#### NOTICE OF LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

# APPLICATION FOR THE REZONING: PORTION 4 OF FARM 1631 PAARL DIVISION: GROOT DRAKENSTEIN

The following land use application in terms of the Stellenbosch Bylaw on Municipal Land Use Planning 2023 refers:

Application Property Address: RFG Foods, Helshoogte Road, Groot Drakenstein

**Application Property Number:** Portion 4 of Farm 1631 Paarl Division

**Applicant:** Willie Steyn Land Use Planner (0218632396) **Owner:** RFG Foods Pty Ltd (0218704129: Rian Matthys)

**Application Reference:** LU/TP 299/2023 **Description of land development proposal:** 

Application has been made:

- a) In terms of Section 15(2)(a) of the Stellenbosch Bylaw on Municipal Land Use Planning 2023 for the rezoning of 0,97 ha of the application property from Agriculture and Rural Zone to Industrial Zone to extend the existing Industrial Zone of 14,9 ha for purposes of regularising an industrial storage yard and a waste water treatment works for the existing food cannery on the property; and
- b) For the Controlling Authority as defined in Act 21 of 1940's approval in terms of Condition C2 on page 14 of Title Deed T7807/2013 to erect additional structures on the application property.

Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of the said Bylaw that the above-mentioned application has been submitted to the Stellenbosch Municipality for consideration. The application is available for inspection on the Planning Portal of the Stellenbosch Municipality's website for the duration of the public participation process at the following address: <a href="https://www.stellenbosch.gov.za/planning/documents/planning-notices/land-use-applications-advertisements">https://www.stellenbosch.gov.za/planning/documents/planning-notices/land-use-applications-advertisements</a>. If the website or documents cannot be accessed, an electronic copy of the application can be requested from the applicant.

You are hereby invited to submit comments and / or objections on the application in terms of Section 50 of the said Bylaw. Written comment, which must include the reference to the application, the name, contact details and physical address of the person to submit the comments, the reasons for the comments, and the interest of the person who submits the comment in the application, may be submitted to the applicant (Willie Steyn Land use Planner) by electronic mail as follows: williesteyn1960@gmail.com. By lodging an objection, comment or representation, the person doing so acknowledges that information may be made available to the public and to the applicant.

The comments must be submitted within 30 days from the date of this notice to be received on or before the closing date of **29 April 2024**.

The Municipality, in terms of Section 50(5) of the said Bylaw, may refuse to accept any comments/objection received after the closing date.

For any enquiries on the application or the above requirements, or if you are unable to write and/or submit your comments as prescribed, you may contact the applicant for assistance at williesteyn1960@gmail.com or telephonically at 0218632396 during normal office hours.

28 March 2024

#### KENNISGEWING VAN GRONDONTWIKKELINGSAANSOEK

# AAANSOEK OM HERSONERING: GEDEELTE 4 VAN PLAAS 1631 AFDELING PAARL: GROOT DRAKENSTEIN

Die volgende grondgebruiksaansoek in terme van die Stellenbosch Verordening op Munisipale Grondgebruikbeplanning 2023 verwys:

**Adres van aansoekeiendom:** RFG Foods, Helshoogtepad, Groot-Drakenstein **Aansoekeiendom beskrywing:** Gedeelte 4 van Plaas No. 1631 Afdeling Paarl

**Aansoeker:** Willie Steyn Grondgebruikbeplanner (0218632396) **Eienaar:** RFG Foods Edms Bpk (0218704129: Rian Matthys)

Aansoek Verwysing: LU/TP 299/2023

Besonderhede van die grondgebruikaansoek:

Aansoek is gedoen:

- a) In terme van artikel 15(2)(a) van die Stellenbosch Verordening op Munisipale Grondgebruikbeplanning 2023 vir die hersonering van 0,97 ha van die aansoekeiendom vanaf Landbou en Landelike Sone na Industriële Sone om die bestaande Nywerheidsone van 14,9 ha te vergroot ten einde 'n bestaande industriële stoorwerf en 'n afvalwater behandelingsaanleg vir die bestaande inmaakfabriek te magtig; en
- b) Vir die Beherende Gesag soos omskryf in Wet 21 van 1940 se goedkeuring in terme van Voorwaarde C2 op bladsy 14 van Titelakte T7807/2013 om addisionele strukture op die aansoekeiendom op te rig.

Kennis word hiermee gegee in terme van die voorskrifte van die genoemde verordening dat bovermelde aansoek by die Munisipaliteit Stellenbosch ingedien is vir oorweging. Die aansoek is ter insae op die Beplanningsportaal van die Munisipaliteit Stellenbosch se webtuiste vir die tydsduur van die publieke deelname proses by die volgende adres:

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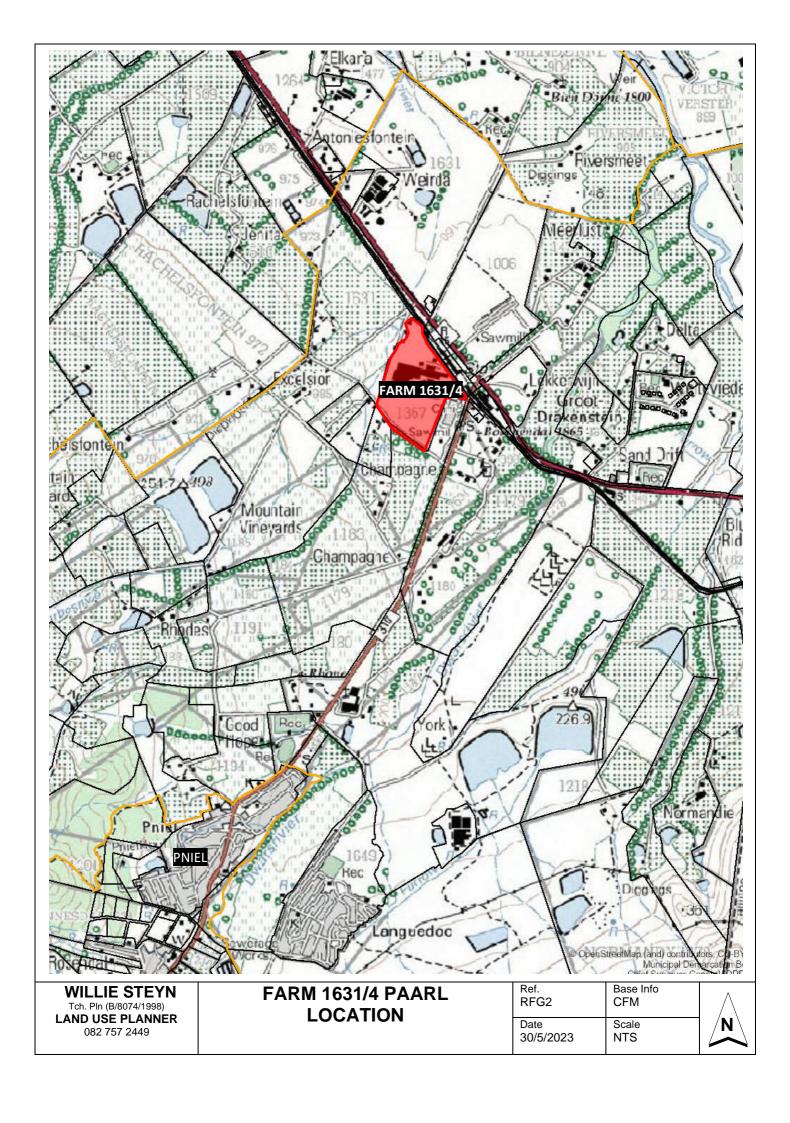
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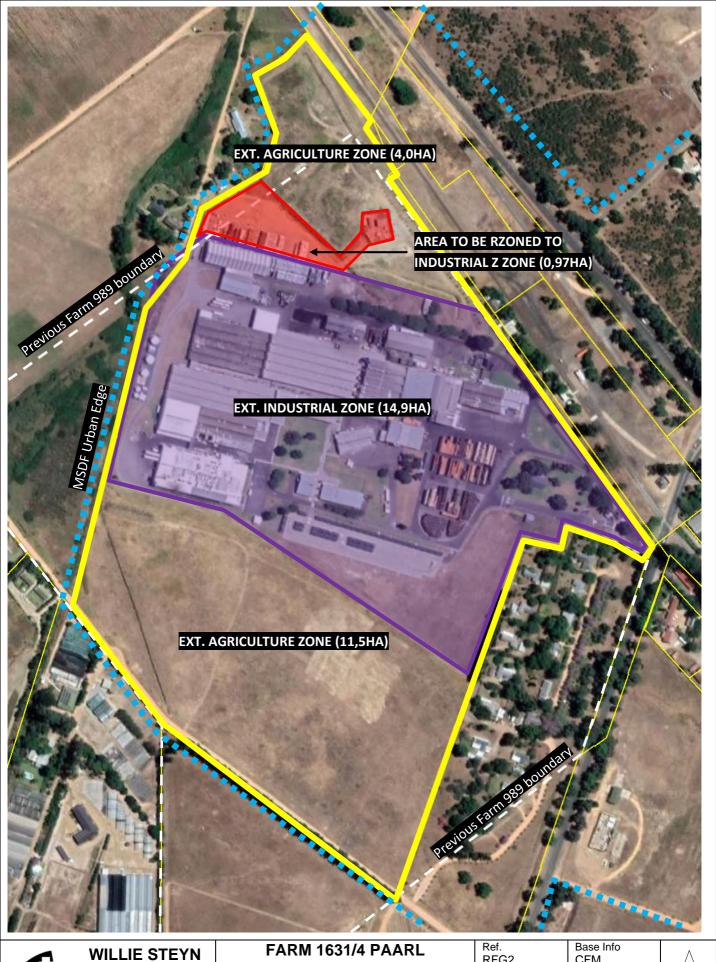
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Die kommentaar moet binne 30 dae vanaf die datum van hierdie kennisgewing gestuur word en moet ontvang word voor of op die laaste dag van die sluitingsdatum van **29 April 2024.** 

Daar moet kennis geneem word dat die munisipaliteit, in terme van artikel 50(5) van die vermelde verordening, mag weier om enige kommentaar/beswaar te aanvaar wat na die sluitingsdatum ontvang word.

Indien daar enige navrae op die aansoek of bovermelde vereistes vir die lewer van kommentaar is, of indien dit nie moontlik is om geskrewe kommentaar te lewer of die kommentaar op die wyse te lewer soos voorgeskryf nie, kan die aansoeker vir bystand gekontak word by williesteyn1960@gmail.com of telefonies by 0218632396 gedurende normale kantoor ure.





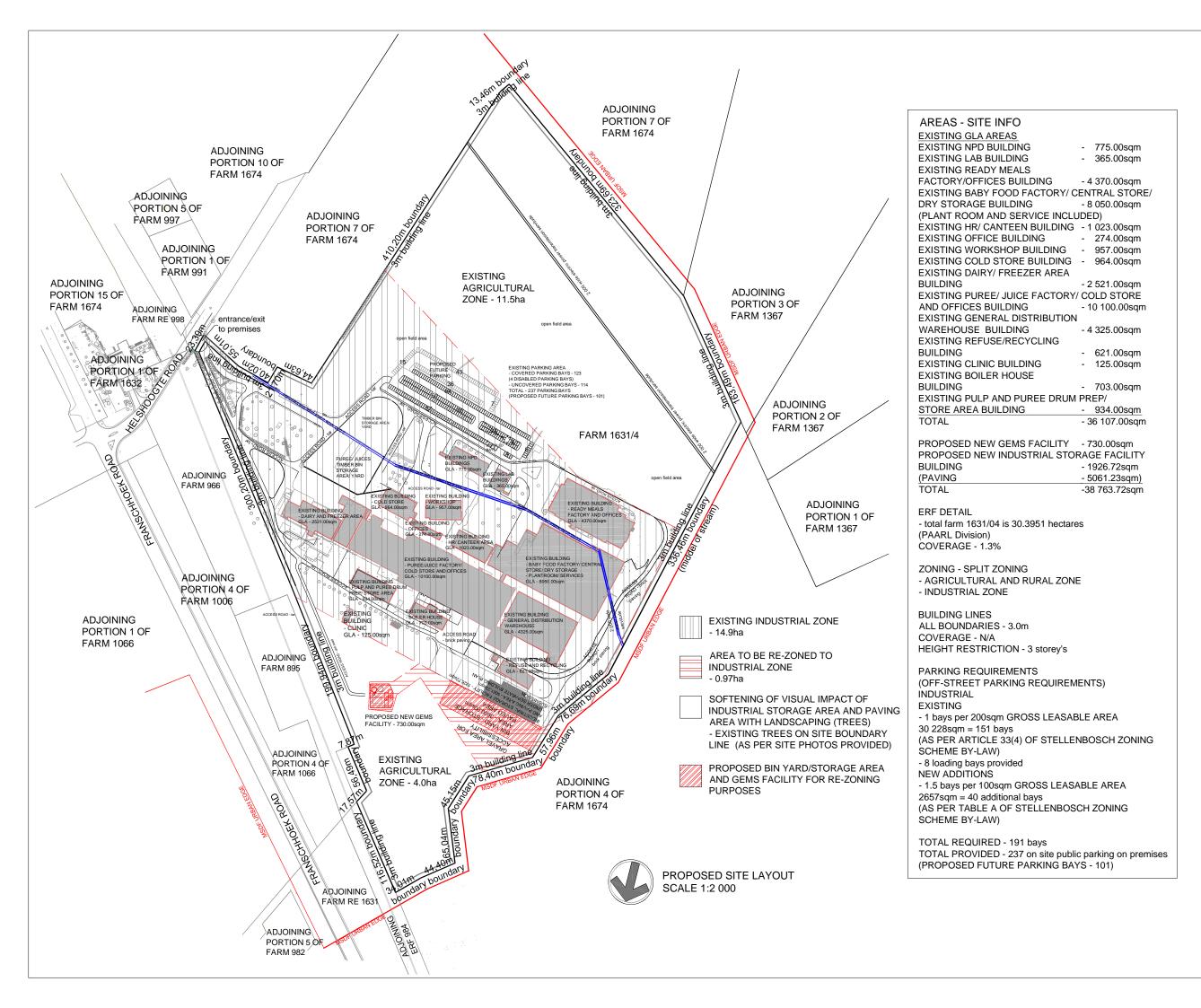


Tch. Pln (B/8074/1998)
LAND USE PLANNER 082 757 2449

**PLAN OF REZONING** 

| Ref.           | Base Info    |
|----------------|--------------|
| RFG2           | CFM          |
| Date 23/5/2023 | Scale<br>NTS |





#### **GENERAL NOTES**

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ANY DIFFERENCES MUST BE DISCUSSED WITH
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ALL MATERIAL SUSED DURING BUILDINGWORK
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PART KO PS ANS 10400

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- STORNWATER LAYOUT AND DISCHARGE ON
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- PRECAST CONCRETE LINTOLS OVER ALL INTERNAL OF EXTERNAL OPENINGS
EXCEEDING SOOM— AS PER PART K OF SANS 104.00

- FIRE EQUIPMENT - INSTALLATION AS PER
SANS 1910 AND UPKEEP AS PER SANS 1173-1 AND SANS 10105-1

- SAFETY SIGNAGE AS PER FIRE ENGINEERS DETAILS

REVISION/HERSIENING

CLIENT/KLIENT

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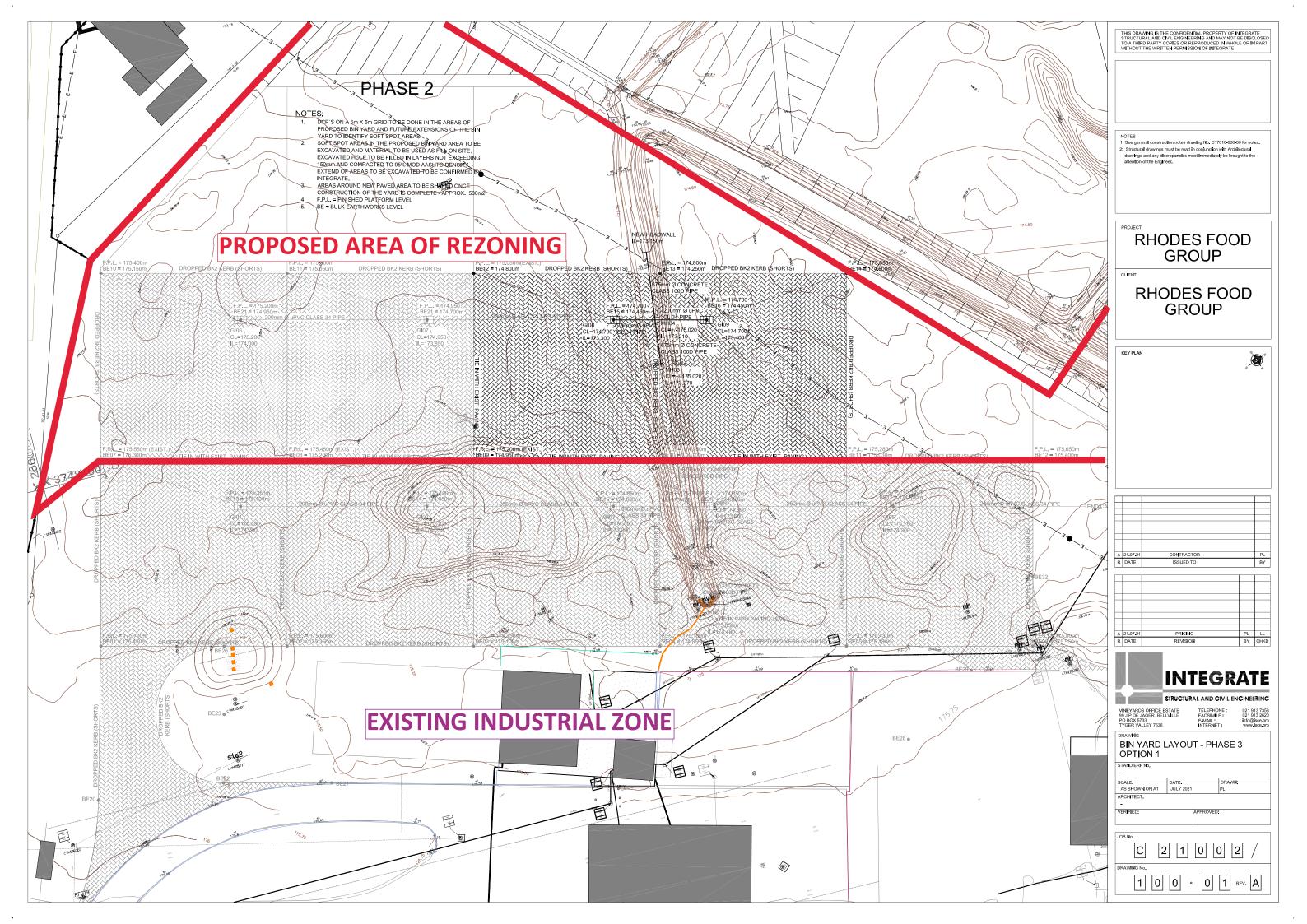


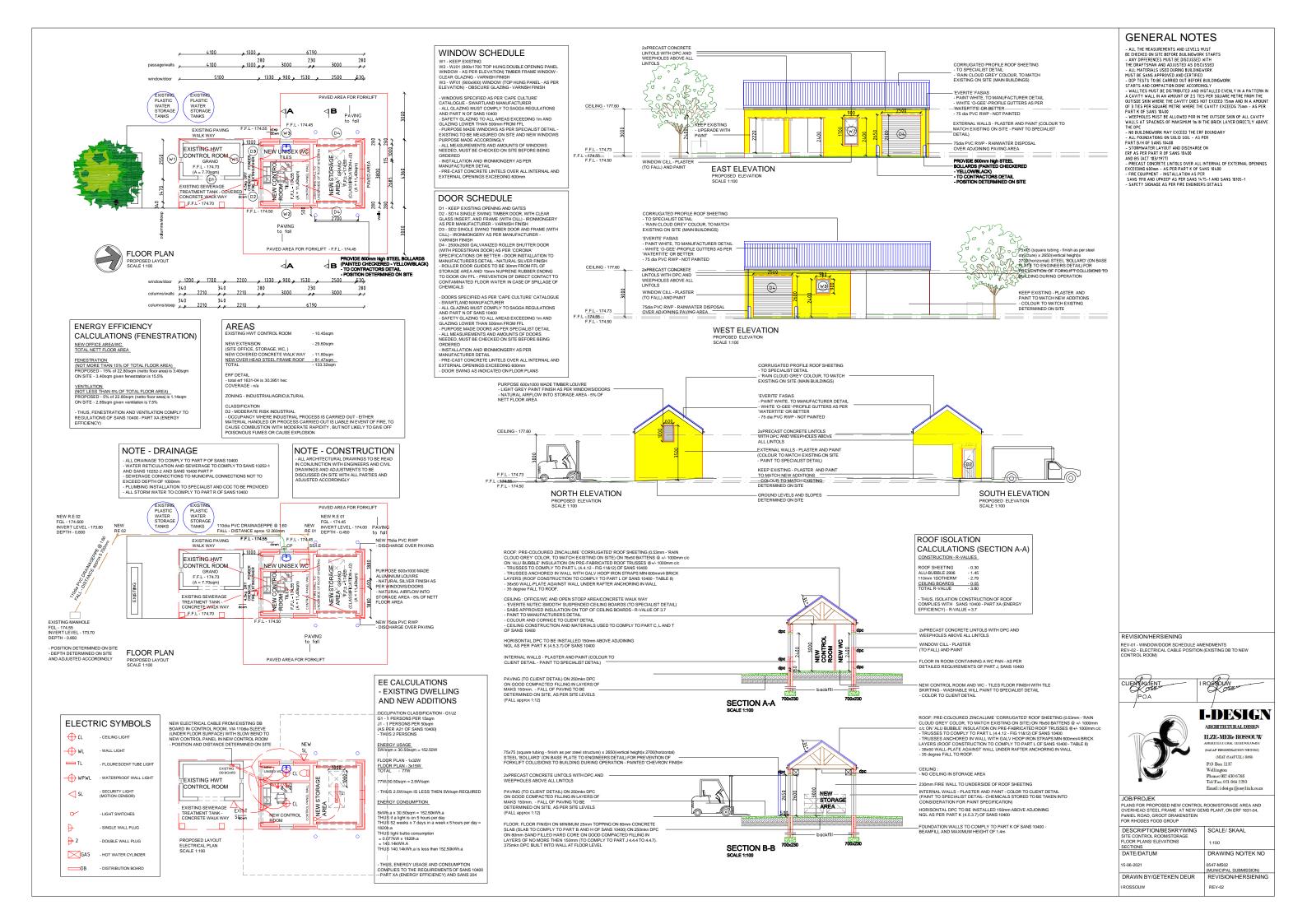
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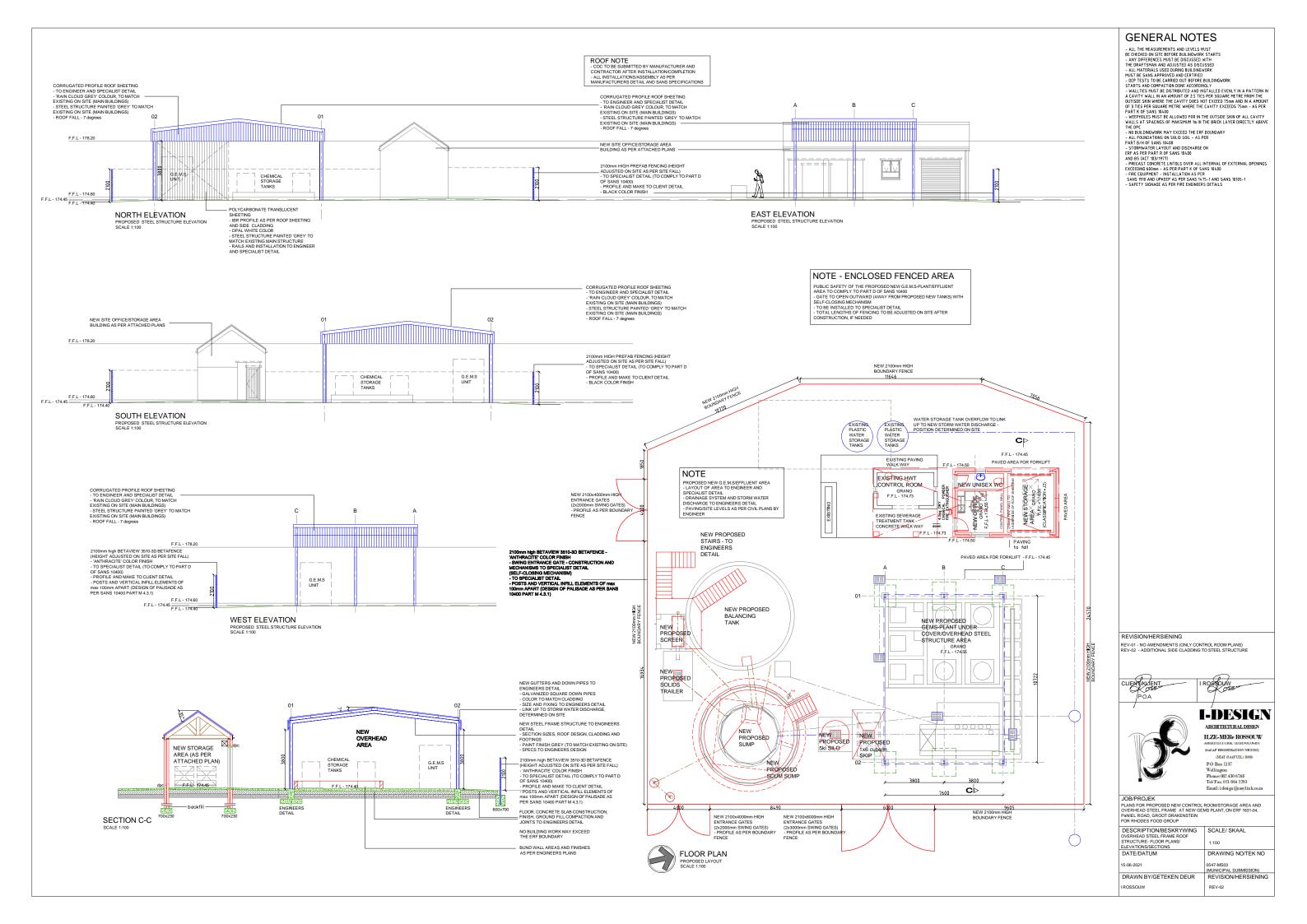
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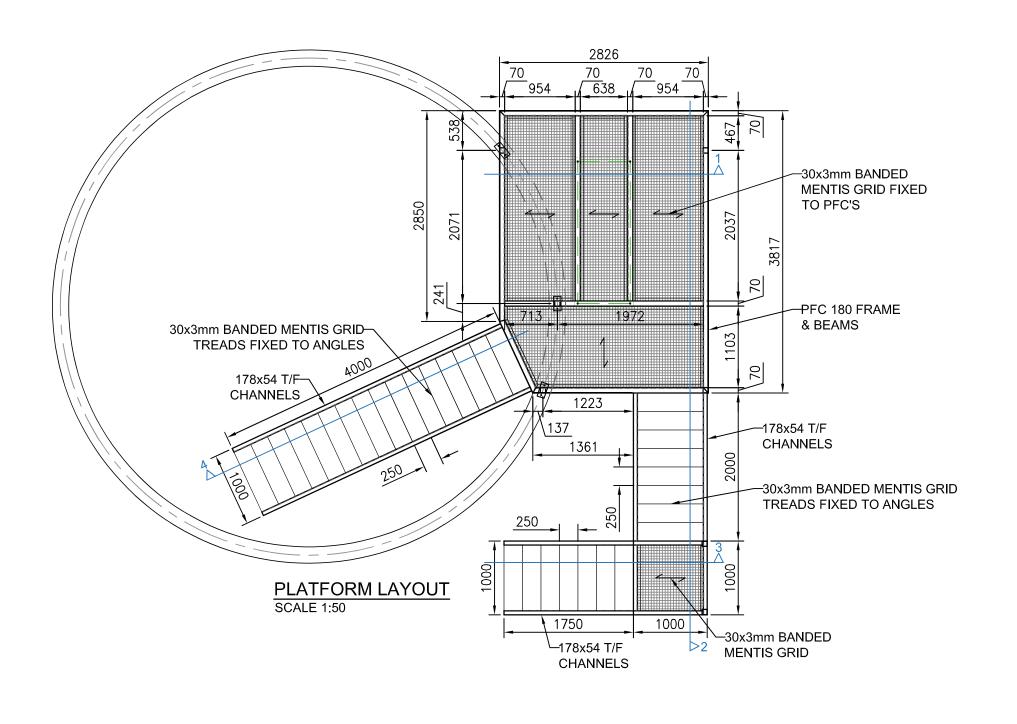
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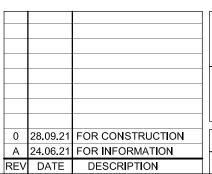
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RFG - GEMS FAT TRAP **BALANCING TANK PLATFORM** 

PLATFORM LAYOUT

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# **MOTIVATION REPORT**

# PROPOSED REZONING TO INDUSTRIAL ZONE

# **FARM 1631/4 PAARL**

Prepared by



RFG2

September 2023

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# 1. REFERENCE

The report is in support of an application for the rezoning of 0,97 ha of Portion 4 of Farm 1631 Paarl Division (Farm 1631/4 Paarl) from Agriculture and Rural Zone to Industrial Zone.

#### Legislative Reference

Section 15(2) of the Stellenbosch Municipal Planning By-Law 2023, read with Section 41(1) of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, No. 16 of 2013 and Section 35(1) of the Western Cape Land Use Planning Act, No. 3 of 2014.

# 2. PROPERTY OWNER / APPLICANT

Rhodes Fruit Group Pty Ltd

| 3. DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Proposed Land Use       | The rezoning of an area of 0,97 ha (i.e. the subject site) to Industrial Zone to extend the existing Industrial Zone of 14,9 ha as indicated on the Plan of Rezoning, Site Development Plan, Bin Yard Plan and WWTW Plan included with the application for purposes of regularising an industrial storage yard and a waste water treatment works for the existing food cannery on the subject property |
| Proposed Services       | Water provision: No additional water usage is generated  |
|                         | Sewage and industrial effluent disposal: The purpose of the application is inter-alia to regularise the facility for sewage and industrial effluent disposal for the existing cannery  |
|                         | Stormwater disposal: On site, as indicated on the Bin Yard and WWTW Plans  |
|                         | Refuse removal: No additional refuse is generated  |
|                         | Electricity: Obtained from existing electricity supply to the subject property   |
| Proposed Access         | From the existing property access on Helshoogte Road (Main Road 172)   |

|                             | 4. PROPERTY INFORMATION  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Description                 | Portion 4 of Farm 1631 Paarl Division (i.e. the subject property)  |
| Location                    | Helshoogte Road, Groot Drakenstein                                 |
| Municipality                | Stellenbosch Municipality  |
| Municipal Ward              | 3  |
| Zoning Scheme               | Stellenbosch Zoning Scheme Bylaw 2019                              |
| <b>Existing Zoning</b>      | Industrial Zone (14,9 ha) and Agriculture and Rural Zone (14,5 ha) |
| <b>Existing Primary Use</b> | Industry   |
| Additional Uses             | None   |

| Existing Utilisation  | Food cannery  |  |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| Extent                | 30,3951 ha  |  |
| Existing Access       | From Helshoogte Road (Main Road 172)  |  |
| S-G Diagram           | 3179/2000   |  |
| Deed of Transfer      | T7807/2013  |  |
| Title Deed Conditions | <ul> <li>All title deed conditions are described in full in T7807/2013. No undescribed references are made to historical title deeds. The relevant title deed conditions are:</li> <li>a) The subject property is subject to electrical power line and water pipe line servitudes, but these do not affect the site of rezoning</li> <li>b) The property is notarially linked with Farm 1631/1 Paarl</li> <li>c) No buildings shall be erected without the approval of the Controlling Authority i.t.o Act 21 of1940</li> </ul> |  |
| Servitudes            | Electrical line and water pipe line servitudes  |  |
| Bond Holder           | Nedbank Ltd   |  |

# 5. BACKGROUND

- a) The cannery on Farm1631/4 was first established in 1905 on land owned by the Crown at the time. The land was surveyed in 1934 as Farm 989 Paarl (41ha) and in the 1936 granted to Rhodes Fruit Farms Ltd to serve as a fruit canning facility for the Anglo-American Ltd farms being operated on seven land units in the surrounding area.
- b) With the implementation of the first zoning scheme for the area in 1986 (i.e. the so-called Section 8 Zoning Scheme), the property was deemed to be zoned in accordance with its utilisation. The former Winelands District Council in April 2000 confirmed the zoning of the property to be Industrial Zone 1 (applicable to a demarcated area of 15 ha covered by the canning factory) and Agricultural Zone 1 (the remaining property).
- c) Approval was at the same time granted for the remodelling of the Anglo-American Ltd farms' boundaries, resulting in the cannery now being located on Farm 1631/4 (30,3951ha) with an area of 14,9 ha zoned as Industrial Zone 1. The property was transferred to the (new) Rhodes Fruit Group Pty Ltd in 2013 along with Farms 1631/1 and 1632/1.
- d) With the farm boundary remodelling, servitude areas were also created over existing dams on Farm 1631/1 to accept waste water from Farm 1631/4 as irrigation water for the farm, as was the practice previously.
- e) In 2018 a small waste water treatment facility was erected to replace the septic tanks and soakaways on the subject property also used previously for the disposal of factory waste water. The storage yard for the cannery was also established in the same year outside the demarcated Industrial Zone 1 area. In 2021 the waste water treatment facility was extended to its current size.
- f) The Section 8 Zoning Scheme was repealed and replaced by the Stellenbosch Zoning Scheme Bylaw in 2019, resulting in the subject property now being zoned the Industrial Zone 1 (14,9 ha) and the remaining property, including the waste water treatment works and storage yard, zoned Agricultural and Rural Zone.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Stellenbosch Municipality Zoning Certificate dd. 26 April 2023

# 6. OTHER RELEVANT LAWS

Section 65 of the Stellenbosch Municipal Land Use Planning By-Law 2023 determines that the municipality must have regard to investigations i.t.o. other relevant laws when considering a land use application.

# 6.1 National Heritage Resources Act 1999 (NHRA)

As the area to be rezoned changed the character of an area of more than 5000m<sup>2</sup>, a Notice of Intent to Develop is to be submitted to Heritage Western Cape (HWC) in accordance with Section 38(2) of the NHRA.

#### 6.2 National Environmental Management Act 1998 (NEMA)

NEMA is not applicable to the proposed rezoning as the processing capacity of the waste water treatment works is less than 2000 m<sup>3</sup> per day (currently about 70 m<sup>3</sup> per day<sup>2</sup>) and the area to be rezoned is less than 1 ha in extent.<sup>3</sup>

### 6.3 National Environment Management: Waste Act 2008

Approval is only required in terms of the Act for the disposal of the treated waste water and not the treatment works itself.<sup>4</sup> A water use license application is currently underway for the increased usage of the disposal dams on Farm 1631/1.<sup>5</sup>

## 6.4 Advertising on Roads and Ribbon Development Act 1940

The subject site is more than 95 metres from the centre lines of Main Roads 172 and 191 and therefore not subject to the Advertising on Roads and Ribbon Development Act 1940 (Act 21 of 1940). However, i.t.o. Clause C.2 of the subject property's title deed, no building may be erected on the property without the approval of the Controlling Authority as defined in Act 21 of 1940. The application is therefore to be referred to the Western Cape Department of Infrastructure for approval of the buildings associated with the WWTW.

# 7. ENGINEERING SERVICES PROVISION AND ACCESS

In terms of Section 65 of the Stellenbosch Municipal Land Use Planning Bylaw 2023 and Section 42(1) of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act 2013, read with Section 35(4), the municipality must have regard to the impact of the application on the provision of municipal engineering services.

| Water Provision                 | No additional water usage is generated by the WWTW itself.  |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Effluent and Sewage<br>Disposal | The purpose of the application is inter-alia to regularise the facility for sewage and industrial effluent disposal for the existing cannery. The treated waste water is disposed of in irrigation dams on Farm 1361/1 Paarl, which is notarially linked with the subject property and may not be alienated independently from Farm 1631/4 Paarl. |
| Storm Water                     | Disposed on site.   |
| Refuse Removal                  | No additional refuse is generated.  |
| Electricity Provision           | Electricity is obtained from the existing electricity supply to the subject property.   |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Buks Schutte; email dd. 14/2/2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Listings 25 and 28 of NEMA Listing Notice 1 of 2014 (as amended)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> EADP Circular 0002/2014, dd. 29/1/2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Buks Schutte; email dd. 14/2/2023

#### **Road Access**

Access to the subject site is taken form the subject property's existing controlled access gate on Helshoogte Road (Main Road 172). The fully paved access is designed to accommodate two-way movement of large articulated trucks and has a 60 m stagging space in front of the gate. No additional traffic is generated by the waste water treatment works and bin storage yard. The existing access will therefore continue to operate at its normal level of service.

# 8. SITE EVALUATION

# 8.1 Surrounding Area

The subject property is located at the intersection of Helshoogte Road (Main Road 172) with the Paarl/Ou Tol Road (Main Road 191) and forms part of the Groot-Drakenstein service node. The node consists of the Rhodes Fruit Farms cannery and offices, a police station, health clinic, former train station, other industrial buildings and two residential complexes.

#### **8.2 Site**

About 50% of the subject property is currently under industrial utilisation, with the remaining land being vacant under the Agricultural and Rural Zone.

The land has a flat topography with no unique or note-worthy topographical features or vegetation.







WWTW

Storage yard seen from the paved section of the yard



Storage yard seen from the WWTW

Storage yard seen from Main Road 191

#### 8.3 Access

Access is taken from Helshoogte Road (Main Road 172). The fully paved access is designed to accommodate two-way movement of large articulated trucks and has a 60 m stagging space in front of the gate.





# 9. STELLENBOSCH MUNICIPALITY ZONING SCHEME BYLAW 2019

In terms of Section 65 of the Stellenbosch Municipal Land Use Planning Bylaw 2023, the municipality must have regard to the applicable provisions of the Stellenbosch Municipality Zoning Scheme Bylaw 2019 in evaluating the application.

|   | The Industrial Zone permits industries as a primary land use, which include any activity which is ancillary and subservient to such industrial usage and accordingly also provided for a waste water treatment works and storage yard associated with the cannery on the subject property.  "industry" (nywerheid) means a place, which in the Municipality's opinion, is used for a factory and in which a  |
|---|--|
| Proposed Zoning                           | product and/or article, or part thereof is made, manufactured, produced, built, assembled, compiled, printed, ornamented, processed, treated, adapted, repaired, renovated, rebuilt, altered, painted, spray-painted, polished, finished, cleaned, dyed, washed, broken up, disassembled, sorted, packed, bottled, chilled, brewed, distilled, fermented, frozen and/or stored, and includes any activity which is ancillary and subservient to the aforementioned activities mentioned for example an office, employee housing, point of sale, but does not include a noxious industry;   |
| Zoning Specific<br>Land Use<br>Parameters | All the zoning specific land use parameters of the Industrial Zone can be complied with and no deviations from the parameters are required to accommodate the waste water treatment works and storage yard.  |
| General Land Use<br>Parameters            | The storage yard and waste water treatment works are screened from view from the Paarl/Ou Tol Road (Main Road 191) by trees that were planted on the northeastern property boundary 3years ago (Section 41(1) of the Bylaw). None of the other general land use parameters set out in Bylaw are applicable to the waste water treatment works and storage yard. Regarding Section 26(3) of the Zoning Scheme Bylaw it is to be noted that the waste water treatment works is not an in-line facility and a private service for use by the cannery on the subject property only. The opinion is therefore held that Section 26(3), read with the definition of an industry as set above, is not applicable to the waste water treatment works. As the storage yard is used for the storage and loading of canned produce, Section 31 of the Zoning Scheme Bylaw is also not applicable. |

# 10. SPATIAL FRAMEWORKS

In terms of Section 65 of the Stellenbosch Municipal Land Use Planning Bylaw 2023, Section 49 of the Western Cape Land Use Planning Act 2014 and Section 42(1) of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act 2013 the municipality must have regard to applicable municipal, district, regional and provincial IDP's, SDP's or structure plans when considering a land use application and may not make a decision which is inconsistent with norms, standards and measures designed to protect and promote the sustainable use of agricultural land, national and provincial government policies and the municipal spatial development framework.

In terms of Section 22 of the of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act 2013 a Municipal Planning Tribunal (MPT) or any other authority mandated to make a decision i.t.o. the Act or any other law relating to land development, may not make a decision which is inconsistent with a municipal spatial development framework (MSDF), provided that such a MPT or other authority may depart from the provisions of a MSDF if site-specific circumstances justify such departure and provided that Section 42 of the Act is being complied

with. Consistent is understood to mean that although the MSDF may not specifically provide for the utilisation of the land as proposed, the proposal is neither in conflict with the MSDF.

# 10.1 Provincial Spatial Development Framework & Structure Plan 2014 (PSDF)

The proposed rezoning is consistent with the objectives of the PSDF for the following reasons:

- a) No critical biodiversity vegetation and ecosystems will be affected by the proposed rezoning.
- b) Although the application is for the rezoning of agriculturally zoned land, the land does not form part of a farming enterprise and has not been farmed for the past 10 years.
- c) Waste water from the cannery is recycled as irrigation water.
- d) Although the subject property is of some historical significance, being one of the earliest industries in the area and due to its association with historical figure Cecil John Rhodes and the local fruit industry, the property now houses a large and modern industrial complex and the waste water treatment works and storage yard associated with the complex do not therefore detract from the visual quality, heritage resources and sense of place of the larger area.
- e) The local agricultural economy is indirectly strengthened by the improvement of the cannery facilities.

Reference: Objective R1, pg. 41; Objective R3, pg. 47; Objective R4, pg. 52; Objective R5, pg. 55; Objective E2, pg. 66; Objective S1, pg. 78

# 10.2 Municipal Spatial Development Framework (MSDF)

The MSDF identifies the subject property and surrounding area for development of a structured mixed-use village node. The expansion of the existing Industrial Zone will therefore be compatible with the MSDF.

As spatial development frameworks are the spatial implementation tool of integrated development plans and municipal development plans are to be aligned with provincial development plans<sup>6</sup>, the municipal spatial development framework is regarded as the most applicable planning policy to guide decision making in respect of this application.

# 11. DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES

In terms of Section 42(1) of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act of 2013, Section 58 of the Western Cape Land Use Planning Act of 2014 and Section 65 of the Stellenbosch Municipal Land Use Planning Bylaw 2023, a decision maker must in considering and deciding any application that impacts on the utilisation and development of land, be guided by the development principles set out in respectively Chapter 2 and Section 59 of the Acts.

#### a) Spatial Justice

The proposed rezoning will accommodate the improvement of existing activities on the subject property and is therefore considered to be a spatially fair and just proposal.

Section 10(3) of the Western Cape Land Use Planning Act of 2014

#### b) Spatial Sustainability

No prime, unique or high potential agricultural land will be lost due to the proposed rezoning, as the subject site does not form part of a farming enterprise and has not been farmed for the past 10 years

The infrastructure associated with the application is privately owned and maintained and there will be no cost to the public to maintain the infrastructure.

The area of rezoning is contained to the urban edge of the Groot Drakenstein urban node identified in the MSDF and the rezoning will therefore not result in urban sprawl.

No critical biodiversity vegetation and ecosystems will be affected by the proposed rezoning.

The waste water treatment works and storage/loading yard being the subject of the proposed rezoning do not detract from the visual quality, heritage resources and sense of place of the larger area as it is directly associated with a large and modern industrial complex on the subject property.

# c) Efficiency

The very purpose of the waste water treatment works and storage yard being the subject of the proposed rezoning is to enable the existing industrial buildings on the subject property to be utilised more efficiently and in an environmentally friendly manner.

#### d) Good Administration

The applicability of other laws relevant to this application are being addressed in the application.

The requirements for the assessment of a land use application as set out in SPLUMA, LUPA and the Stellenbosch Municipal Land Use Planning Bylaw are addressed in this report.

# e) Spatial Resilience

The proposed rezoning is not industry specific and the storage yard and waste water treatment works can also serve a different industry type, should the existing cannery and the subject property be replaced by a different industry type.

# 12. DESIRABILITY

In terms of Section 55 of the Western Cape Land Use Planning Act 2014 and Section 65 of the Stellenbosch Municipal Land Use Planning Bylaw 2023, a municipality must have regard to the desirability of a proposed land use and any guidelines issued by the Provincial Minister regarding the desirability of the proposed land use when considering a land use application.

#### a) Land Usage

The existing cannery on the subject property is a well-established industrial activity and a landmark building complex. The proposed limited extension of the Industrial Zone applicable to the cannery will therefore not result in a noticeable impact on the land usage of the property and the surrounding area.

The proposed rezoning will also be contained to the urban edge of the Groot Drakenstein urban node identified in the MSDF.

The existing Agricultural and Rural Zone, which is the subject of the rezoning application, applies to two portions of unutilised outfall land of respectively 4 ha and 11,5 ha. Not only are the two portions of land not of an agricultural viable size, but the land portions are also separated by the cannery and can therefore not be farmed as a unit. Rezoning of the land will therefore have no impact on the conservation of productive or usable agricultural land.

#### b) Physical Site Conditions

The subject site has a flat topography with no unique or note-worthy topographical features or vegetation and is accordingly deemed suitable for industrial utilisation.

#### c) Access and Traffic Conditions

Access to the subject site is taken form the subject property's existing controlled access gate on Helshoogte Road (Main Road 172). The fully paved access is designed to accommodate two-way movement of large articulated trucks and has a 60 m stagging space in front of the gate. No additional traffic is generated by the waste water treatment works and storage yard. The existing access will therefore continue to operate at its normal level of service.

#### d) Cultural and Heritage Resources

Although the subject property is of some historical significance, being one of the earliest industries in the area and due to its association with historical figure Cecil John Rhodes and the local fruit industry, the property now houses a large and modern industrial complex and the waste water treatment works and storage/loading yard form a visual unit with the complex. It does not therefore detract from the visual quality, heritage resources and sense of place of the larger area.

#### e) Safety and Welfare of the Community

Due to the limited size of the waste water treatment works (i.e. treatment capacity of 70 m³/day), the works and location thereof are exempt from environmental or waste management authorisation. i.e. it is deemed to be able to operate without any negative environmental impact. Being also located 130 metres from the nearest abutting residential dwelling and 370 metres from the Meerlust residential village, the works are deemed to be of a nature and sufficiently isolated not to discomfort the surrounding community or cause a nuisance to any person.

The treated waste water is not disposed of on the subject property, but on Farm 1361/1 Paarl. A water use license application in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act is currently underway for the increased usage of the disposal dams on the property, which will ensure that the disposal of the treated water is undertaken in lawful and safe manner.<sup>8</sup>

# 13. CONCLUSION

The proposed rezoning of an area of 0,97 ha on Farm 1361/4 Paarl to Industrial Zone to extend the existing Industrial Zone of 14,9 ha for purposes of regularising an industrial storage yard and a waste water treatment works for the existing food cannery on the property:

 a) Also requires approval in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act 1999 and, in terms of title deed conditions, from the Controlling Authority in terms of Act 21 of 1940, which are being applied for;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> EADP Circular 0002/2014, dd. 29/1/2014 and Listings 25 and 28 of NEMA Listing Notice 1 of 2014 (as amended)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Buks Schutte; email dd. 14/2/2023

- b) Does not require any new or additional engineering services provision;
- c) Complies with the parameters of the Stellenbosch Zoning Scheme Bylaw 2019;
- d) Is compliant with the PSDF and the Stellenbosch SDF;
- e) Is compliant with development principles set out in SPLUMA and LUPA as:
  - The proposal is spatially fair and just
  - Will be spatially sustainable
  - Will utilise existing infrastructure more efficiently
  - Good administrative practices are being followed
  - The infrastructure is not use specific; and
- f) Is a desirable land use as:
  - It will not result in any noticeable change in land usage
  - Physical site conditions are suitable for the development
  - There will be no impact on transportation and traffic conditions
  - Cultural and heritage resources are not affected
  - Safety and welfare of community will not be compromised.

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