River Boundary ZOUTPANSDRIFT

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Mr Rademeyer,

THE REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 221 OF THE FARM ZOUTPANSDRIFT NO. 415-JQ, VIDE DIAGAM S.G. NO. A376/1934

Following your query to the Surveyor-General and further telephone conversations, I trust the following will clarify some uncertainties regarding the river boundary of your property.

For any property of which its diagram indicate the middle of the river is a boundary (as is the case with diagram S.G. No. A376/1934), certain legal principles apply, some of which are highlighted below:

- 1. The property boundary and middle of the river is a physical feature and visible for all to see. No survey is necessary to establish the position of the boundary, simply because it is visible. The purpose of the survey of a river boundary is not executed to survey accuracy, but only sufficient to plot the curve-linear line representing the river boundary on a diagram, and for calculating the area.
- 2. The nature of such boundaries are that the position of such a river boundary is not fixed in time, and will move as and when the river naturally changes its flow. Human action altering the flow e.g. by ground works on the banks or other interventions excluded.
- 3. For the same reason, a river boundary is not beaconed although it may sometimes be possible to do so.
- 4. According to the Land Survey Act, 1997, the middle of the river is defined as a line halfway between the banks, which banks are the lines on either sides, coinciding with the level to which the water will rise during a normal rainy season. When the banks are not clearly defined, physical evidence like erosion and/or deposited debris is used.
- 5. It should also be noted that the water course during dry season most often indicates the deepest parts of the river, but has no relation to the middle of the river or the property boundary.
- 6. Should river boundary disputes come before a court of law, the above is also the guidelines that will be used, and not much weight should be given to actual ground surveys, unless the water course was changed by human intervention, and historic information is required.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if more information is required.

Groete/Regards,

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