

Tree doctors fixing a neglected lemon tree



Back in 2003, when Bob and Lynne purchased a neglected piece of mountain land, about 1,5 hours from Cape Town, they took on a challenge that had for years scared off potential investors. The problems encountered included steeply sloping, wattle infested gullies, lack of potable or irrigation water and no level building platform.

An earthworks contractor worked for weeks to clean out a small pond, build a sizeable water storage dam and cut two building platforms with a view stretching endlessly over the valley. Inbetween the hard work put in by Bob and Lynne themselves, clearing land, building temporary roads and preparing platforms for boreholes to be drilled, a workshop was built on the upper level while the main house is sited on the lower level. The three slopes, below the house, between the two buildings and above the workshop were retained and terraced with Terraforce L12 blocks while comfortable stairways were built with 4 x 4 stepblocks incorporated into the walls. The blocks filled with quality topsoil, enhanced with a quality irrigation system, provided ideal growing conditions in Lynnes garden. Extremely heavy winter rains in 2006 threatened to undercut the sides of a newly built road, paved with concrete interlocks. Here the Terracrete hardlawn blocks were used to provide adequate lateral support and prevent further erosion.

Elsewhere, Terrafix erosion control blocks are lining sections of various storm water control channels on the property. Now, after all the hard work and endless frustrations, they can relax and enjoy their mountain retreat.



Terraforce and 4 x 4 multi stairs installed by Dec 2005

Garden established Dec 2007



Detail with steps & lighting