User Manual

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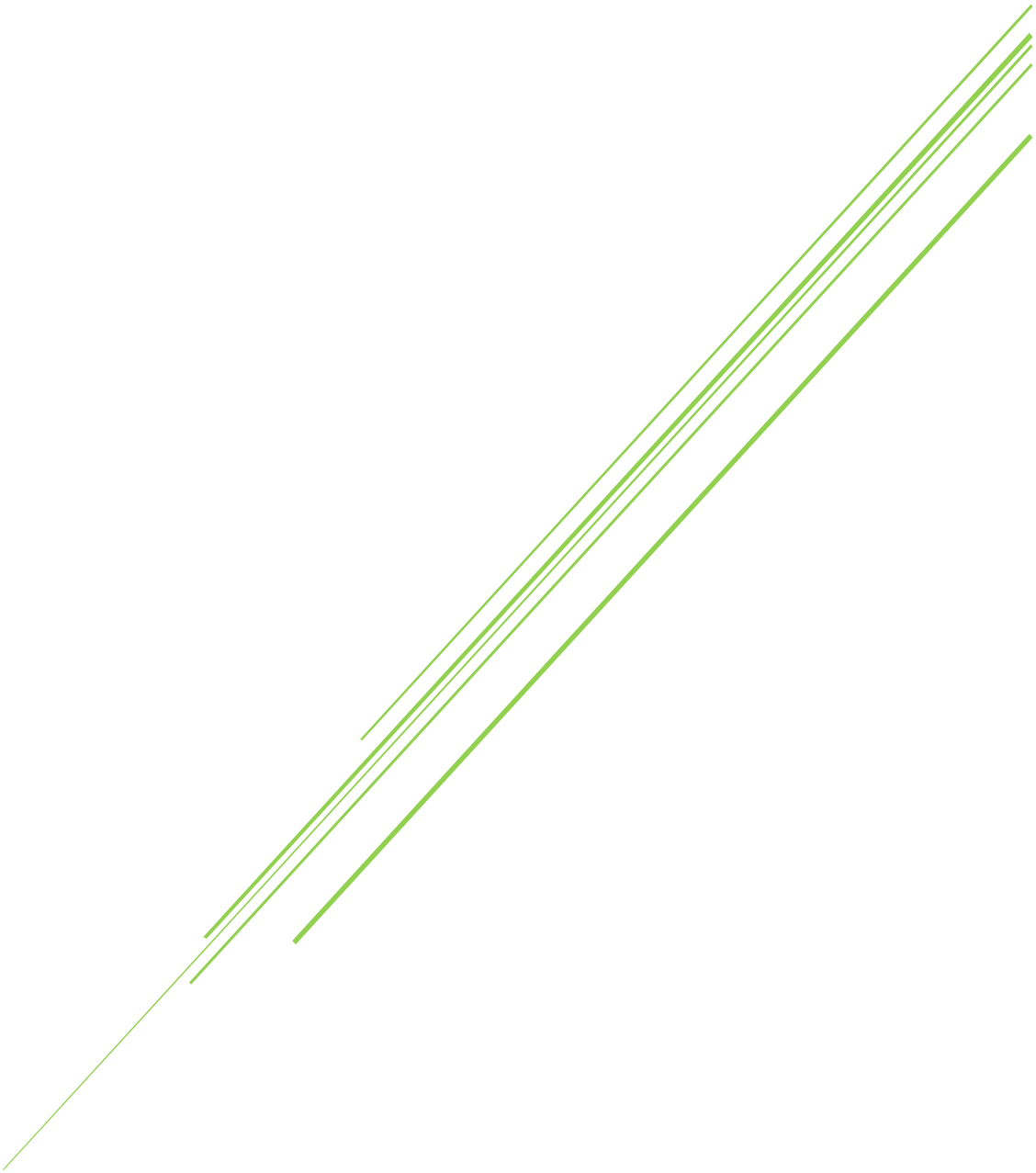
Presented to: Agro-Energy Connect



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Note:

The Agro Energy Connect prototype can be found live at:

https://www.sauraavagroenergy.co.za

The default public farmer login credentials used for demo purposes is:

Email: generalpublic@anyone.com

Password: generalpublic@anyone.com

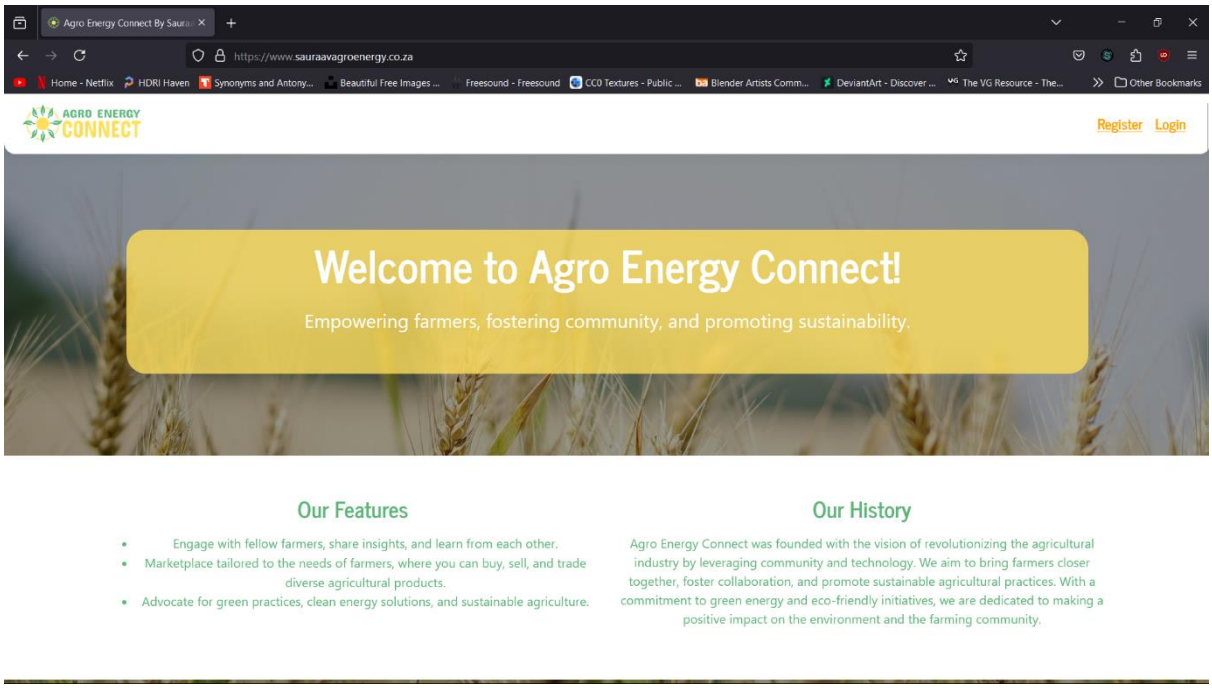
1) Introduction

Welcome to the Agro Energy Connect Online Platform user manual. This document will guide you through the various features and functionalities available on the platform, providing you with detailed instructions on how to navigate and utilise the system effectively.

1. **About Agro Energy Connect**
   - Agro Energy Connect is designed to streamline the process of buying and selling agricultural products, connecting farmers directly with consumers and suppliers. The platform aims to enhance the efficiency of agricultural commerce and support the sustainability of farming communities.
2. **Purpose of This Manual**
   - This manual serves as a comprehensive guide for users of the Agro Energy Connect, covering all aspects from registration to advanced features for both farmers and administrators.

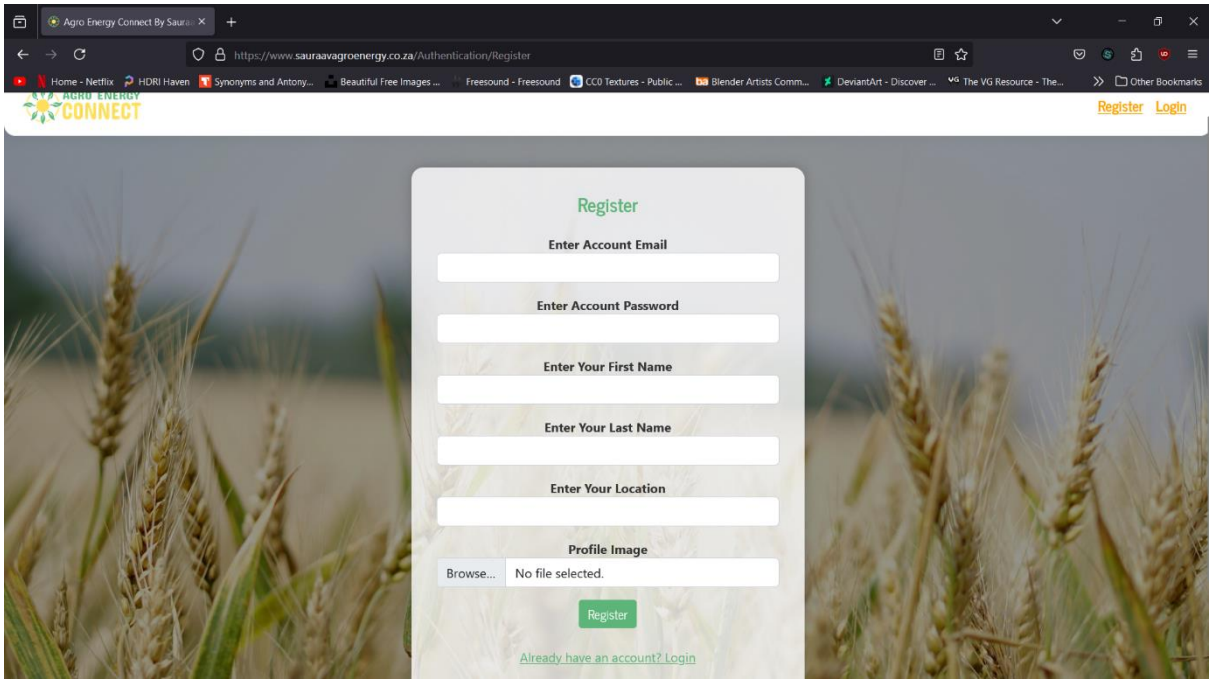
2) Getting Started

1. **Navigating to the Platform/Website:**
   - The Agro Energy Connect is LIVE! You can visit by heading directly to: https://www.sauraavagroenergy.co.za
     You will be greeted with the following homepage upon entering the website:



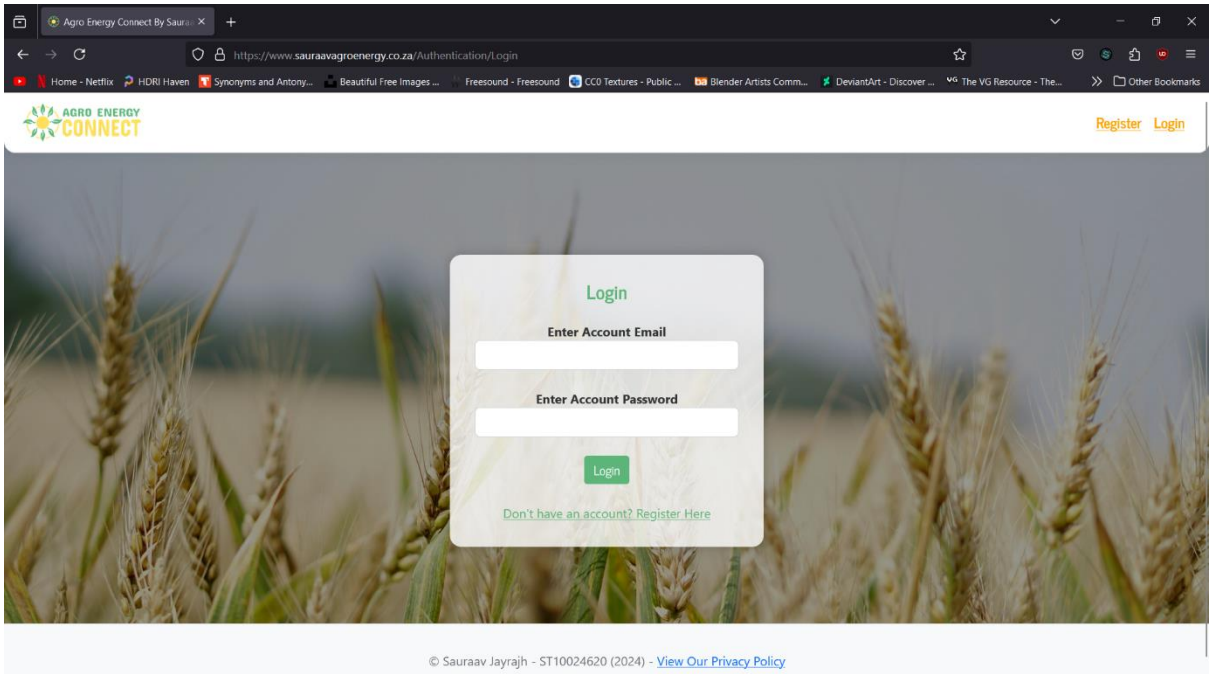
2. Registering an Account

- To register an account, click on the "Register" link in the top menu and fill in your details. If you are an admin, enter the credentials provided by the system administrator.

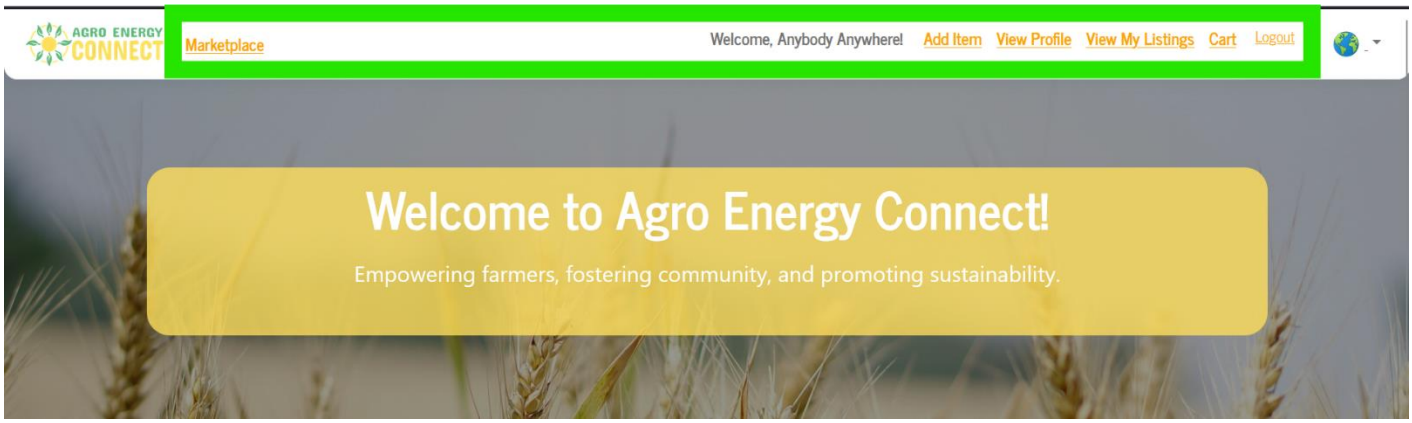


3. Logging In

- To start using the platform, log in with your registered email and password by clicking on the "Login" link in the top menu.



4. **Navigating the Platform**
    - After logging in, you will have access to different features depending on your role (Admin or Farmer). Use the top menu to navigate between sections like Home, Marketplace, Add Item, View Items, Profile, and Cart for farmers, and Admin Dashboard for admins.



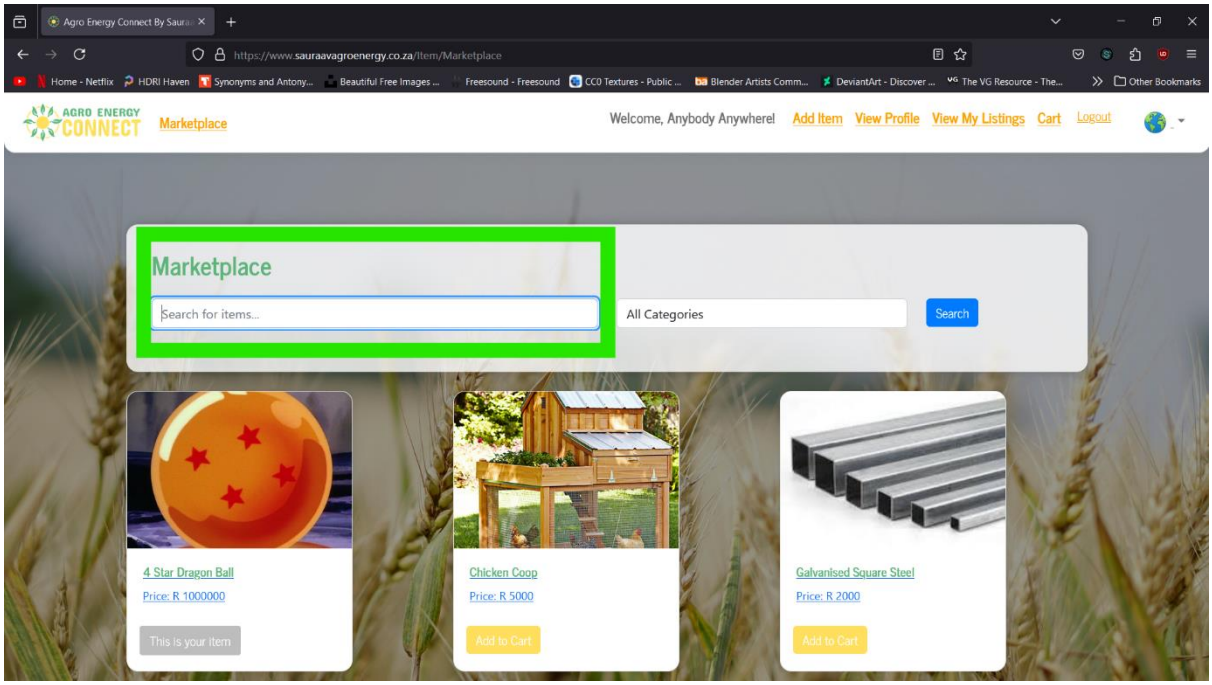
3) Marketplace

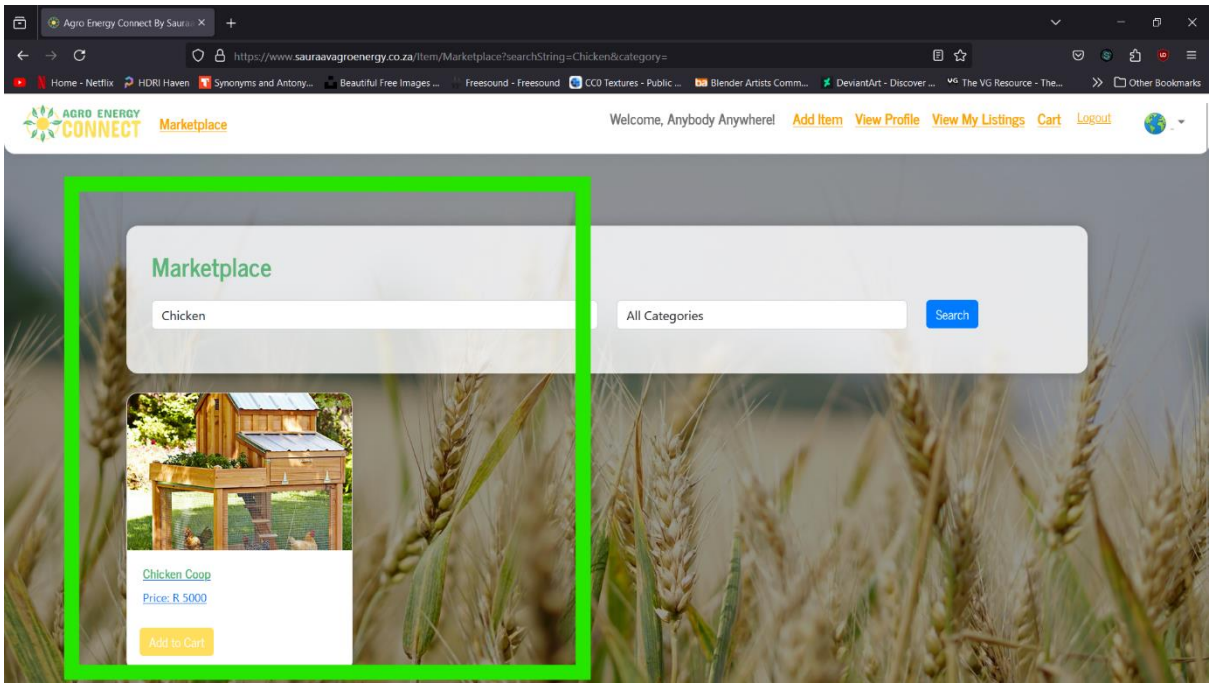
The marketplace is where all items from all farmers are listed, providing a comprehensive view of available products.:

1. **Viewing Items**
    - To view items, navigate to the Marketplace tab from the top menu. Here you will see a grid of items with their images, names, and prices.

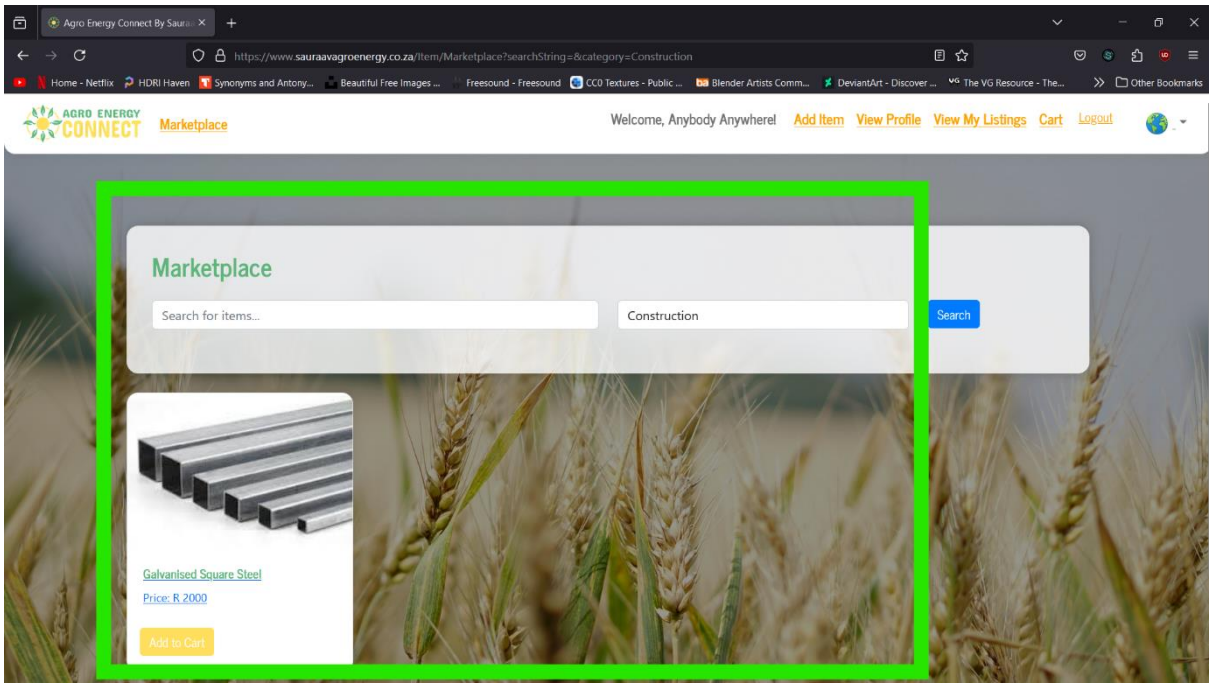
2. Searching for Items

- The search bar allows you to find items by entering the item name. The results will update in real-time as you type.



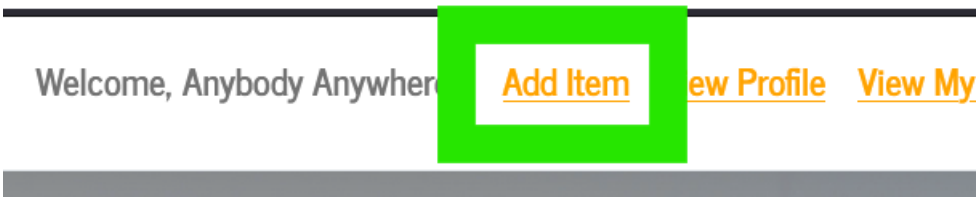


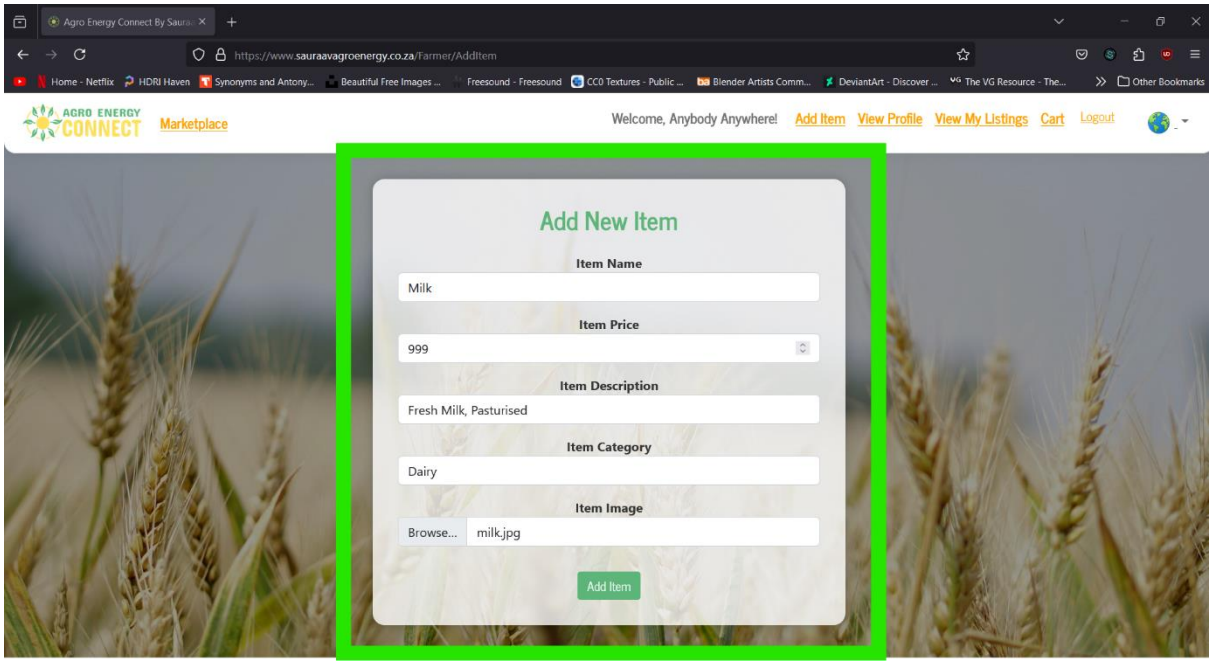
3. **Filtering by Category**
    - Use the dropdown menu to filter items by different categories. This will help you find exactly what you are looking for.



4) Item Management

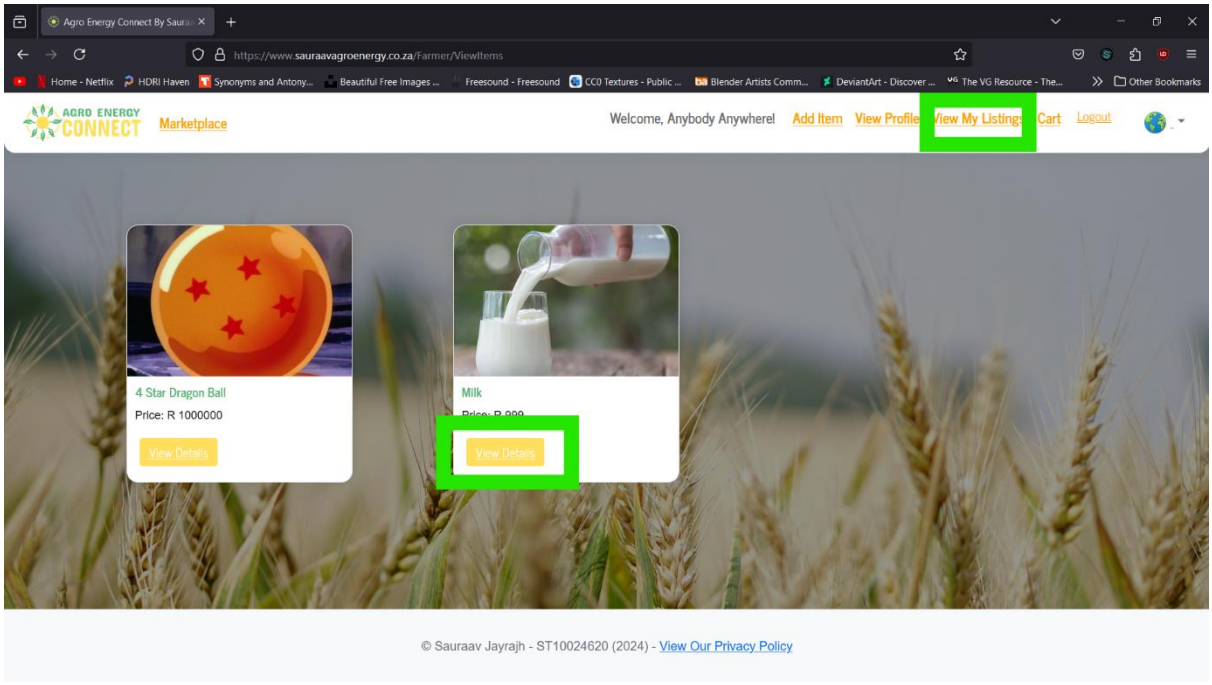
1. **Adding Items**
    - Farmers can add new items by clicking the “Add Item” link in the top menu. Fill in the item details and upload an image, then click "Save".

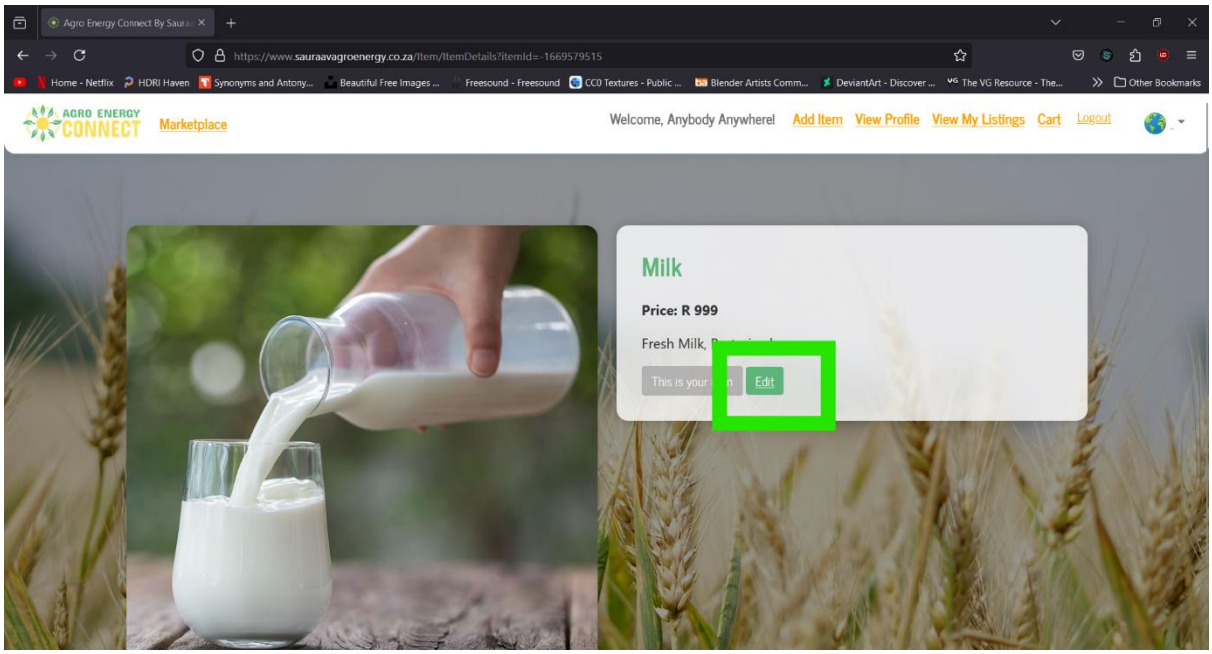




2. Editing Items

- Farmers can edit their own items, and admins can edit any item. Navigate to the item details page, then click "Edit". Make the necessary changes and click "Save".

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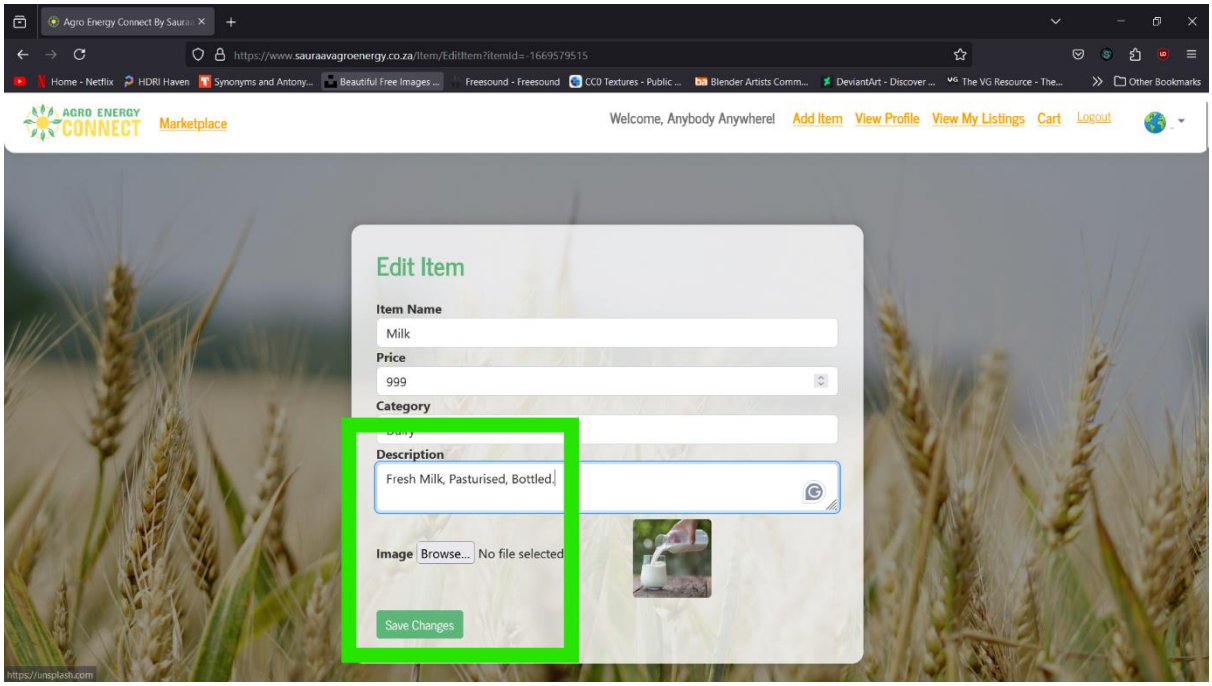
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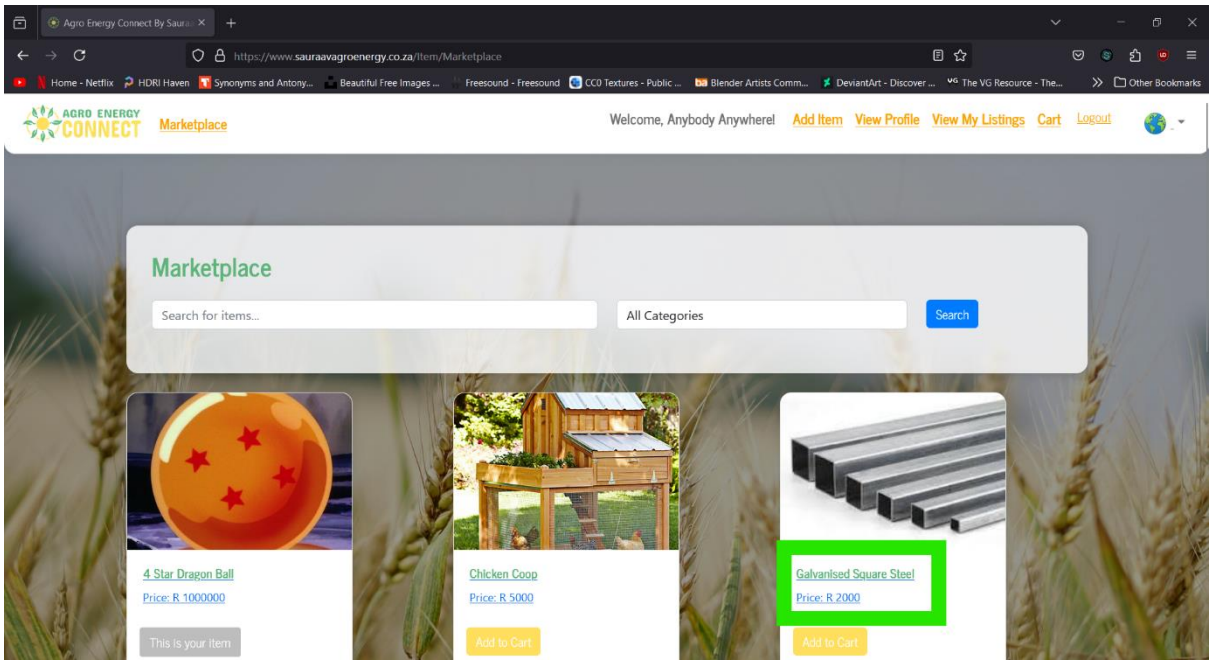
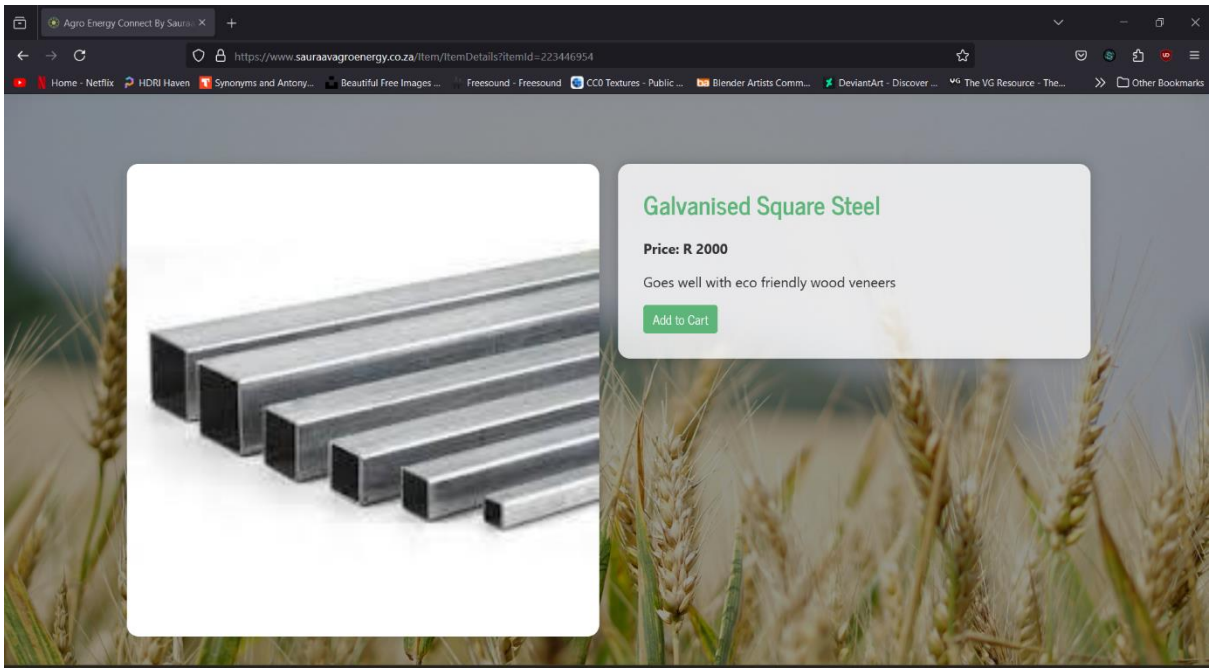
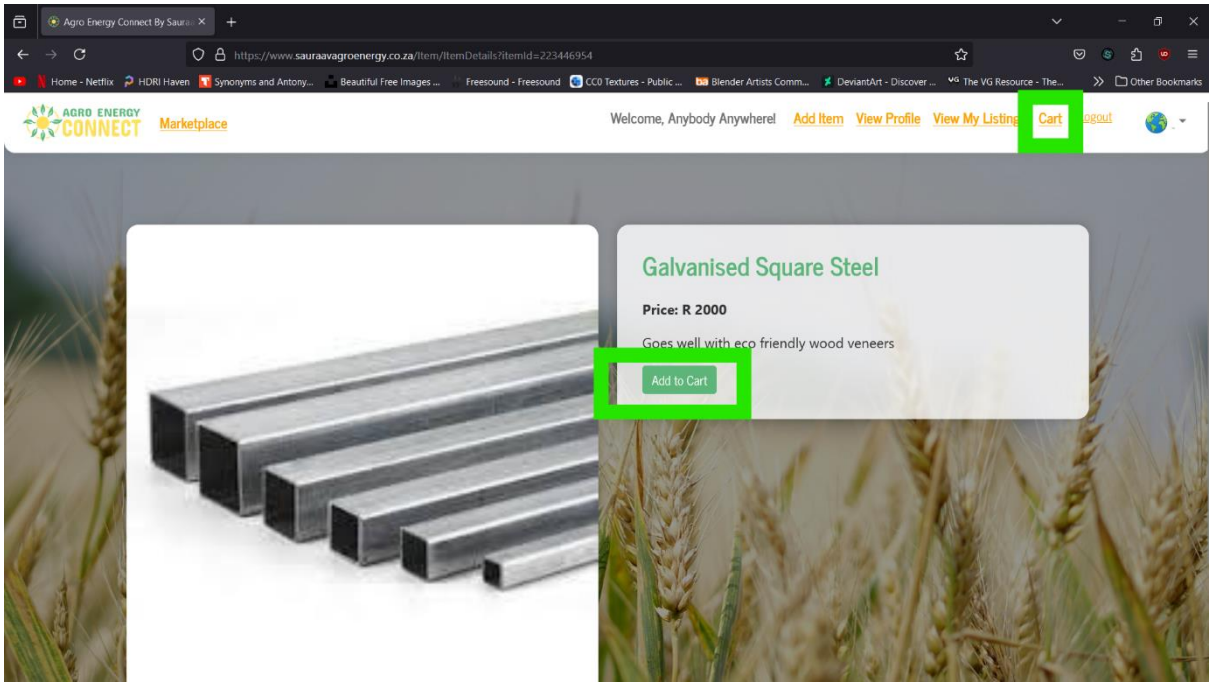
3. Viewing Item Details

- Click on any item image or name to view its detailed information. This page will show a larger image, detailed description, and price.



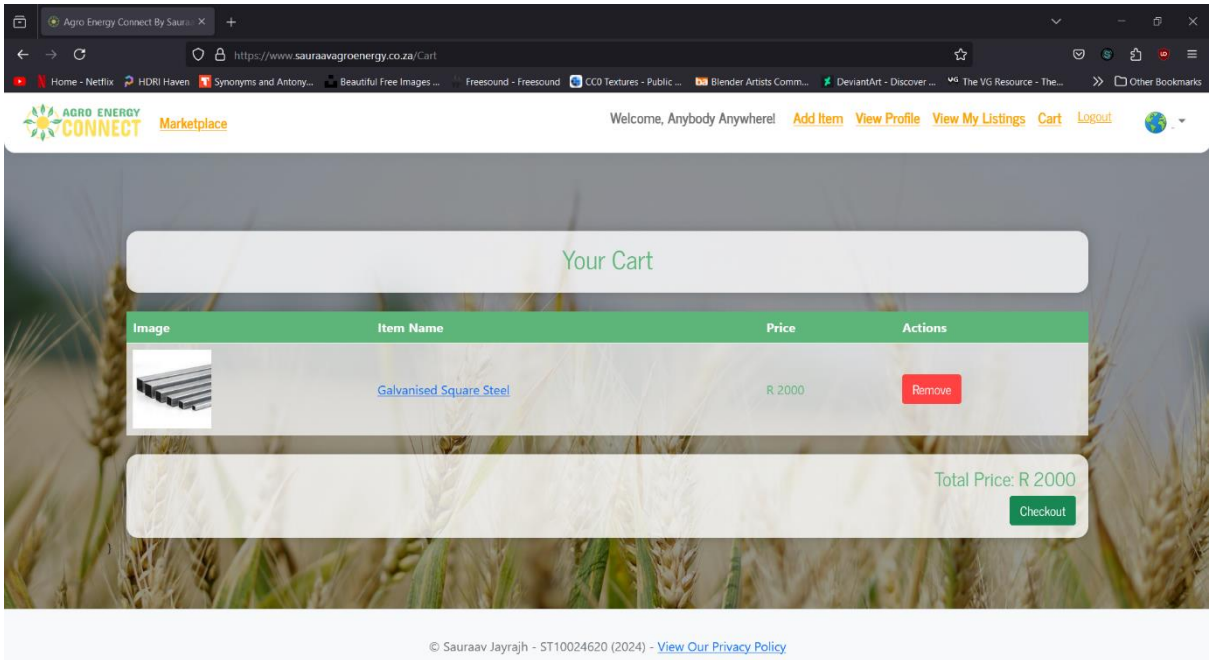


4. **Adding Items to Cart (for Farmers)**
    - To add an item to your cart from the item details page, click the "Add to Cart" button. Farmers cannot add their own items to their cart.



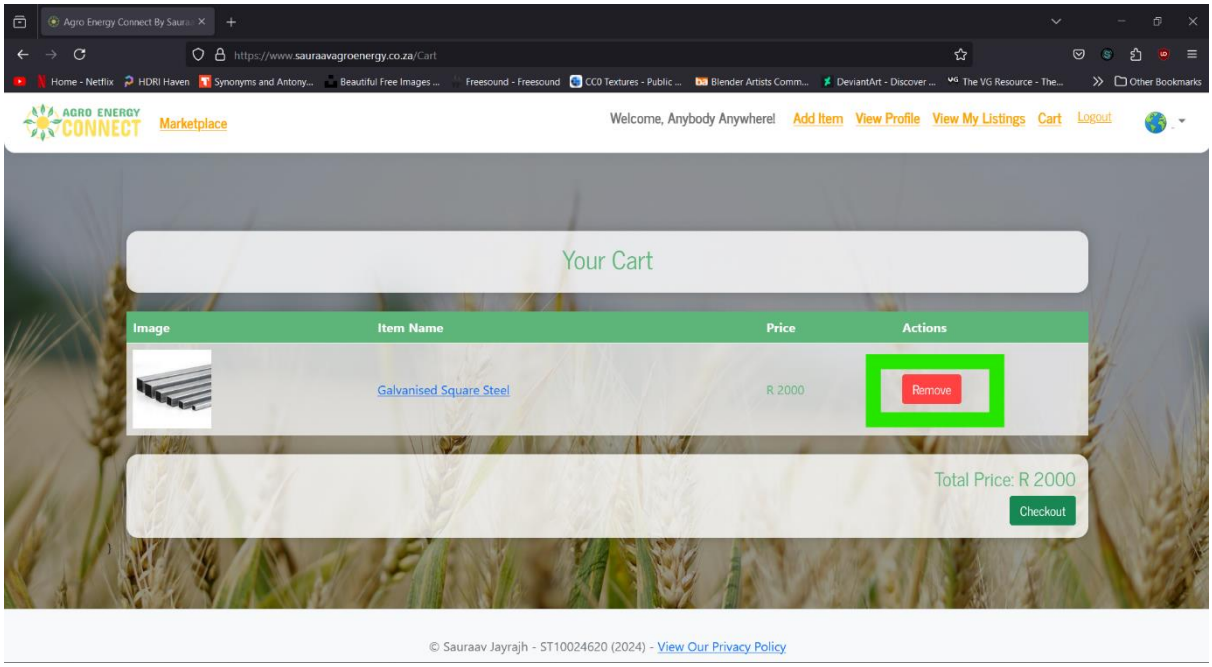
5) Cart Management

1. **Viewing Cart**
    - Farmers can view their cart by clicking the “Cart” link in the top menu. The cart page displays all items added, their images, names, prices, and a “Remove” button.



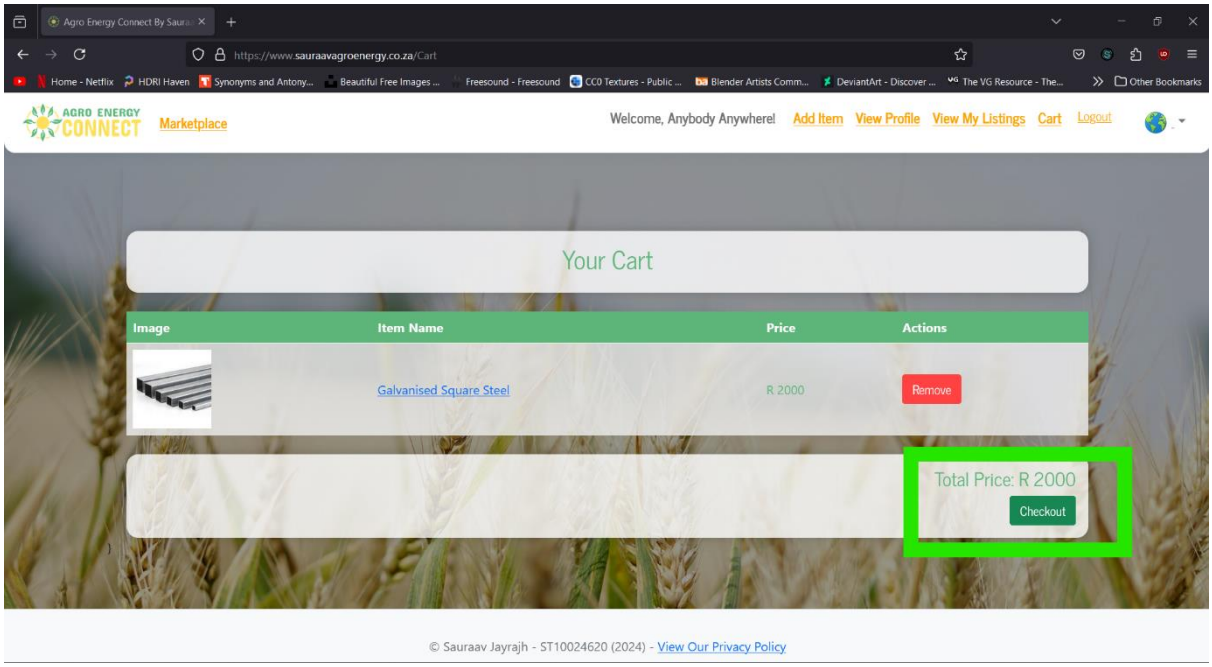
2. Removing Items from Cart

- To remove an item from the cart, click the "Remove" button next to the item.



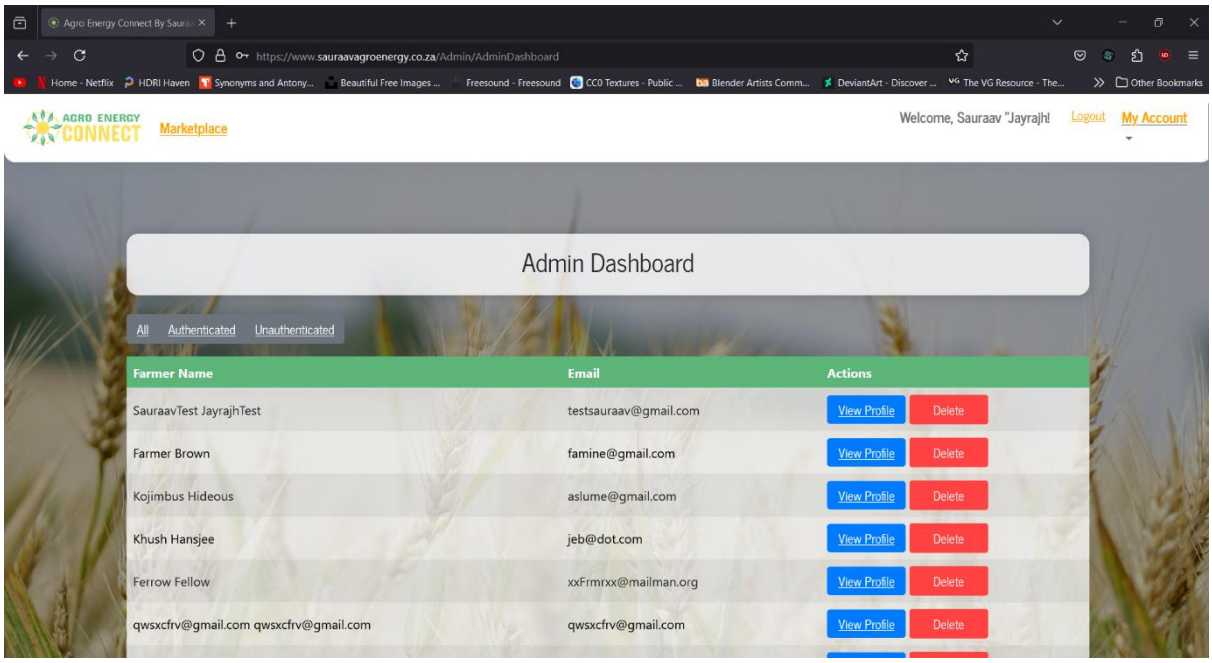
3. Checkout

- To complete the purchase of all items in the cart, click the “Checkout” button at the bottom of the cart page.

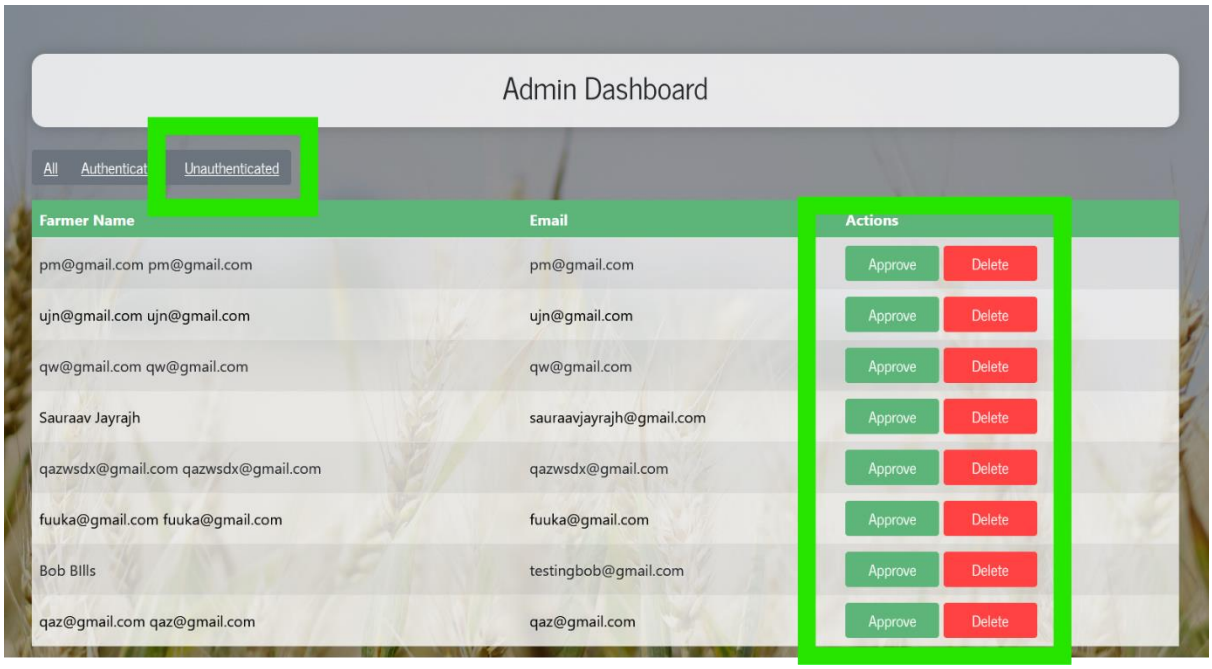


6) Admin Features

1. **Admin Dashboard**
   - Admin users can access the admin dashboard by clicking on the “Admin Dashboard” link in the top menu.



2. **Approving Farmers**
   - The admin dashboard shows a list of unauthenticated farmers. Click the "Approve" button to authenticate them.



3. Managing All Items

- Admins can view and edit any item listed in the marketplace.

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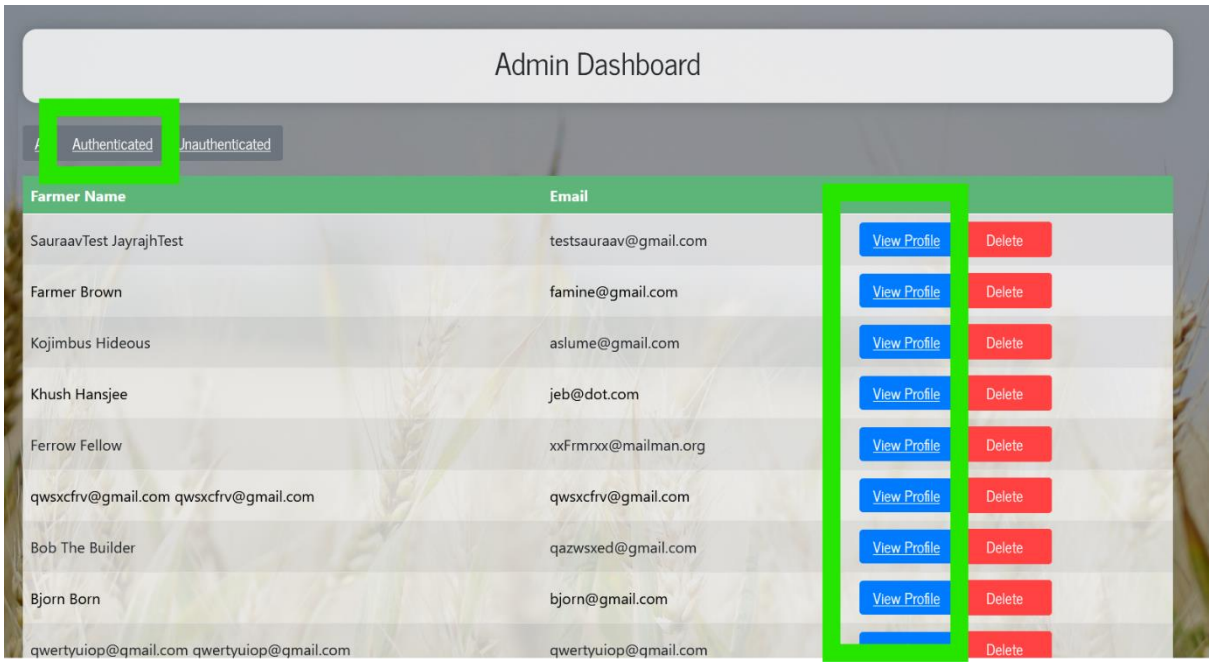
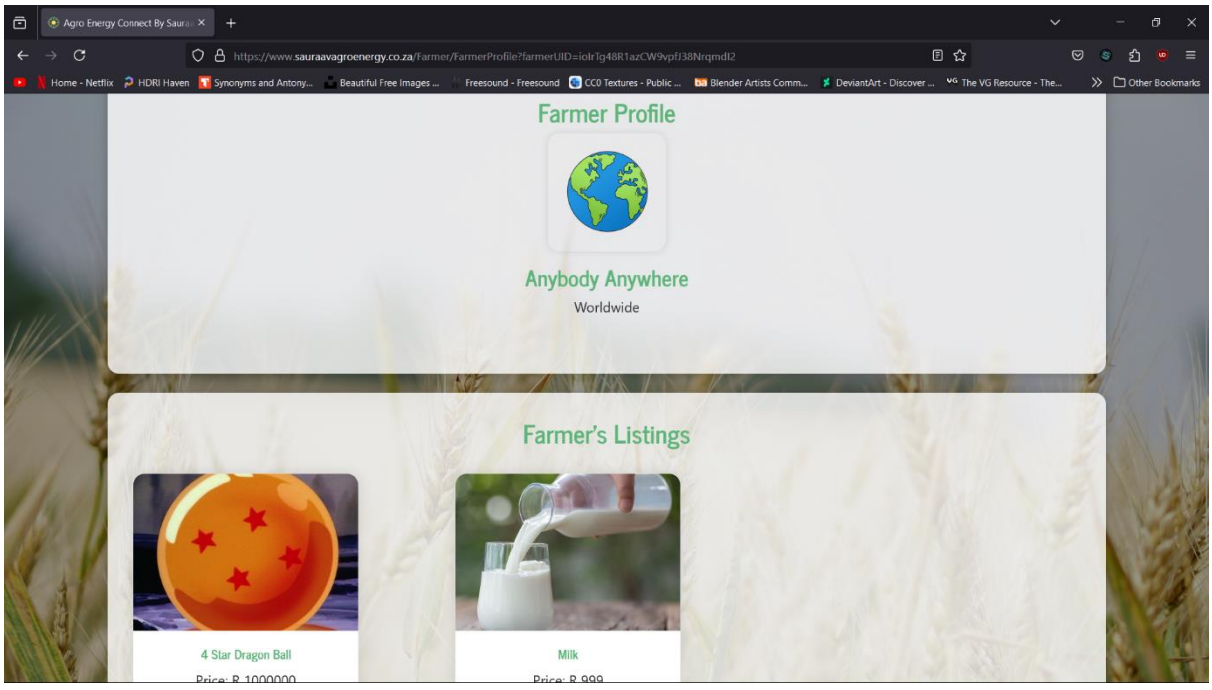
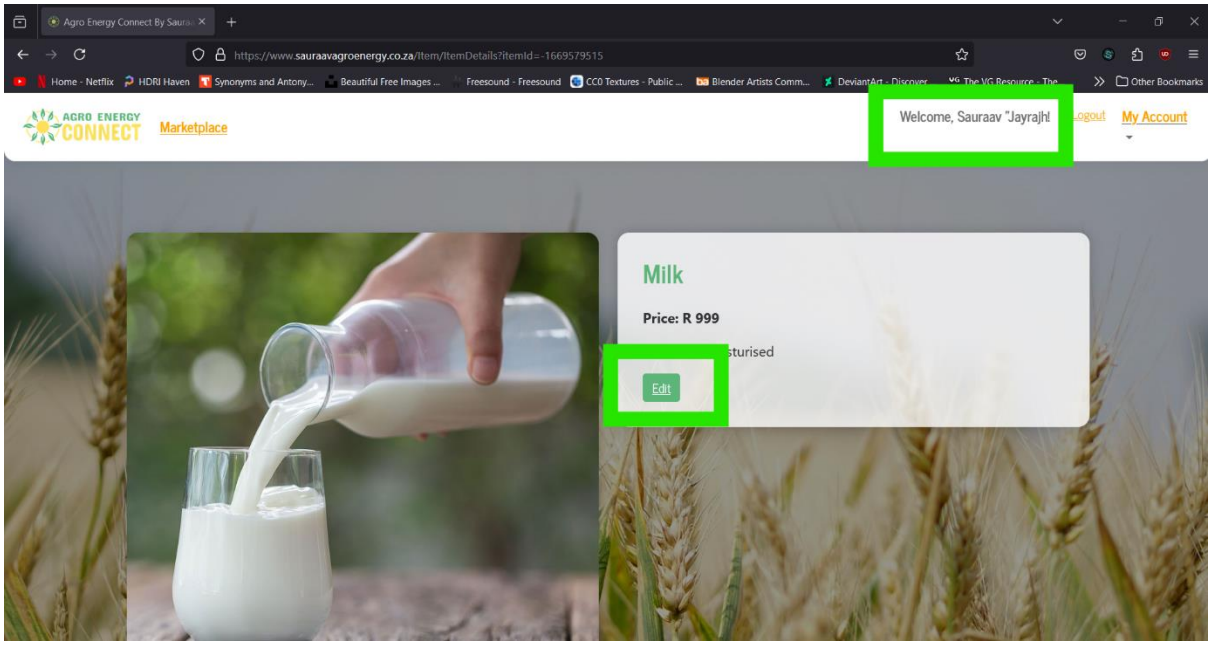
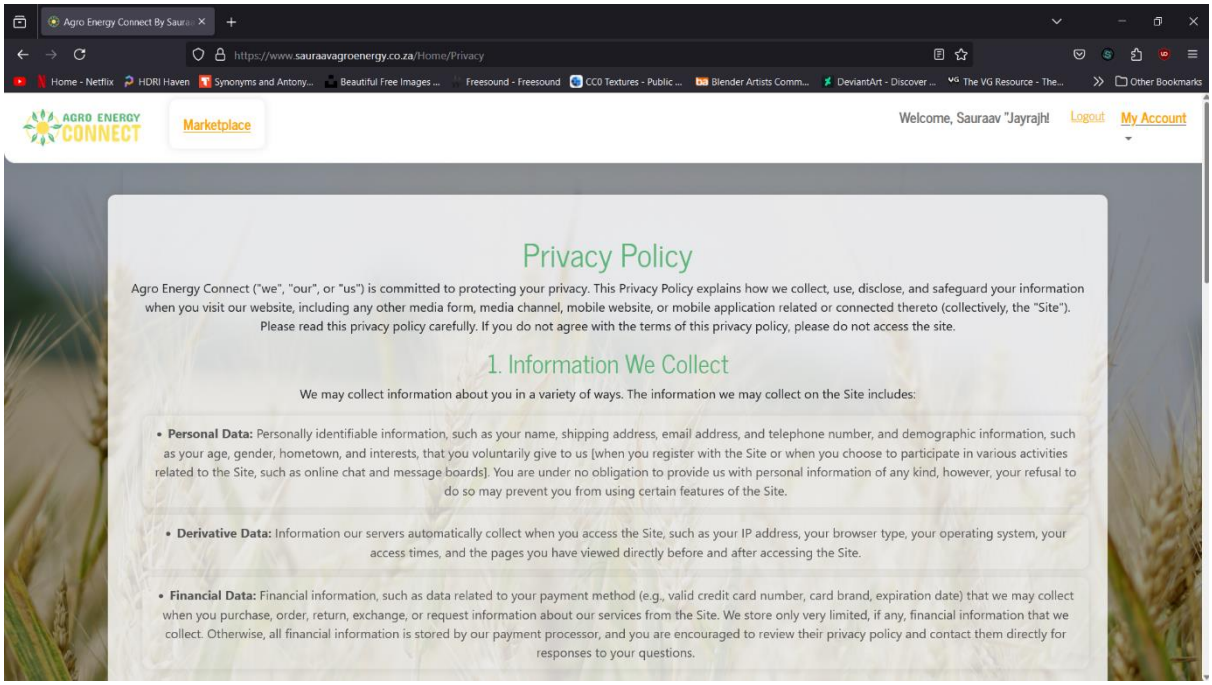


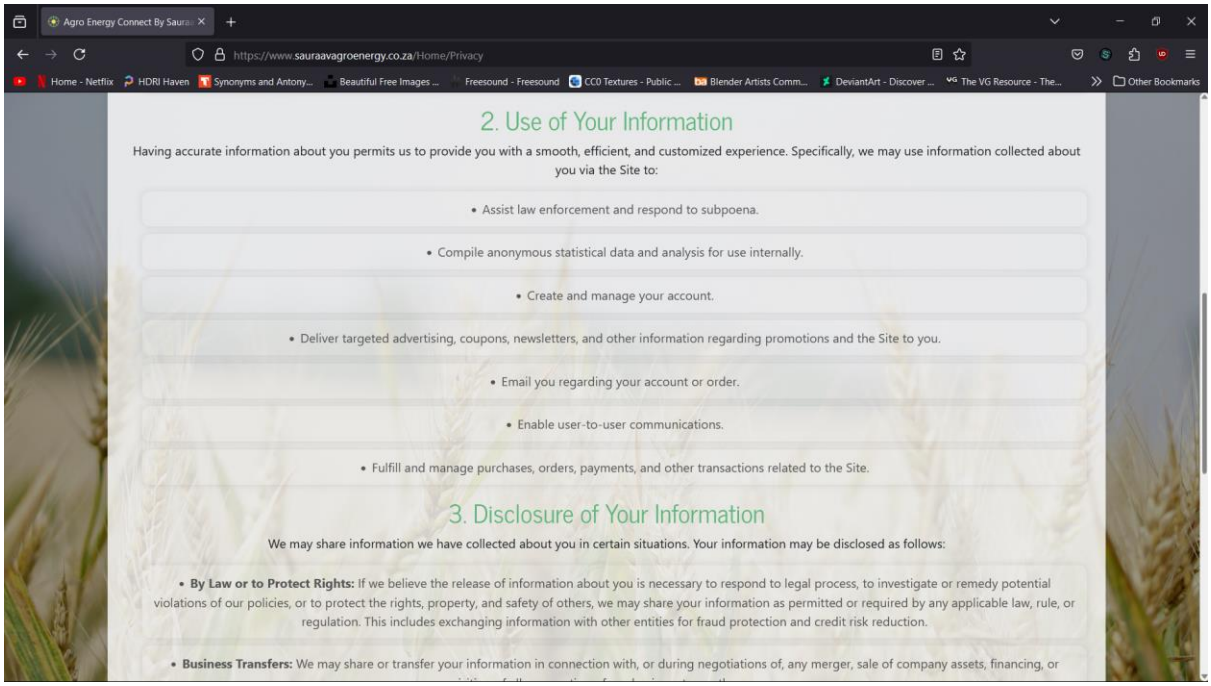


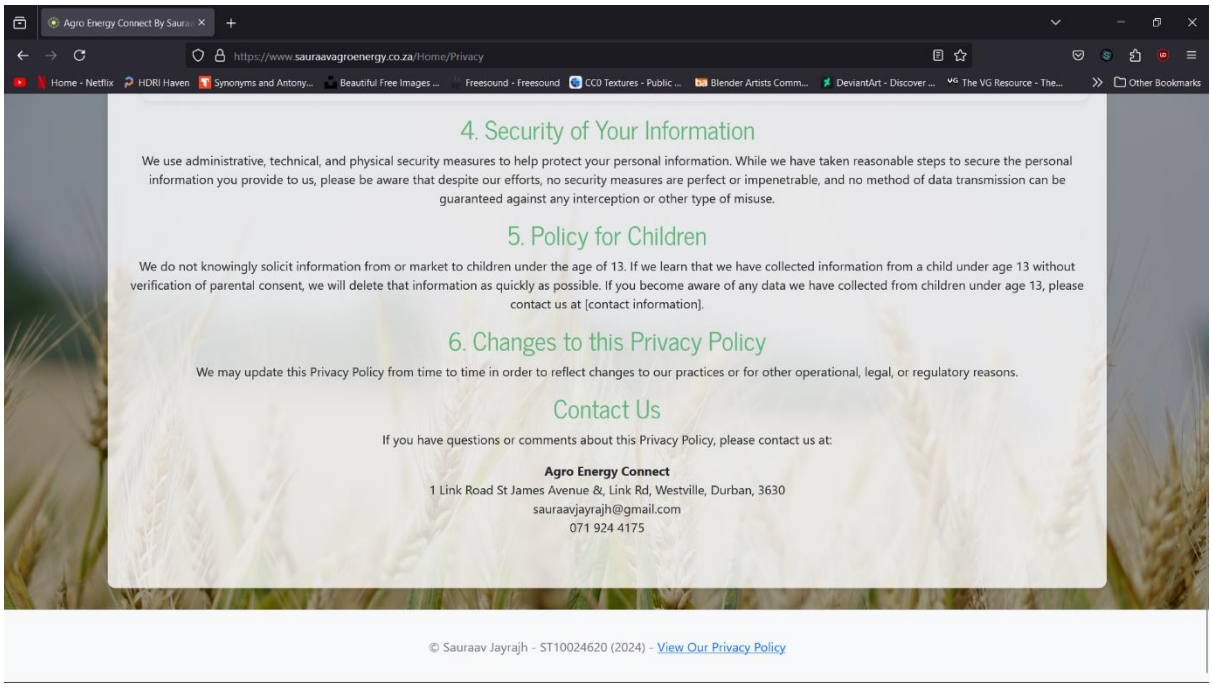


7) Additional Information

1. **Privacy Policy**
   - Our privacy policy can be accessed by clicking the “Privacy” link in the top menu. It outlines how we handle your personal data and ensure your privacy on our platform.







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