

**SECTION 24(G) NEMA RECTIFICATION APPLICATION FOR THE UNLAWFUL CLEARANCE OF INDIGENOUS VEGETATION ON FARM GROENFONTEIN, NO. 296, NEAR PIKETBERG, WESTERN CAPE.**

**PUBLIC REGISTRATION PERIOD**

**GNEC REFERENCE: 20486**

**ACTIVITY:** The applicant, Paardekop Boerdery (Pty) Ltd have illegally commenced with the clearance of indigenous vegetation on Farm Groenfontein, No. 296, without obtaining the required approval in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA). It is estimated that approximately 12ha of indigenous vegetation was cleared possibly containing Graafwater Sandstone Fynbos. The vegetation was cleared in order to establish agricultural practices. The activity which was undertaken early in 2017 required approval in terms of the NEMA and the applicant is now applying for *ex post facto* approval in terms of Section 24 (G) of the act.

**LOCATION:** Farm Groenfontein, No. 296, near Piketberg, off the R366 and approximately 15km from Eendekuil.

**LEGISLATIVE PROVISION CONTRAVENED:**

In terms of section 24F of the NEMA, no activity listed in the Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) Regulations Listing Notice 1, 2 and 3 of 2014 may commence without environmental authorisation from the competent authority. The activity described above required an Environmental Authorization from the competent authority for the following listed activity in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (“NEMA”) (Act No. 107 of 1998):

**Government Notice No. R. 983 of 04 December 2014, as amended:**

- Listing Notice 1 – Activity No: 27.

**OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE:** Individuals Interested and/or affected by the proposed activity are invited to register with **Guillaume Nel Environmental Consultants (GNEC)** as an **Interested and Affected Party (I&AP)**. I&APs should refer to the relevant GNEC Reference Number listed above in all correspondence, and must provide their details including:

Name, contact details, preferred method of correspondence (e.g. e-mail address or fax number) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which they have in the application to the contact person indicated below by latest **Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2018**.

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