

**RE: CaseID: 15050**

Rectification of the clearing of land and the construction of vineyards, a dam, pipelines, and associated infrastructure on Erf 2435, 387, 1248 and 2106 Kakamas South Settlement, Northern Cape Province.

8 July 2020

To whom it may concern

Banzai Environmental was appointed in 2018 by UBIQUE Heritage Consultants to assess the Palaeontological Heritage on Plot 1178, Kakamas South Settlement, Kai! Garib Municipality. UBIQUE Heritage Consultants was in turn commissioned by EnviroAfrica cc who was appointed to conduct the EA process as per section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA.

The proposed agricultural development is underlain by the Riemvasmaak Gneiss of the Namaqua-Natal Province and as these rocks are igneous in nature and unfossiliferous a Palaeontological Exemption letter was compiled.

Butler, E., 2018. Recommended Exemption from further Palaeontological Studies: of Proposed Agricultural Development, Plot 1178, Kakamas South Settlement, Kai! Garib Municipality.

The AIA for the project was compiled by UBIQUE Heritage Consultants:

Engelbrecht, J., & Fivaz, H., 2018. Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment, Plot 1178, Kakamas South, Northern Cape.

The proposed development included fixed infrastructure e.g. a packing shed and labour housing, a new pump station on the bank of the Orange River, pipelines, off-stream reservoir, filtering system, fuel-depot as well as a generator. The planned pump station and pipelines were to be located within registered servitudes on Lot 387, 2106, and 1248 Kakamas South Settlement

**The above-mentioned reports were submitted to SAHRA under CaseID 13315.**

However, after the HIA reports were submitted in 2018 the following properties were consolidated and integrated in December 2018 as **Plot 2435**, Kakamas South Settlement, Kai !Garib Municipality, Kenhardt, Northern Cape Province: (see Addendum and additional files uploaded to CaseID 13315)

1. Remainder of Plot 1178, Kakamas South Settlement, Kai !Garib Municipality, Kenhardt, Northern Cape Province, and
2. Plot 2261 (Portion of Plot 1178), Kakamas South Settlement, Kai !Garib Municipality, Kenhardt, Northern Cape Province and;
3. Plot 2432 (Portion of Plot 2106), Kakamas South Settlement, Kai !Garib Municipality, Kenhardt, Northern Cape Province.

GroenbergEnviro (Pty) Ltd have now been commissioned by Triple D Farms (Pty) Ltd to conduct a Section 24G Rectification process for the clearance of land and the construction of a dam, pipelines and associated infrastructure as well as a vineyard on Erf 387, 1248, 2106 and **2435** Kakamas South Settlement, Northern Cape Province (S24G01/04/2020). A Draft S24G Assessment report has thus been submitted to SAHRA in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The illegally Activities conducted include the clearing of 2.6 ha of indigenous vegetation within 32 m of a rivulet. New activities planned for the development include the building of a dam, extension of the pump station, 50 ha of vineyard (inclusive of the current illegal 2.6 ha) and internal irrigation pipelines.

**The Section 24G and CaseID 13315 were submitted to SAHRIS as Case 15050**

**THUS, THE PROJECT SCOPE FOR CASEID 13315 AND CASEID 15050 ARE THE SAME AND COMPRISES OF THE SAME DEVELOPMENT FOOTPRINT.**

**Declaration of independence:**

I, Elize Butler, of Banzai Environmental Pty Ltd, hereby confirm my independence as palaeontological specialist and declare that:

- I am suitably qualified and accredited to act as independent specialists in this application;
- I do not have any vested interests (either business, financial, personal or other) in the proposed development project other than remuneration for the heritage assessment and heritage management services performed;
- the work was conducted in an objective and ethical manner, in accordance with a professional code of conduct and within the framework of South African heritage legislation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Butler'.

**E. BUTLER**

**BANZAI ENVIRONMENTAL**