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PROVINCIAL NOTICE

[No. 94 of 2022]

CONSULTATION PROCESS IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)

INTENTION TO DECLARE THE EERAM PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT

Notice is hereby given by the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Economic and Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs for the Free State Province, the Honourable Mr M Mohale, in terms of section 33(1)(a)(i) of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003) of the intention to declare a Protected Environment, in terms of section 28(1)(a)(i) of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003), by name the **EERAM PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT**.

- **Name of the Protected Area** (section 28(1)(b) of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003)): **EERAM PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT**.
- **Purpose of the Declaration:**
 - to allow for the formation of a core conservation area which will act as a catalyst for encouraging conservation principles and management in the broader ecological area;
 - to conserve an area with a high educational and scientific research value, in particular the ecological, paleontological and archaeological components;
 - to act as a catalyst for social development within the local communities thereby contributing to sustainable livelihoods in the district;
 - to provide a destination for eco-cultural tourism that contributes to social economic development in the surrounding communities;
 - to provide for the protection of extensive grassland and wetland habitats as well the maintenance of the escarpment forest connectivity along the escarpment corridor;
 - to provide for the protection of the unique indigenous biodiversity associated with the **EERAM PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT** and the region in general; and
 - to ensure that the provision of the ecosystems services deriving from the area, such as water purification, carbon sequestration and natural resources, is sustained.

SCHEDULE: Description of the properties:

The properties presented in the schedule below are **INTENDED** to be declared as the **EERAM PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT**;

SCHEDULE

- 1) Portion 1 of the farm BUCKLAND DOWNS, No. 1803, in extent 9850.0118 hectares, held under Title Deed T23339/1995
- 2) Portion 2 of the farm BUCKLAND DOWNS, No. 1803, in extent 576.8891 hectares, held under Title Deed T16751/2017
- 3) Portion 1 of the farm ELISABETH, No. 1110, in extent 423.5265 hectares, held under Title Deed T16751/2017
- 4) The farm JACOBSDAL, No. 1007, in extent 352.1418 hectares, held under Title Deed T31946/2001
- 5) Portion 2 of the farm THE DAM, No 1825, in extent 736.4557, held under Title Deed T22631/2006
- 6) Portion 1 of the farm THE DAM, No1825, in extent 470.3140, held under Title Deed T11854/2000
- 7) Portion 3 of the farm LELIEDAL, No 1827, in extent 325.01614, held under Title Deed T6683/1986
- 8) Portion 1 of the farm THE DAM, No. 588, in extent 216.6246, held under Title Deed T22631/2006
- 9) The farm THE DAM, No 1913, in extent 767.6910, held under Title Deed T22631/2006
- 10) The farm THE DAM, No. 1914, in extent 893.3009 held under Title Deed T33684/2005
- 11) The farm MIDDELDEEL, No 1572, in extent 352.6128, held under Title Deed T320/1993
- 12) The farm VLAKPAN, No 727, in extent 173.6876 hectares, held under Title Deed T31947/2001
- 13) Portion 4 of the farm LELIEDAL, No 1827, in extent 508.4182 hectares, held under Title Deed T16764/97
- 14) The farm ERFDEEL, No. 1846, in extent 626.8056 held under Title Deed T31945/2001

all within the **District Harrismith, Free State Province**, located near the town of Harrismith within the Thabo Mofutsanyane District Municipality and the Phumelela Local Municipality of the Free State Province.

The total area to which this **INTENTION TO DECLARE NOTICE** applies, per the **SCHEDULE** presented above, is **7398.5410 hectares**.

The relative location of the Eeram Protected Environment in the Free State Province is presented in Figure 1 hereunder.

The intended boundaries of the Eeram Protected Environment are indicated on the map presented as Figure 2 hereunder.

Members of the public are hereby invited to submit written representation on, and or objections to, the proposed notice of the intention to declare the Eeram Protected Environment. Such representations and/or objections must be submitted within **60 days** of the publication of the intention to declare notice in the Provincial Gazette.

Provision can be made for verbal representations, please contact the official listed as **"Enquiries"** herein under.

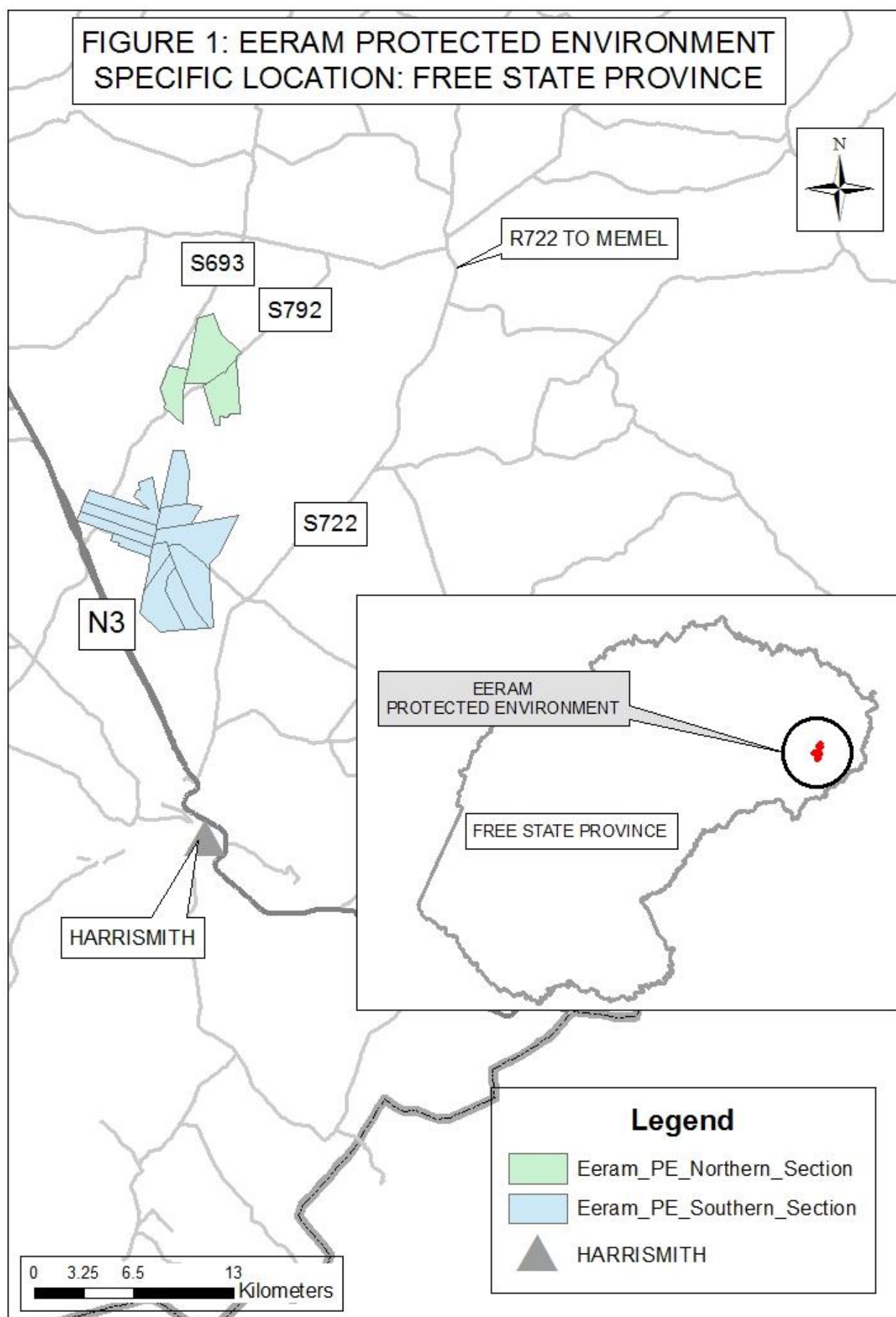
Written representations must be addressed to:

MEC for Economic and Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs
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Private Bag X20801
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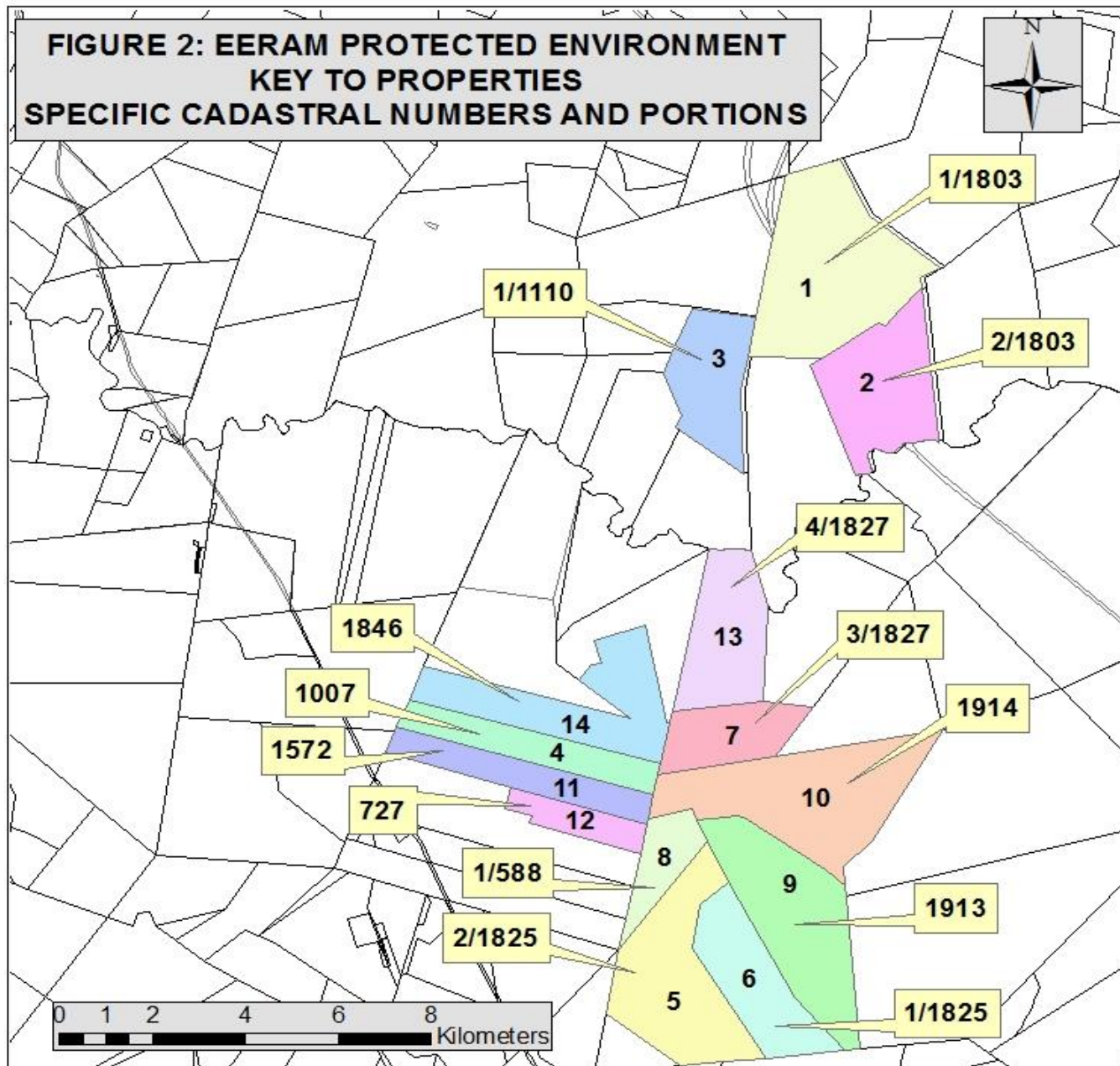
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FIGURE 1: EERAM PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT
SPECIFIC LOCATION: FREE STATE PROVINCE



**FIGURE 2: EERAM PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT
KEY TO PROPERTIES
SPECIFIC CADASTRAL NUMBERS AND PORTIONS**



Legend

EERAM PE: Northern Farms

FARM NAMES

- 1. BUCKLAND DOWNS
- 2. BUCKLAND DOWNS
- 3. ELISABETH

EERAM PE: Southern Farms

FARM NAMES

- 4. JACOBSDAL
- 5. THE DAM
- 6. THE DAM
- 7. LELIEDAL
- 8. THE DAM
- 9. THE DAM
- 10. THE DAM
- 11. MIDDELDEEL
- 12. VLAKPAN
- 13. LELIEDAL
- 14. ERFDEEL