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Dear Emile,

**RE: Proposed construction of a 30m high telecommunications mast on portion 108 of farm Doorrivier No 369 Aan de Doorns**

CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above application and wish to make the following comments:

1. The vegetation in this area is mapped as Breede Alluvium Renosterveld which is listed as Endangered according to the threatened ecosystem listing for the Western Cape. However it is noted that the specific site is already developed with number of large buildings and associated infrastructure including access roads. Please could you confirm the status and ground cover of the exact site of 59 square meters that is to be cleared for the mast.
2. The area is mapped as an Ecological Support Area (ESA) according to the Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan of 2017. The desired management objective for ESAs is that they are maintained in functional near natural state and that while some habitat loss is acceptable the underlying ecological functioning should not be compromised. Given this, the management plan for the base station site and the access road must include erosion control measures and regular clearing of alien vegetation.

Please note that our comments only pertain to the biodiversity related impacts and not to the overall desirability of the proposed application. CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.

Yours sincerely



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