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**WAR GRAVES AND NATIONAL MONUMENTS ACT,  
No. 28 OF 1969****DECLARATION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS  
OESTERWAL, TOGETHER WITH THE HISTORIC  
BUILDINGS THEREON, SITUATED AT SALDANHA  
BAY, DIVISION OF MALMESBURY**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by section 10 (1) of the War Graves and National Monuments Act, 1969 (Act 28 of 1969), I, Gerrit van Niekerk Viljoen, Minister of National Education, hereby declare the property known as Oesterwal, together with the historic buildings thereon, situated at Saldanha Bay, Division of Malmesbury, to be a national monument.

*Description*

The property known as Oesterwal, together with the historic buildings thereon, situate on the Remainder of Portion D of the farm Oostewal, at Saldanha Bay, Division of Malmesbury, in extent twenty-eight decimal four one three seven (28,4137) morgen.

Deed of Transfer 9213/1962, dated 6 July 1962.

*Historical and architectural interest*

The farm Oostewal, which borders on the Langebaan Lagoon, with its springs of fresh water was a favourite port of call of ships and vessels from all over the world during the 17th and 18th centuries as this was the only source of fresh water in the area. The dwelling-house and the adjacent outbuildings, which date from the 18th century, served as Colonial Residency for the Saldanha Bay area from 1821 to 1849.

The homestead, which has since been subdivided, was restored in 1960 and named "Oesterwal". 10/2/1121.

G. VAN N. VILJOEN, Minister of National Education.

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