

18 September 2025

Dear Interested and Affected Party

NEMA PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

THE PROPOSED ENLARGEMENT OF LANGRUG-BOONSTE NR1 DAM, ALSO KNOWN AS HELPMEKAAR DAM, CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BUFFER DAM AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, ON FARM RIETRIVIER 202, PORTION 5, CERES, WESTERN CAPE

Notice is hereby given of the intention to submit an application, and the public participation, process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended ("NEMA"), Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014, as well as a Water Use License Application in terms of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998)(NWA). The proposed enlargement of Langrugboonste Nr1 dam, also known as Helpmekaar Dam, and associated infrastructure includes activities listed in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014.

EnviroAfrica cc has been appointed by Sterkwater Boerdery (Pty) Ltd. to undertake the NEMA application process for Environmental Authorisation.

Application for environmental authorisation to undertake the following activities*:

Government Notice R327 (Listing Notice 1): Activity No. **09, 12, 19, 27, 48, 66**

Government Notice R325 (Listing Notice 2): Activity No. **15, 16**

Government Notice R324 (Listing Notice 3): Activity No. **12, 14, 23**

Application in terms of NWA: Sections 21 a, b, c and i*.

**Please note that should the listed activities above change or additional activities be identified during the course of the NEMA Application process, registered I&APs will be notified of any changes.*

Project Description & Location: The proposed development entails the construction of both the enlargement of Langrug-boonste Nr1 dam, also known as Helpmekaar dam, and a small new buffer dam and its accompanying approximately 2km connecting pipeline. The proposed dam development would have a total storage area of approximately 800000m³ and extract approximately 410000m³ of additional surface water directly from the upper tributaries of the Leeu River. The proposed dam development will therefore ensure the conversion of about approximately 45ha annual cash crops into permanent fruit orchards. The site is located on Portion 5 of Farm Rietriver 202, Ceres, Western Cape. Approximate site co-ordinates:

Langrug-boonste Nr1 dam (Helpmekaar dam): **32° 55' 03.60" S, 19° 14' 12.90" E**

Buffer Dam: **32° 55' 39.10" S, 19° 15' 02.30" E**

Connecting pipeline: **32° 55' 03.17" S, 19° 14' 16.41" E (start)**
32° 55' 37.87" S, 19° 14' 55.00" E (end)

Public Participation: Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby notified of the proposed application and invited to register (in writing) and/or provide initial comments and identify any issues, concerns or opportunities relating to this project to the contact details provided below, **on or before 23 October 2025** in terms of the environmental aspects (NEMA Application) and **on or before 24 November 2025** for water related issues (NWA application). In order to register or submit a comment, I&APs should refer to the project name, and provide their name, address & contact details (indicating your preferred method of notification) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest which they have in the application. Please note that future correspondence will only be sent to registered Interested and Affected Parties. You are also requested to pass this information to any person you feel should be notified. Please note that only Registered I&APs:

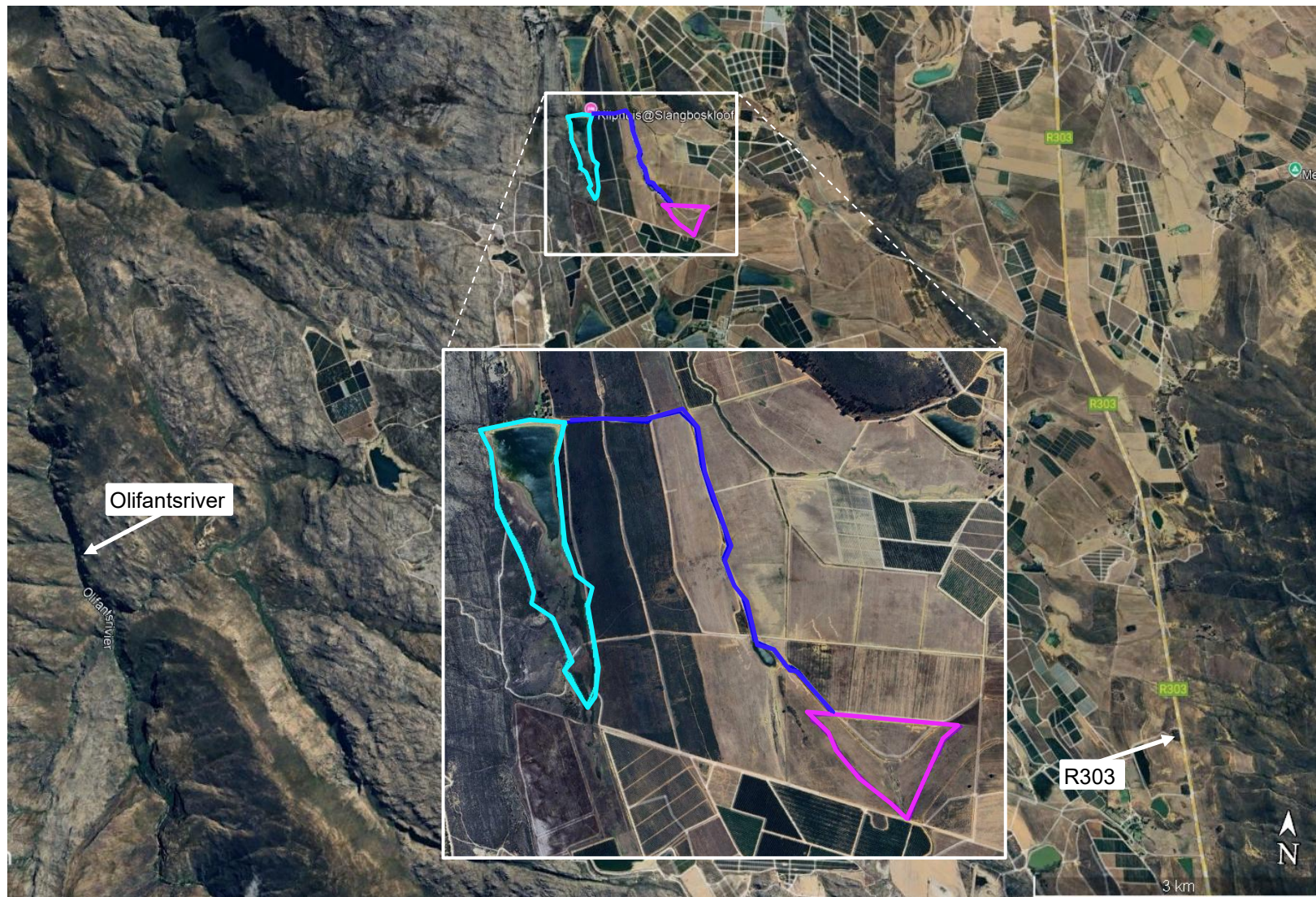
- will be notified of the availability of reports and other written submissions made (or to be made) to the Department by the applicant and be entitled to comment on these reports and submissions.
- will be notified of the outcome of the application, the reasons for the decision, and that an appeal may be lodged against a decision; and
- will be notified of the applicant's intention to appeal the decision of the competent authority, together with an indication of where and for what period the appeal submission will be available for inspection.

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By registering as an I&AP, you hereby give EnviroAfrica cc the permission to circulate your name and contact details to the relevant stakeholders as stated, per statutory requirements, in line with the Protection of Personal Information (POPI) Act No. 4 of 2013 (as amended), unless otherwise informed, in writing to us.

Note: A full list of registered I&APs, as well as all correspondence with I&APs, will be submitted to the competent authority.

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SITE COORDINATES: (approximate centre points)

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(approximate end)

-  Langrug-boonste Nr1 dam,
-  Buffer Dam
-  Connecting pipeline

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