

## APPENDIX D: PHOTO REPORT

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This photo report provides visual evidence of the current condition of the rectified area subject to the Section 24G application. The photographs were taken during the post-construction phase to illustrate the extent of works completed, the stabilisation of the riparian zone, and the environmental condition following the emergency reinstatement of the retaining structure, fencing, and pool.

### 2. SITE CONTEXT

The site lies adjacent to the Spruitrivier within the Drakenstein Local Municipality jurisdiction. Activities included reconstruction of the retaining wall (gabion structure) post-flood event, installation of high-security fencing for property protection, construction of a stabilised pool within the existing disturbed footprint, and vegetation re-establishment and alien clearing along the riparian edge.

### 3. PHOTOS

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| View of the reinstated riverbank with security fence in the foreground. Shows effective stabilisation of the riparian edge; vegetation regrowth visible. | Close-up of gabion wall visible through fencing. Gabion wall intact, providing erosion control and slope stabilisation. |



Fence corner adjacent to restored pool structure. Demonstrates integration of fencing and retaining wall for improved safety and aesthetics.



View of pool area with reinforced gabion retaining wall. Pool construction completed; minimal surface disturbance beyond existing footprint.



Pool and river interface area. No evidence of erosion or sediment discharge; stable ground cover evident.



Section of fencing along the riparian corridor. Secure boundary established; vegetation recovery visible beyond fence line.





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| Downstream view along Spruitrivier fence alignment. No visible pollution or runoff; bank stabilisation successful. | Upstream view showing alignment between pool and fencing. Fencing and retaining structures blend with existing topography.       |
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| Pool area. Pool stabilised; water level controlled to prevent overflow into river system.                          | Utility pole adjacent to rehabilitated area. Infrastructure remains stable and functional post-flood; no additional disturbance. |

#### 4. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The visual evidence confirms that the riverbank has been successfully stabilised following the 2024 flood event. No further disturbance or ongoing erosion is evident within the riparian zone. The gabion retaining wall and fencing system function effectively for erosion control and property protection. The pool structure has been integrated into the previously disturbed footprint with no encroachment beyond the original bank. Vegetation recovery and alien control have been initiated and should continue under the EMPr monitoring framework.

The rehabilitation measures implemented are consistent with the principles of sustainable environmental management and the duty of care as required under Sections 2 and 28 of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998).