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Dear Ms Jordaan

RE: The proposed development of the 25 m high Diemersfontein Telecommunications mast on Portion 0 of Farm No. 1756, Paarl, Western Cape. DEA&DP Ref: TBC

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

- 1. The area surrounding the proposed development site historically supported Swartland Granite Renosterveld but is now mostly surrounded by cultivated land with fragments of natural vegetation remaining between the cultivated land. Some of the remnants of natural vegetation have been mapped as Critical Biodiversity Area as Swartland Granite Renosterveld is listed as Endangered.
- 2. The proposed development site is substantially transformed and the cell mast will have a small development footprint. Therefore, CapeNature does not object to this application as it will not have any significant impact on biodiversity.

CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.

Yours sincerely

Leandra Knoetze

The Western Cape Nature Conservation Board trading as CapeNature

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