

DWA KWAZULU-NATAL REGION

APPLICATION TO ENGAGE IN A STREAM FLOW REDUCTION ACTIVITY

Applicant: Vryheid Hoër Landbouskool

Data Base: 1488

Date: 04-04-2013

Technician: B.L Mdluli

Farm Description: Vryheid Hoër Landbouskool 9.5 ha

BACKGROUND:

Vryheid Hoër Landbouskool application to establish 4ha of Eucalyptus, 2.5ha of Pine and 3ha of Wattle trees with totalling 9.5ha in the White Mfolozi River Catchment. The property is situated 5km North West of Vryheid in the catchment of the Ntobane tributary. The proposed area consists of currently grasslands and a few scattered jungle wattle trees. During site inspection the site was reduced from 10ha to 9.5ha because of the electricity poles and it is also next to the road.

Initially, the applicant applied for 80 ha, however as the Mfolozi catchment is water stressed and the KZN LAAC decided and the applicant was advised, that only up to 10 ha could be considered for the school to teach forestry as a subject. The applicant accepted this recommendation in writing. The school's students who will benefit are mainly black children from the Vryheid area.

SITE VISIT:

A site visit was conducted on 27 March 2013

ATTENDANCE REGISTER:

DWA:

DAFF: Forestry:

DAEA: Environmental Affairs

Applicants:

Bongani Mdluli

N. Nzama

T. Sibiya

M. Vel Sehyff, J. Peters & A Vel Schyff

COMMENTS:

- The proposed site was previously planted maize and soya beans, now it is grasslands.
- A small portion of land in the proposed site has some Jungle wattle, but the applicant did not plant on it.
- The proposed site consists of a gentle slope.
- There is no water course in the proposed site.