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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

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To whom it may concern

### **RE: NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998 NEMA) AS WELL AS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS OF 2014**

Altus Malherbe Familie Trust intends to apply for environmental authorisation to screen oversize rock from the fields of the following properties in the Robertson District:

- Portion 3 of Marthinus Vlei 34 DC
- Portion 3 of the farm Klaas Voogds Rivier 37 DC
- Portion 19 of the farm Klaas Voogds Rivier 37 DC
- Portion 20 of the farm Klaas Voogds Rivier 37 DC

#### **SITE DESCRIPTION**

The above mentioned properties are situated approximately 12 km east of Robertson and ±8 km west of Ashton.

The area earmarked for screening falls within the following GPS coordinates:

- A. 33°47'56.35"S; 20°00'03.54"E
- B. 33°47'58.33"S; 20°00'13.24"E
- C. 33°48'13.99"S; 20°00'01.24"E
- D. 33°48'30.70"S; 20°00'29.84"E
- E. 33°48'13.22"S; 20°00'48.00"E
- F. 33°48'23.72"S; 20°01'05.57"E
- G. 33°48'07.74"S; 20°01'15.54"E
- H. 33°47'50.82"S; 20°01'21.63"E
- I. 33°47'39.21"S; 20°01'32.03"E
- J. 33°47'18.36"S; 20°01'35.30"E
- K. 33°47'18.30"S; 20°01'35.20"E
- L. 33°48'01.58"S; 20°00'40.74"E
- M. 33°47'47.34"S; 20°00'07.16"E

#### **LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

An application for environmental authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998 NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of 2014 will be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning – Western Cape Province.

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The proposed project triggers the following listed activities in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations as amended 2014 and therefore requires a scoping and environmental impact reporting process to obtain environmental authorisation:

- GNR 983 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014 Activity 28:  
*Residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional developments where such land was used for agriculture or afforestation on or after 01 April 1998 and where such development (ii) will occur outside an urban area, where the total land to be developed is bigger than 1 hectare.*
- GNR 984 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 2 of 2014 Activity 21:  
*Any activity including the operation of that activity associated with the primary processing of a petroleum resource including winning, reduction, extraction, classifying, concentrating, crushing, screening and washing.*

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The applicant, Altus Malherbe Familie Trust, intends to screen oversize rock from the fields of the above mentioned properties in order to improve the agricultural potential of the land and allow for crop production. The proposed project will entail the loading of material from the fields into a mobile screen that will filter the rock from the sand. The screened rock will be removed from the fields and stockpiled at an already disturbed area on Portion 3 of the farm Klaas Voogds Rivier 37. The sand will be returned to the fields and the areas will be prepared for cultivation of various crop types. The proposed project will not necessitate the opening of new fields or the removal of indigenous vegetation as only the existing fields of the properties will be screened.

The proposed areas to be screened falls within a 1.97 km<sup>2</sup> footprint area and the applicant intends to screen the fields of the properties for at least twenty years.

### **THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES WILL ENTAIL THE FOLLOWING:**

- Screening of oversize rock from fields with a mobile screen
- Removal and stockpiling of rocks
- Levelling and preparation of fields for cultivation

### **DUST:**

- The potential negative impact of dust generation on the surrounding landowners is deemed to be of low significance as the activities is anticipated to represent the agricultural activities and land use of the surrounding farms.

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### **NOISE:**

- Due to the nature of the proposed activity, noise will be generated mainly as a result of the excavator loading the material into the mobile screen. The potential negative impact on the surrounding landowners is deemed to be of low significance.
- It will be ensured that employees and staff conduct themselves in an acceptable manner while on site.

### **ACCESS ROUTE:**

- The existing farm roads will be used to gain access to the areas to be screened.
- No new roads will have to be constructed.

### **SURFACE AND GROUND WATER:**

- The proposed activity is not expected to have a negative impact on any surface or ground water of the area as all activities will be contained to existing fields.

### **VEGETATION:**

- The proposed project will not necessitate the removal of indigenous vegetation as the rock will only be screened from already existing fields.
- No red data or protected plants could be identified in the proposed footprint area of the site.

### **SITES OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL INTEREST:**

- No sites of archaeological or cultural importance were identified during the site inspection as the areas to be screened have previously been disturbed for agricultural purposes.

### **FAUNA:**

- No resident fauna could be identified within the proposed footprint areas. Any fauna moving into the area will be able to move either away or through the site, without being harmed. Workers will be educated and managed to ensure no fauna is harmed.

### **VISUAL EXPOSURE:**

- The proposed activity is not anticipated to have a visual impact as no additional natural areas need to be opened.
- The stockpile area was chosen to be at a central area and will not be visible from any public road or area.

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The applicant will not require the establishment of any permanent infrastructure as the existing offices, service areas and workshops of the farm will be used for all administrative and service needs. Workers will be transported to and from the site daily.

### **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

This document is to inform you about the proposed activity and to determine whether there are any concerns or objections from interested and affected parties (I&AP's) that need to be considered.

As interested and affected party you are kindly requested to complete the comments form and give any comment/concern or input with regard to the current land use of the area, the environment as well as socio-economic conditions that you feel might be affected by the proposed activity. When submitting response please provide suggestions to mitigate the anticipated impact of each identified activity.

Please contact Christine Fouche at the contact details as presented in the letterhead or at [christine.f@greenmined.co.za](mailto:christine.f@greenmined.co.za) through any means should you need more information, have concerns or comments that need to be considered or if you want to be registered as an interested and/or affected party and would like to receive a copy of the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) on or before 7 September 2015. If we do not receive any comments from you within 30 days of receipt of this notice, it will be accepted that you do not have any objections/comments with regard to the project.

A register of interested and affected parties (I&AP's) will be opened and maintained containing the names, contact details and address of all persons who have submitted written comments, attended meetings or have in writing requested to be registered and all organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the activity. Please note that only registered I&AP's and stakeholders will be entitled to comment on reports and plans to be submitted to the Department provided that the party provide its name, contact details and address and discloses any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which he/she may have in the approval or refusal of the applications.

Upon laps of the commenting period the Draft Scoping Report will be updated to reflect the comments received during the public commenting period upon which the final Scoping Report will be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning – Western Cape (DEA&DP) for its consideration as part of the authorization process in terms of the NEMA regulation. A copy of the final Scoping Report will be made available on the Greenmined Environmental website ([www.greenmined.com](http://www.greenmined.com)). When accepted the Scoping Report will be followed by the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) that will also be made available to the public for a 30 days review period. An electronic copy of the EIAR report will again be published on the Greenmined Environmental website. All registered I&AP's and stakeholders will be notified of the commenting period in advance.

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The EIAR will then be updated to reflect the comments received during the public commenting period. Upon which, the final EIAR will be submitted to the DEA&DP for its consideration as part of the authorization process in terms of the NEMA regulation. A copy of the final report will be made available on the Greenmined Environmental website. All registered I&AP's and stakeholders will be notified in writing within 14 days of the date of the decision of the outcome of the application, including the reasons for the decision and the right of appeal.

### **CONTACT DETAILS:**

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**COMMENTS/ OPMERKINGS:**

<b>No Objection:</b>	
<b>Request additional information:</b>	
<b>Concerns:</b>	

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Are there any other organisations or individuals that you feel should be invited to comment? If so, please provide their contact details:**

Contact name:
Organisation (if applicable):
Address:
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E-mail

Your feedback is valued and will be addressed appropriately.

Kind Regards



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