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FREE STATE PROVINCE

Environmental Authorisation

Authorisation register number: EMS/15,12(b)/20/03

Holder of Authorisation: Lobola Farming (Pty) Ltd

Location of activity: On Farm Santara 1475, Portion 1 and 2 of Farm
Glen Dover 886 and Farm Daeraad 1486

Project description: The proposed clearance of indigenous vegetation for
cultivation

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Decision

The Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DESTEA- 'the Department') is satisfied, on the basis of information available to it and subject to compliance with the conditions of this Environmental Authorisation (EA), that the applicant should be authorised to undertake the activity specified below.

Details regarding the basis on which the Department reached this decision are set out in Annexure 1.

Activity authorised

By virtue of the powers conferred on it by the National Environmental Management Act ('NEMA'), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and GNR 326 of the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations as amended, the Department hereby authorises –

Lobola Farming (Pty) Ltd

with the following contact details –

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To undertake the following activities (hereafter referred to as "the activities") indicated in Listing Notice 2 (GNR 325)

Activity 15 "the clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation";

Notice 3 (GNR 324).

Activity 12(b) "The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation; in Free State Province within any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the NEMBA or prior to the publication of such a list, within an area that has been

identified as critically endangered in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004"; as described in the Environmental Impact Assessment report dated 20 April 2021, the activity entails the proposed clearance of indigenous vegetation for cultivation on various farm portions in the Hoopstad District, near Bloemhof Dam.

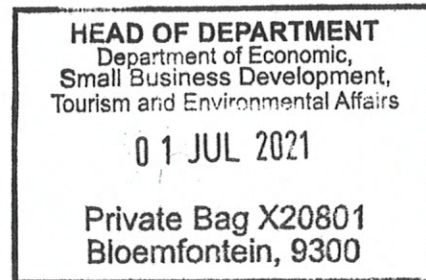
Site coordinates:

Latitude:

Longitude:

27°46'16.21" S

25°38'36.79" E



Activity description

Lobola Farming (Pty) Ltd has appointed BioBlue Environmental Sustainability (Pty) Ltd as an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the required Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act No. 107 Of 1998) EIA Regulation 2014 as amended; for the proposed clearance of indigenous vegetation on the Farm Satara 1475, Portion 1 of the Farm Glen Dover 886, Portion 2 of the Farm Glen Dover 886 and Farm Daeraad 1486, near Bloemhof Dam, Tswelopele Local Municipality in the Free State Province. The purpose of clearing the sites is to cultivate the land and undertake farming activities.

The applicant propose to establish up to 550 hectares of new cultivated fields in order to expand their current commercial farming operations in the area. The current operations include the cultivation of maize, wheat and beans, and the applicant intends to expand the operations with the cultivation of potatoes, ground nuts and lucerne. The adjacent land uses are agricultural in nature with mining activities situated near Bloemhof and Christiana. During the specialist assessment it was established that a natural corridor will have to be preserved to allow for fauna to move and from the Bloemhof Dam area. These findings have resulted in a maximum clearance area of 355 hectares.

The granting of this EA is subject to the conditions set out below.

Conditions

Scope of authorisation

- 1.1 Authorisation of the activity is subject to the conditions contained in this document. These conditions form part of the EA and are binding on the holder of the Authorisation.
- 1.2 The holder of the Authorisation shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions by any person acting on his or her behalf, including but not limited to, an agent, sub-contractor, employee or person rendering a service to the holder of the Authorisation.
- 1.3 The authorised activity may only be carried out on Farm Santara 1475, Portion 1 and 2 of Farm Glen Dover 886 and Farm Daeraad 1486, in Free State Province as indicated above at the exact site co-ordinates.
- 1.4 Any changes to, or deviations from, the project description set out in this Authorisation must be approved, in writing, by the Department before such changes or deviations may be commenced with.
- 1.5 In assessing whether to grant such approval or not, the Department may request such information as it deems necessary to evaluate the significance and impacts of such changes or deviations which may result in the holder of the Authorisation to apply for further Authorisation in terms of NEMA.
- 1.6 If commencement of the activity does not occur within a period of 3 (three) years from the date of issue, the Authorisation lapses and a new application for an EA must be made.
- 1.7 This Authorisation does not negate the holder of the Authorisation's responsibility to comply with any other statutory requirements that may be applicable to the undertaking of this particular activity.

Appeal of Authorisation

- 1.8 The holder of the Authorisation must notify every registered interested and affected party, of the decision by the Department in writing and within 14 (fourteen) calendar days of the date of this EA,
- 1.9 The notification referred must –
 - 1.9.1 specify the date on which the Authorisation was issued;

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