

## 300 hectare citrus investment planned for Sundays River Valley

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07-11-2014 - Another major citrus investment is planned for the Sundays River Valley area, with the BF Joubert Familie Trust proposing to clear vegetation for the establishment of approximately 300 hectares of citrus orchards.

The properties are located along the Addo/Paterson Road about six kilometres north of Addo.

Documentation on the project prepared as part of the environmental impact assessment (EIA) process, says that the project will be implemented in three phases over three years.

It is envisaged the pre-construction activities such as the detailed planning and design, including obtaining the necessary permits and licenses, will be completed six months after environmental authorisation is secured.

Phase 1 involves site preparation and includes the clearing of vegetation, landscaping and levelling as the installation of irrigation infrastructure and planting of saplings is expected to be completed by the end of next year.

The second phase, which involves the same areas of work, is scheduled for completion by the end of 2016 and the third, which also includes the construction of the "logistical services area" by the end of 2017.

The documentation states that the total capital investment for the project, including the cost of land and site preparation is estimated at R60 million.

It is estimated that 25 skilled and the same number of unskilled people will be employed during the construction phase of the project.

Once operational, it is projected that the development will employ 23 skilled personnel and 230 people on a seasonal basis.

Based on the projected employment opportunities during the construction phase that will be spread over three years, it is estimated that the additional income that will be generated by the project annually will be approximately R1.35 million.

During the operational phase of the project, it is estimated that the 23 skilled employees will generate annual income of R690 000.00.

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