

Outeniqua Game Farm
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Date: 29 November 2019

Attention :Ms D Mouton,

ALLEGED UNLAWFUL CLEARANCE OF VEGETATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF
INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN 32 METRES OF A WATERCOURSE ON ERF 420 AND ERF
373, OUTENIQUA GAME FARM, MOSSELBAY.
(Response to the letter dated 30 October 2019)

Dear Ms Mouton,

Thank you for taking the time to peruse our representation sent through on the 12th of June 2019. We acknowledge your response and have the following comments relating to the points made in your letter dated 30 October 2019.

2.2 With reference to the historical Google images, it is interesting to note that the lands were in fact cleared from 2005 and earlier (unfortunately the early Google Earth images are not very clear). In the latter years, after the 2013 fire, the lands were clearly neglected which led to the infestation of black wattle that we have cleared.

We have made contact with Dawie De Villiers from the Agricultural Department and are in the process of sourcing the relevant historical documentation for the clearing of the lands. As to the verbal account given to us and the attached affidavit from AI Meyer, OGF in its history was used as a cattle farm and perennial grasses were planted in early years.

In addition to this please see a copy of the relevant page of our purchase agreement with the previous owner stating that the farm was used as pastures by a tenant who ran 65 head of cattle on the farm before we bought in 2015.

If no records are found at the Agricultural department, we will update all the relevant departments with the necessary information.

2.3 As above.

2.4 We respectfully request that you give more clarity as to the type of proof and / or evidence that you require.

2.5 Please see the approved site plan of Outeniqua Game Farm showing the cumulative footprint size of all the approved buildings on OGF totalling 4421.5 m²

2.7 We are in the process of getting advice on the rehabilitation of the said road that admittedly is wider than 4 m in sections. Unfortunately due to year end we are struggling to secure a specialist.

2.8 This is noted

2.9 We have contacted Mr Stiaan Kotze at DEFF, and we will compile and submit *another* Invasive Control Plan to the National Department of Environmental Affairs and ensure that this plan meets DEFF specifications and requirements.

Note that in April 2018 we submitted our application for Herbicide Assistance. This application contained the initial report on the alien infestation that detailed the invasive aliens on OGF and

provided mapped areas of the infestation. We continue to submit monthly reports to the Environmental Department on the clearing progress.

3. We have met and been in discussions with Mr Andrew West and Dr Jan Vlok; our appointed Environmental Consultant and Botanist; who will unfortunately not be able to furnish us with the required rehabilitation plan for the road in the required time frame therefore we request an extension of time until approximately 28 February 2020. We will rehabilitate the road in a manner prescribed and acceptable to all parties.

We await your confirmation of the above and assure you of our commitment to the environment and to finding solutions to the issues raised.

Yours Sincerely,

Kerryn Smith