

## APPENDIX 2: PIET RETIEF TOWN & TOWNLANDS PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

### SECTION 1 (Approximately 4.5ha):



Fig. 1: A general view of the section 1 in the west.  
The residential areas towards the west and north are visible.



Fig. 2: Disturbances such as minor excavations occur throughout the site, probably for sand quarrying.



Fig. 3: The eastern section of section 1, with the residential area visible towards the west and north.  
This image represents the entire 4.5ha of section 1.



Fig. 4: Several gravel roads are visible throughout the study area, which contributes to the disturbance in the grassland vegetation (image facing west).



Fig. 5: A gravel road forms the southern boundary of section 1, and the residential houses, the northern boundary. The wattle trees are visible in section 2, on the horizon. The grass was fairly low in the eastern section of the study area and visibility was good.

**SECTION 2 (PREVIOUS FORESTRY) (Approximately 5ha):**



Fig. 6: A general view of section 2.

The historically commercial plantation was replaced by alien wattle infestation.



Fig. 7: The south eastern section, with wattle infestation.



Fig. 8: The eastern access road and boundary of the entire study area (sections 1 & 2).  
The road turns here to the north, towards section 3 in the north (see arrow).



Fig. 9: The access road between sections 1 (left), and 2 (where small wattle trees are visible).



Fig. 10: The western access road and boundary of section 2, goes along the residential area in a northern direction, towards section 3.  
Section 2 is visible to the right (see small wattle trees).



Fig. 11: The north western section of section 2, opposite section 3.  
Section 2 is visible where the small wattle trees start.

**SECTION 3: (Approximately 1.5ha):**



Fig. 12: A general view (facing west) of section 3. The Klipmesselspruit is visible towards the right (see blue line), and the houses are the end of the residential area (south).



Fig. 13: Tracks and paths are visible throughout the section 3 study area.



Fig. 14: Section 3 study area from the northern boundary, facing south towards the residential area. Section 2 (forestry area) is visible behind the vehicle towards the left.



Fig. 15: The road which divides section 2 (forestry section, left), and section 3 (facing south).



Fig. 16: The Klipmesselspruit (blue line) is visible, with a residential area further to the north. Section 3 slopes gently towards the Klipmesselspruit.