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Mr B. Maswinga  
South African Heritage Resources Agency  
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Dear Mr Maswinga,

**RE: CASE 12895 PERMIT APPLICATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 27(18) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 6HA OF CULTIVATED AREAS FOR RUSTENBURG WINES, WITHIN REMAINDER OF FARM 56, SCHOONGEZICHT, LOCATED WITHIN IDA'S VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE SITE IN STELLENBOSCH**

Many thanks for our telephone conversation yesterday whereby clarity was requested regarding the specific scope and scale of works for the above permit application.

In summary, Rustenburg Wines proposes the further development of approximately 6ha of cultivated areas within Remainder of Farm 56, Schoongezicht in Stellenbosch. This site is located within the **Ida's Valley National Heritage Site and as such, a section 27(18) permit application is required**. The land proposed to be cultivated is located on the hillside in the upper reaches of the Kromme River, a tributary of the Eerste River. The site was cleared over 10 years ago, and has been left fallow since.

The proposed cultivation of this area will involve the following activities:

- Terracing of the slopes to allow for the cultivation of vineyards over the full 6ha
- Laying of irrigation pipes (100mm black pipes) throughout the area in shallow topsoil

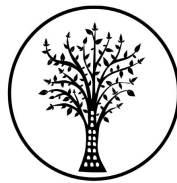
The proposed activity **will not** include any of the following activities

- Construction of any roads: the existing access road that encircles the area proposed for cultivation will be used
- Permanent or semi-permanent infrastructure
- Any other kind of development

As noted in the Heritage Screening Assessment, "According to the Gazette Notice for this site; "The CWCL is significant because of its idyllic setting, rich history associated with living heritage and distinctive cultural and natural environment; and unique planned landscapes boasting an architectural and aesthetic form unique to South Africa. Of great importance is, it is a site of significance in relating to the history of slavery in South Africa. Ida's Valley is a typical and, at the same time, a special example of this cultural landscape type. It is particularly unspoilt in the context of the Cape Winelands generally." The proposed cultivation of additional vineyards on this property therefore contributes in a positive way to this cultural landscape.

The area proposed for cultivation is underlain by the Stellenbosch batholith, which has zero palaeontological sensitivity. In addition, the site was cleared over 10 years ago, and has been left fallow since. As such, the likelihood of the proposed development negatively impacting on significant archaeological or palaeontological heritage is very low."

In addition, it is important to note that, in terms of archaeology within the Stellenbosch area, most of the known archaeological resources from this area are Earlier Stone Age known from Berg



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River Gravels. As per Figure 3 and 3b in the Heritage Screening Assessment, the nearest known archaeological site to the proposed cultivated area is located 3km away within the floodplain of a tributary the Eerste River. Based on the known archaeological resources within Stellenbosch, as well as the location of the proposed cultivated area on the upper slopes of the Simonsberg and its steep gradient, it is very unlikely that the proposed cultivation will impact on significant archaeological heritage.

Based on all of the available information, There is no heritage objection to the proposed development. It is recommended that SAHRA grant a permit for the proposed development in terms of section 27(18) of the NHRA.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns in this regard.

Yours,

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