetland impact assessment, as this will be possibly undertaken much closer to the watercourses than the current activity and will therefore need to be subjected to a proper assessment and require an authorisation.

4. The BOCMA reserves the right to revise its decision and comments on the interest of responsible water resource management.

5. 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: 30/04/2025 .....**

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**Received by: Dr. /Mr. /Ms.** \_\_\_\_\_

**ID Number/ Official Stamp:** \_\_\_\_\_

**On behalf of the company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In my capacity as:** \_\_\_\_\_

**On this** \_\_\_\_\_ **day of** \_\_\_\_\_ **2025, at** \_\_\_\_\_