



1. Mynhardt du Preez is registered from 01 May 2007 at the address 20 Loots Street, Krauseville Agricultural Holdings, Pretoria, 0083, Gauteng for the breeding of *Psittacus erithacus*. (Please keep in mind that this is our delivery address and the Plot address is Portion 138 of the farm Uitzicht)
2. The ***Psittacus erithacus***, commonly known as the **African grey parrot**, is an endangered species renowned for its remarkable intelligence and ability to mimic human speech. Native to the dense forests of Central and West Africa, this bird plays a crucial role in its ecosystem, particularly in seed dispersal. Unfortunately, the African grey parrot faces severe threats due to habitat loss and illegal trapping for the exotic pet trade. Its population has declined dramatically over the years, leading to its classification as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Conservation efforts are critical to protect this species, ensuring its survival and the health of the ecosystems it supports. Public awareness and responsible actions, such as avoiding the purchase of wild-caught parrots, are vital to safeguarding the future of the African grey parrot.
3. We are currently dedicated to the conservation of the ***Psittacus erithacus***, also known as the **African grey parrot**, by actively breeding 50 carefully selected breeding pairs. These efforts aim to contribute to the species' survival amidst the threats of habitat loss and illegal trapping. Our breeding program focuses on creating a safe and natural environment to encourage healthy reproduction while minimizing human interference. By working closely with conservation organizations, we ensure that the parrots bred in our program contribute to population stability and can potentially support future reintroduction projects. Through this initiative, we hope to play a meaningful role in preserving this remarkable species for generations to come.
4. Our breeding program is supported by a dedicated team, including one skilled Sepedi woman and six hardworking Sepedi men. Their contributions are vital to the success of our efforts, as they bring valuable expertise and care to the daily management and welfare of the African grey parrots. Their cultural knowledge and connection to the land also help foster a harmonious environment for the breeding pairs. We are proud to work alongside such a committed team, whose efforts ensure the well-being of these endangered birds and the success of our conservation goals.



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5. Two public meetings were held in March 2024, both were attended by a representative of the facility. There was also a 3rd meeting on 12 November 2024 that was also attended.
 6. I brought it under the attention of the EAP that the African grey parrots will not breed in such a noisy environment as will be the case if the mining activities will take place. Furthermore, the silica dust will prove to be fatal to the parrots and will also be detrimental to the health of the workers at the facility. When this issue was brought up at the meeting no one was able to come up with a solution to this problem. If the mining activities will take place as applied for then it will in effect mean that the breeding facility will have to close down permanently. The facility can not be moved because the facility gets approved by CITES and not the owner of the facility. All factors are considered in such an application, which also include water and air quality together with noise levels etc. Remember, breeding these parrots is not a scientific formula that you study and they simply breed; it is much more like an art to get them to breed.
 7. I have read the letter from Johann & Ida van der Schyf dated 18 November 2024 and I confirm the contents thereof.
 8. I hereby attach the necessary proof of my registration with the various authorities.
 9. I am also worried about the impact of the amount of water to be used. This facility includes 500 organic peacan nut trees that is farmed with commercially. These nuts are all grown for the export market. In order to get the best performance out of the trees they require a certain amount of water every week. The WULA application of the mine is for an astronomical volume of water pumped on a daily basis which will have a negative impact on all boreholes in the surrounding area and the whole of Krauseville.
 10. I was never visited by anybody in respect of the breeding facility. I have brought it to your attention at every meeting that we cannot proceed with our activities if you start the mining operations. Each time, you assured me that it is a problem, but what is the solution?



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11. I have read the reports in the application by Bundu Mining (Pty) Ltd for mining rights of quartz, etc. and the reports that relate to the Environmental Impact Assessment and the Water Use Licence Application.
12. This is an established AGRICULTURAL community. If the mining application is approved, we will no longer be able to continue with our agricultural activities. Silica poses a health hazard to both humans and animals, and you have no answer for that either.



Mynhardt du Preez (Director)

2024-11-27
Date