# SCREENING REPORT FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION AS REQUIRED BY THE 2014 EIA REGULATIONS – PROPOSED SITE ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY

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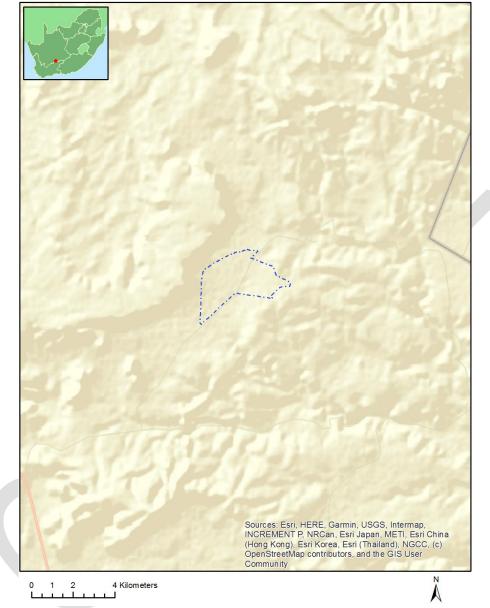
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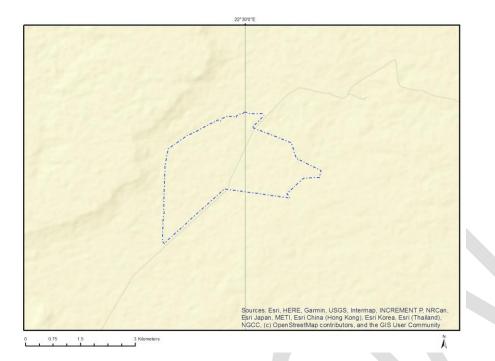
# **Proposed Project Location**

# Orientation map 1: General location



### **General Orientation: MURA PV PROJECTS**

# Map of proposed site and relevant area(s)



# Cadastral details of the proposed site

# Property details:

No	Farm Name	Farm/ Erf No	Portion	Latitude	Longitude	Property Type
1	DUIKER KRANSE	45	0	31°52'7.19S	22°31'34.72E	Farm
2	BULTFONTEIN	387	0	31°48'23.91S	22°31'9.77E	Farm
3	BULTFONTEIN	387	0	31°48'23.91S	22°31'9.77E	Farm Portion
4	DUIKER KRANSE	45	4	31°51'55.65S	22°29'44.79E	Farm Portion

Development footprint<sup>1</sup> vertices: No development footprint(s) specified.

Wind and Solar developments with an approved Environmental Authorisation or applications under consideration within 30 km of the proposed area

No nearby wind or solar developments found.

Environmental Management Frameworks relevant to the application

No intersections with EMF areas found.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "development footprint", means the area within the site on which the development will take place and incudes all ancillary developments for example roads, power lines, boundary walls, paving etc. which require vegetation clearance or which will be disturbed and for which the application has been submitted.

# Environmental screening results and assessment outcomes

The following sections contain a summary of any development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions that apply to the proposed development site as well as the most environmental sensitive features on the site based on the site sensitivity screening results for the application classification that was selected. The application classification selected for this report is: Utilities Infrastructure | Electricity | Generation | Renewable | Solar | PV.

# Relevant development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions

The following development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions and their implications that apply to this site are indicated below.

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Strategic	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Co
Transmissi	mbined EGI.pdf
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Corridor- Central	
corridor	
Renewable	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Co
energy	mbined REDZ.pdf
developme	momed KEDZ.pdf
nt zones	
11-	
Beaufort	
West	
Strategic Gas	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Co
Pipeline	mbined GAS.pdf
Corridors-	
Phase 9:	
Inland	
Corridor	
from	
Saldanha	
to Coega	

# **Development Zones** Air Quality Priority Areas Atlantis Urban Exclusion Area Besaansklip Industrial Zone No Offset Needed Besaansklip Industrial Zone Not Developable Besaansklip Industrial Zone Offset Needed Gauteng EMF Zone 1 Gauteng EMF Zone 5 Renewable Energy Development Zones South African Conservation Areas South African Protected Areas Strategic Gas Pipeline Corridors Strategic Transmission Corridors N 0 0.5 1 2 Kilometers LIIII

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Map indicating proposed development footprint within applicable development incentive, restriction, exclusion or prohibition zones

# Proposed Development Area Environmental Sensitivity

The following summary of the development site environmental sensitivities is identified. Only the highest environmental sensitivity is indicated. The footprint environmental sensitivities for the proposed development footprint as identified, are indicative only and must be verified on site by a suitably qualified person before the specialist assessments identified below can be confirmed.

Theme	Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
Agriculture Theme		Х		
Animal Species Theme		Х		
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Aquatic Biodiversity Theme				Х
Archaeological and Cultural				Х
Heritage Theme				
Avian Theme				Х
Civil Aviation (Solar PV)				Х
Theme				
Defence Theme				Х
Landscape (Solar) Theme	Х			
Paleontology Theme	Х			
Plant Species Theme			Х	
RFI Theme		Х		
Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme	Х			

# Specialist assessments identified

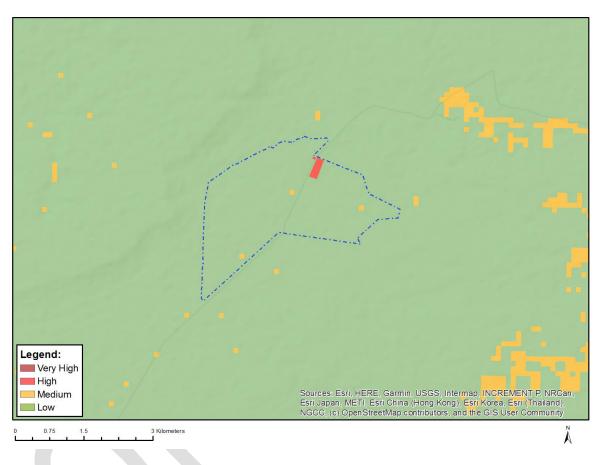
Based on the selected classification, and the environmental sensitivities of the proposed development footprint, the following list of specialist assessments have been identified for inclusion in the assessment report. It is the responsibility of the EAP to confirm this list and to motivate in the assessment report, the reason for not including any of the identified specialist study including the provision of photographic evidence of the site situation.

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N	Special	Assessment Protocol
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1	Agricult ural Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_WindAndSolar_Agriculture_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
2	Landsca pe/Visu al Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
3	Archaeo logical and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted General Requirement Assessment Protocols.pdf
4	Palaeon tology Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted General Requirement Assessment Protocols.pdf
5	Terrestri al Biodiver sity Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_Terrestrial_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
6	Aquatic Biodiver sity	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_Aquatic_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf

7	Impact Assessm ent Civil Aviation Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_Civil_Aviation_Installations_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
8	Defense Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_Defence_Installations_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
9	RFI Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
1 0	Geotech nical Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
1 1	Socio- Economi c Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
1 2	Plant Species Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted Plant Species Assessment Protocols.pdf
1 3	Animal Species Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted Animal Species Assessment Protocols.pdf

# Results of the environmental sensitivity of the proposed area.

The following section represents the results of the screening for environmental sensitivity of the proposed site for relevant environmental themes associated with the project classification. It is the duty of the EAP to ensure that the environmental themes provided by the screening tool are comprehensive and complete for the project. Refer to the disclaimer.

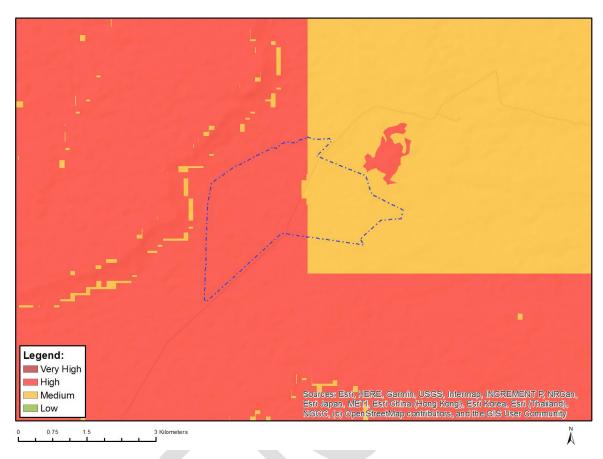


# MAP OF RELATIVE AGRICULTURE THEME SENSITIVITY

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Annual Crop Cultivation / Planted Pastures Rotation;Land capability;01. Very low/02. Very low/03.
	Low-Very low/04. Low-Very low/05. Low
Low	Land capability;01. Very low/02. Very low/03. Low-Very low/04. Low-Very low/05. Low
Medium	Land capability;06. Low-Moderate/07. Low-Moderate/08. Moderate

# MAP OF RELATIVE ANIMAL SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY



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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Aves-Neotis ludwigii
Medium	Aves-Neotis ludwigii
Medium	Mammalia-Bunolagus monticularis
Medium	Reptilia-Chersobius boulengeri

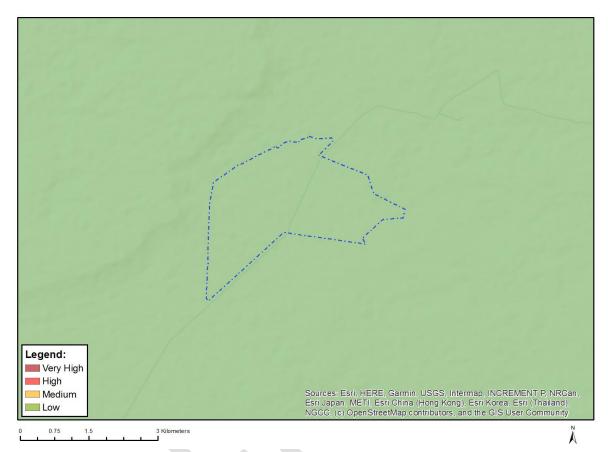
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# MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low sensitivity

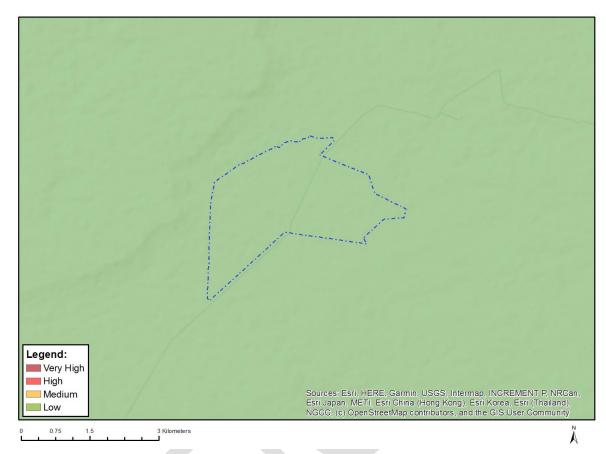
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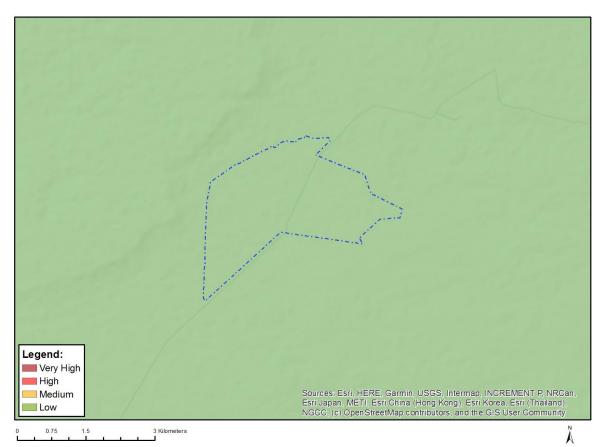
Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low sensitivity

# MAP OF RELATIVE AVIAN THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity

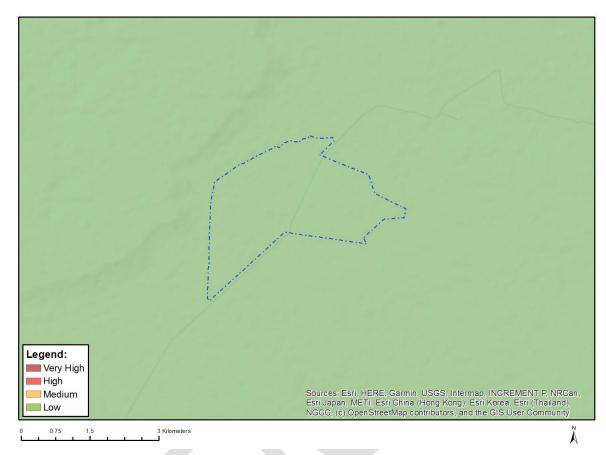


# MAP OF RELATIVE CIVIL AVIATION (SOLAR PV) THEME SENSITIVITY

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	No major or other types of civil aviation aerodromes

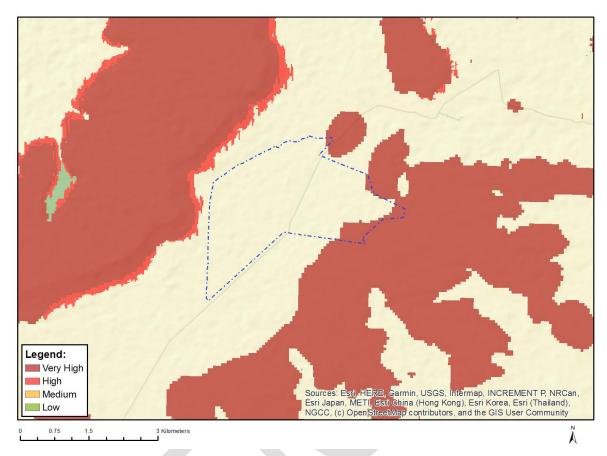
# MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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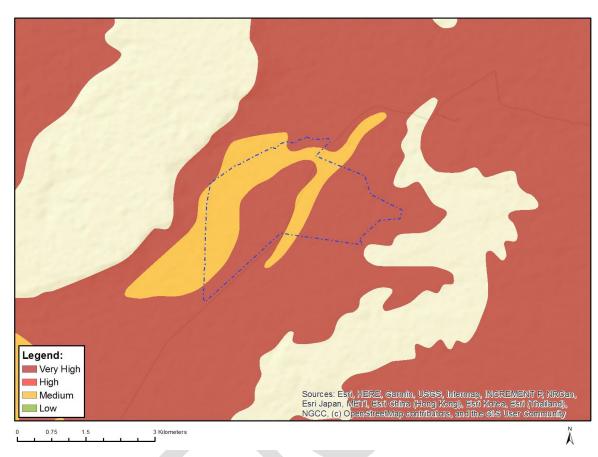
Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low sensitivity

# MAP OF RELATIVE LANDSCAPE (SOLAR) THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Very High	Mountain tops and high ridges



# MAP OF RELATIVE PALEONTOLOGY THEME SENSITIVITY

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Medium	Features with a Medium paleontological sensitivity
Very High	Features with a Very High paleontological sensitivity

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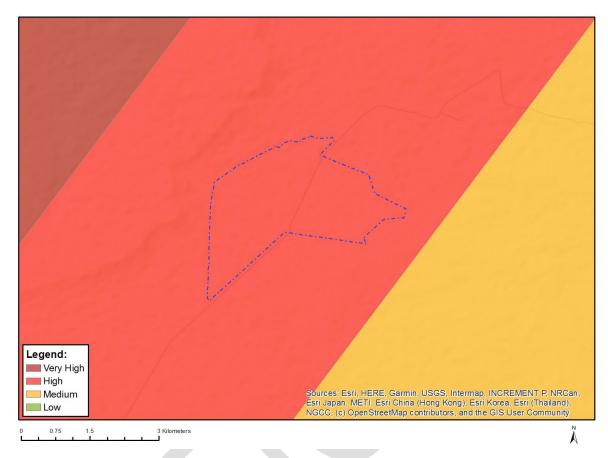
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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity
Medium	Sensitive species 945

# MAP OF RELATIVE RFI THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Between 8 and 14 km of the Radio Astronomy Advantage Area
Medium	Between 14 and 32 km of a SKA receptor
Medium	Between 14 and 32 km of the Radio Astronomy Advantage Area

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# MAP OF RELATIVE TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity
Very High	Critical biodiveristy area 1
Very High	Ecological support area 2