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To whom it may concern

Certified hatchery of triploid grass carp: De Rust Grass Carp hatchery, Bonnievale, Western Cape

This letter certifies that the above hatchery and supplier of sterile / triploid grass carp *Ctenopharyngodon idella* in the Western Cape is regarded by CapeNature as an approved facility for the following reasons:

1. A positive Record of Decision was issued by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP), Western Cape to the above aquaculture facility on 23 January 2006.
2. The hatchery has an approved operational Environmental Management Plan dated 25 February 2008 (approved by DEA&DP on 2 June 2008).
3. Fish for sale are tested for parasites and diseases by the Directorate Veterinary Services, Western Cape who issue an annual Health Certificate (current test 15 July 2011).
4. Fish for sale are annually tested to confirm their sterility, and these testings are attended by CapeNature personnel. The last test done was done on 18/8/2011 and was attended by Mr Corne Claassen of Conservation Services Manager of the Langeberg Area, CapeNature.
5. All fish for sale are produced according to the De Rust Grass Carp Production Protocol (an appendix of the EMP) and are also individually marked to certify their sterility.

CapeNature permits the use of certified sterile grass carp in farm dams in the Western Cape to reduce excessive aquatic weed growth.

Sincerely



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Copies: Mr Ferdie Endemann (Department Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries)
Mr Francois Claassen (De Rust Grass Carp)