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Dear Ms Luis

INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL PLAN FOR PORTION 58,59,60 &64 OF FARM UITSIG 216 KNYSNA, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

1. I refer to the above matter and to the following:
 - 1.1 A site inspection conducted on 06 November 2024 at your property by an Environmental Management Inspector ("EMI") from the DFFE designated in terms of section 31B of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No 107 of 1998) ("NEMA").
 - 1.2 A Notice of intention to issue a Directive ("Pre directive") dated 05 May 2025 issued by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) in relation to alien and listed invasive plant species.
 - 1.3 An acknowledgement of receipt dated 12 May 2025.
 - 1.4 Invasive Species Control Plan for Portion 58,59,60 &64 of farm 216 Uitsig, submitted on 20 October 2025.

2. Having reviewed the invasive Species Control Plan, I have noted the following:
 - 2.1 The Integrated method and drone-assisted techniques that will be used to control listed invasive plant species on the property.
 - 2.2 The size of the property is 95 ha and will be divided into seven (07) management units.
 - 2.3 Large invasive trees not removed will be ring-barked and left to die naturally.
 - 2.4 Seedlings will be pulled by hand especially after rainfall.
 - 2.5 Aerial spraying herbicide with drones will be used in steep, inaccessible terrain.
 - 2.6 Biomass will be chipped, stacked or disposed of in a responsible manner; and



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- 2.7 The Alien Invasive species clearing operation will take place over a period of five (05) years.
3. In view of the above background, the Department is of the view that the proposed clearing control methods should prevent further invasion by listed invasive species on the property and I therefore approve the submitted invasive species control plan. The control methods must be implemented as set out in the approved invasive species control plan. Any changes to the action plan must be submitted to the Department for approval prior to such changes being affected.
 4. Kindly be advised that compliance with Outeniqua Sensitive Coastal Area Regulations (“OSCAER”) and a permit must be obtained from the relevant local authority prior to implementation of the control plan. You are further advised to apply for a possession permit for category 2 listed invasive plant species you intend to retain on your property. It is critical that all other applicable environmental legislation and any other is complied with in the process of controlling listed invasive plant species on your property. Furthermore, please be advised to obtain any permits/authorizations that may be required in terms of South African Civil Aviation Authority (“SACAA”) for the operation of a drone.
 5. A progress report must be submitted annually to the Department outlining the progress that has been made. Moreover, a close out report must be submitted to the Department at the completion of the invasive species control plan. The close-out report must, among other things, include:
 - a. Description of the control methods implemented and the way in which they were implemented; and
 - b. Assessments (which include photographs) of the clear areas.
 6. Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Lebo Maloka at the above-mentioned telephone number or email address.

Yours sincerely



MR GRANT WALTERS
CHIEF DIRECTOR (ACTING): SECTOR ENFORCEMENT
GRADE 1 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT INSPECTOR
DATE: 06 Dec 2024

Acknowledgement of Receipt:

INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL PLAN FOR PORTION 58,59,60 & 64 OF FARM 216 KNYSNA, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

Received by Mr/Ms.....

On behalf of

On thisday of..... 2026, at

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Signature: