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Dear Manager

**Research survey: Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Stellenbosch University**

**Mr Dugal Harris** (Student number17447585) is a doctoral student in the Department Geography and Environmental Studies at the University of Stellenbosch. He is officially registered for the Doctoral Programme inGeography and Environmental Studies. He is currently working on an approved research project titled:

Very high resolution remote sensing of carbon stocks in subtropical thicket

The particulars or data about, or views and experiences regarding this topic, from you or your establishment are crucially important for the outcomes of the research. It is therefore crucial that you or a suitably qualified designated representative of your establishment could spend a short time assisting the researcher with providing the requested information. The Department and the researcher involved undertake to strictly adhere to all rules of ethically sound research conduct and to meet your stated requirements regarding the confidentiality of the survey and data generated in the process. Please direct further enquiries regarding this request and pledge to the undersigned or the designated research supervisor.

Thank you for your cooperation and time

Yours faithfully

Prof A van Niekerk

*Departmental Chair*