

DECLARATION OF SPECIALIST INDEPENDENCE

I, Elsaine Costerus, in the capacity as legal advisor, employed as such by Greenmined Environmental (Pty) Ltd, hereby declare as follows:

- » Dr. Johann du Preez, SACNASP Registration number: 400271/07 (hereinafter referred to as "Dr. Johann du Preez"), who sadly passed away on 28 December 2019, acted as the independent botanical impact assessment specialist in this application;
- » Dr. Johann du Preez had no financial interest in the undertaking of the activity, other than remuneration for work performed in terms of the NEMA, the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 and any specific environmental management Act;
- » Dr. Johann du Preez had no vested interest in the proposed activity proceeding;
- » Dr. Johann du Preez has disclosed to the applicant, EAP and competent authority, any material information, if applicable, that have or may have the potential to influence the decision of the competent authority or the objectivity of any report, plan or document required in terms of the NEMA, the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 and any specific environmental management Act;
- » Dr. Johann du Preez was fully aware of and met the responsibilities in terms of NEMA, the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (specifically in terms of regulation 13 of GN No. R. 326) and any specific environmental management Act;
- » Dr. Johann du Preez has provided the competent authority with access to all information at his disposal regarding the application, whether such information is favourable to the applicant or not; and
- » I, Elsaine Costerus, the declarer in terms hereof, am aware that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 48 of GN No. R. 326.



**Elsaine Costerus (LLB) - Admitted Attorney of the High Court of South Africa
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