

## **A feasibility study of Digby farm: to complete a development plan for Digby Kleinboere Verenigings Trust**

The objective of this study was to undertake a comprehensive economic/financial feasibility study and to compile a bankable business development plan for the DKVT to test the viability thereof i.e. to establish the technical, environmental, economic, financial and institutional feasibility of such a development.

In addition, the TOR of the DRDLR specifically identifies the following objectives to be contained within the development plan:

- Details of the planned development of enterprise components – what should take place on the land, potential markets, financial detail, infrastructure needs and costing, labour requirements and job creation.
- A financial plan should be in place, outlining clearly the allocation of departmental funds and capital requirements (for the identification and introduction of a possible mentor or other investors/strategic partners).
- The land users should understand or have a clear perception of the venture they are embarking on.
- Obtain commitment and buy-in to the process and outcome viz. the implementation of a sustainable venture.
- A clear perception of the impact of the project on the social development of the community (i.e. qualitative aspects in terms of development).
- Detailed proposals on addressing the social problems – education, health, etc. Clarifying what will be done, who will be drawn in to do it and who will coordinate these aspects etc.
- Gender equality as evidenced through empowerment of women, life-skills training etc. must be emphasised.
- Minimise the risk exposure of the beneficiaries.
- Detailed role of mentor/strategic partner over the long term and how this will be paid for – e.g. the State, Commercial Business either through partnership in the enterprises.