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CONSERVATION OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES ACT, 1983 (ACT NO. 43 OF 1983)

FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME OF 2003

I, Thokozile Angela Didiza, Minister for Agriculture and Land Affairs, acting under section 8, read with section 9, of the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983) hereby establish the Flood Relief Scheme of 2003, hereinafter referred to as "the Scheme" set out in the schedule below.


Thokozile Angela Didiza
Minister for Agriculture and Land Affairs

SCHEDULE

1. ***Name of the Scheme***

The Scheme shall be known as the Western Cape Flood Relief Scheme of 2003, hereinafter referred to as the Scheme.

2. ***Objective of the Scheme***

The objective of the Scheme shall be to assist farmers out of monies appropriated by parliament to repair the damages caused by the flood in 2003 to the soil they use for agricultural produce.

3. ***Period for which the Scheme shall apply***

The Scheme shall apply to those farmers who suffered soil damage due to the flood that occurred in March 2003.

Only land described in the title deed of a farm may be repaired.
Only damage assessments that were made by the Provincial Department of Agriculture and its assigned agents will qualify for assistance.

4. **Assistance**

The Scheme will only be applicable in respect of land restoration/soil damages.

In terms of the Scheme farmers will be entitled to a subsidy of 66% of the costs of repairs. The following shall apply:

- 4.1 In respect of repairs which have been made, payment shall be subject to an inspection by an authorised official of the provincial department of agriculture.
- 4.2 If repairs have not yet been made, the farmer's damages shall be inspected by an authorised official of the provincial department of agriculture who will authorise the repairs.
- 4.3 The removal of sand and debris from a farmer's land as well as the transport of lost top soil shall be re-imbursed at R8m³ to the maximum of the value of the land.
- 4.4 Degree of damages. Depending on the equipment required, soil repairs shall be re-imbursed at R400/hectare per tillage to a maximum of five tillages. Tillages with heavy duty equipment such as bulldozers and frontend loaders will be re-imbursed according to the invoices of the contractor to a maximum of the Land Bank's evaluation of the land.

5. **Areas to which the Scheme applies**

The Scheme shall apply to the following areas:

WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

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| Robertson |
| McGregor |
| Bonnievale |
| Montagu |
| Swellendam |
| Knysna |
| Heidelberg |
| Riversdal |
| Laingsburg |
| Ladismith |
| Suurbraak |
| Breerivier |

6. *Method of Assistance*

- Funds will be transferred to the Provincial Treasury of the above-mentioned province on a monthly basis subject to the provincial government's acceptance of the conditions contained herein.
- The province may appoint an agent of its own choice to distribute the funds at its own cost.

7. *Administration of the Scheme*

The Scheme will be administered by the Provincial Department of Agriculture and the appointed agencies of its own choice. The monthly transfers to the provinces will be subject to proof that the previous month's transfer was expended.

8. *Assessment process*

Assessments of damages have to be signed by the farmer and verified by an Engineering Official, and a senior agricultural officer.

Natural persona must submit an official identity document and legal persona must submit a certificate of registration when claiming the funds.