

SHORT CV/SUMMARY OF EXPERTISE – SIMON TODD



Simon Todd is Director and principal scientist at 3Foxes Biodiversity Solutions and has over 20 years of experience in biodiversity measurement, management and assessment. He has provided specialist ecological input on more than 200 different developments distributed widely across the country. This includes input on the Wind and Solar SEA (REDZ) as well as the Eskom Grid Infrastructure (EGI) SEA and Karoo Shale Gas SEA. He is on the National Vegetation Map Committee as representative of the Nama and Succulent Karoo Biomes. Simon Todd is a recognised ecological expert and is a past chairman and current deputy chair of the Arid-Zone Ecology Forum. He is registered with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (No. 400425/11).

A selection of recent work is as follows:

Strategic Environmental Assessments

Co-Author. Chapter 7 - Biodiversity & Ecosystems - Shale Gas SEA. CSIR 2016.

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- Kathu Solar PV Facility. Fauna and Flora EIA Process. Cape EAPrac 2015.
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- Logoko Solar PV Facility. Fauna and Flora EIA Proces. Cape EAPrac 2015.
- RE Capital 10 Solar Power Plant, Postmasburg. Fauna and Flora EIA Proces. Cape EAPrac 2015.
- Walk-through study of Kumba Iron Ore expansion area at Dingleton, Northern Cape. MSA Group. 2017.
- Adams PV Project – EIA process and follow-up vegetation survey. Aurora Power Solutions. 2016.
- Mamatwane Compilation Yard. Fauna and Flora EIA process. ERM. 2013.
- Olifantshoek-Emil 132kV power line. Fauna and Flora BA process. Savannah Environmental 2017.

SPECIALIST DECLARATION

I, ..Simon Todd....., as the appointed independent specialist, in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations, hereby declare that I:

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- I act as the independent specialist in this application;
- I perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant;
- regard the information contained in this report as it relates to my specialist input/study to be true and correct, and do not have and will not have any financial interest in the undertaking of the activity, other than remuneration for work performed in terms of the NEMA, the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 and any specific environmental management Act;
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- I have ensured that information containing all relevant facts in respect of the specialist input/study was distributed or made available to interested and affected parties and the public and that participation by interested and affected parties was facilitated in such a manner that all interested and affected parties were provided with a reasonable opportunity to participate and to provide comments on the specialist input/study;
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Signature of the specialist:  _____

Name of Specialist: ____ Simon Todd _____

Date: ____ 24 July 2018 _____

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Skills & Primary Competencies

- Research & description of ecological patterns & processes in Nama Karoo, Succulent Karoo, Thicket, Arid Grassland, Fynbos and Savannah Ecosystems.
- Ecological Impacts of land use on biodiversity
- Vegetation surveys & degradation assessment & mapping
- Long-term vegetation monitoring
- Faunal surveys & assessment.
- GIS & remote sensing

Tertiary Education:

- 1992-1994 – BSc (Botany & Zoology), University of Cape Town
- 1995 – BSc Hons, Cum Laude (Zoology) University of Natal
- 1996-1997- MSc, Cum Laude (Conservation Biology) University of Cape Town

Employment History

- 2009 – Present – Sole Proprietor of Simon Todd Consulting, providing specialist ecological services for development and research.
- 2007 Present – Senior Scientist (Associate) – Plant Conservation Unit, Department of Botany, University of Cape Town.

- 2004-2007 – Senior Scientist (Contract) – Plant Conservation Unit, Department of Botany, University of Cape Town
- 2000-2004 – Specialist Scientist (Contract) - South African National Biodiversity Institute
- 1997 – 1999 – Research Scientist (Contract) – South African National Biodiversity Institute

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Eric Herrmann

Eric Herrmann is an avifaunal specialist with over 15 years of experience in biodiversity research and conservation in the Northern Cape. He completed a B.Tech Degree (Cum Laude) in Nature Conservation (1997) at the Cape Technikon, followed by a Masters (Cum Laude) in Conservation Ecology at the University of Stellenbosch (2004). He has worked as a research assistant for the Endangered Wildlife Trust (1999-2001) in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, and then for the Percy FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology (University of Cape Town) as project manager of a field research centre near Kimberley (2003 to 2006). In 2006 he joined the provincial Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (DENC) in Kimberley as a faunal scientist until 2012. Since 2016 he has been working independently as an avifaunal specialist largely on wind and solar energy projects in the Western and Northern Cape.

Tertiary Education:

- 1994 - 1997 – National Diploma: Nature Conservation (cum laude), Cape Technikon

- 1998 - 1999 – B.Tech Degree: Nature Conservation (cum laude), Cape Technikon
- 2000 - 2004 – MFor: Conservation Ecology (cum Laude), University of Stellenbosch

Employment History

- 2016 - Present – Independent contractor, avifaunal specialist for renewable energy projects.
- 2006 - 2012 – Senior Conservation Scientist, Department of Environment and Nature Conservation, Kimberley.
- 2003 - 2006 – Research Assistant and Field Projects Manager, Percy Fitzpatrick Institute of African Ornithology, Cape Town
- 2001 - 2002 – Field Researcher, Deciduous Fruit Producers Trust, Stellenbosch.
- 1999 - 2001 – Research Assistant, Endangered Wildlife Trust, Johannesburg.

Recent Specialist Avifaunal projects related to Solar and Wind energy or transmission infrastructure:

- Excelsior Wind Facility. Avifaunal pre-construction monitoring. BTE Wind Pty (Ltd). 2018.
- Mamre Wind Facility. Avifaunal pre-construction monitoring. Mulilo Renewable Project Developments. 2017.
- Soventix Solar PV Facility (De Aar). Avifaunal Specialist Scoping and EIA Reports. Ecoleges. 2017.
- Olifantshoek-Emil 132kV power line. Ecological Basic Assessment Report. Savannah Environmental. 2016.
- Klondike (Vryburg) Solar PV Facility. Ecological Specialist Report for EIA. Cape EAPrac 2016.

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Signature of the specialist:  _____

Name of Specialist: _____ Simon Todd _____

Date: _____ 24 July 2018 _____

Appendix A: Curriculum Vitae of Specialist

KEY QUALIFICATIONS:

National Higher Diploma in Agriculture (Irrigation), Technikon Pretoria, 1982
Certificate in Stereoscopic Interpretation, Geology and Resource Classification and Utilisation, Department of Agriculture, 1979
National Diploma in Agriculture, Technikon Pretoria, 1976

OTHER EDUCATION:

Certificate in Turf Grass Management, Technikon Pretoria, 1987
Certificate in Landscape Management, Technikon Pretoria, 1988
Cultivated pastures (Mod 320), University of Pretoria, 1995
FSC Auditors Course (Woodmark, UK), Sappi Ltd, 2003
NOSA Health and Safety Certificate, 1996
Certificate of Competence: Civil Designer - Design Centre and Survey and Design (Knowledge Base, August 2005)

EMPLOYMENT RECORD:

July 2006 to date	CR LUBBE Self employed Involved in various projects (see project related experience).	
June 2004- June 2006	Gauteng Department of Agriculture Conservation and Environment (Component: Technology Development and Support) Acting Assistant Director: Resource Planning and Utilization	Johannesburg, SA
Jan 1997 – May 2004	CR LUBBE Self employed Involved in various projects (See Project related experience below)	Pretoria, SA
1980 to 1996	Technikon Pretoria Lecturer Teaching Agricultural Engineering and Land Use Planning subjects. Teaching included practical courses, examination and moderation	Pretoria, SA
1974 - 1979	Department of Agriculture (Transvaal Region) Senior Extension Technician Farm Planning, Surveying, Design of soil conservation systems, Agricultural Extension.	Carolina and Ermelo, SA

SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

Has 42 years of experience in planning and managing natural resources to ensure optimal utilisation, without exploiting such resources to the detriment of future generations.

Fourteen years experience as a soil consultant, doing mainly soil surveys, terrain classification and agricultural potential studies. Reports include a variety of maps and GIS aspects thus play a large role in these surveys and studies.

Seventeen years of lecturing agricultural engineering subjects: Soil Conservation Techniques I, II and III, which dealt with the surveying, design and drawing of soil conservation structures; Farm Planning, which dealt with optimal resource utilization and Agricultural Mechanization, which dealt with the implements and machinery used to mechanize farming.

Ten years experience in the survey, design and supervising the construction of soil conservation structures in the agricultural field, mainly for farm planning.

PROJECT RELATED EXPERIENCE

PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN IN INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY

Cape EA **Apr 2015**
Agricultural Impact Assessment : EIA for the Construction and Operation of two Photovoltaic Power Stations at Kathu in the Northern Cape.

Savannah Environmental **Mar 2015**
Agricultural Impact Assessment : EIA for the Construction and Operation of a Wind Farm near Moorreesburg, Western Cape.

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries **Mar 2015**
Eastern Cape Land Capability Verification Survey

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries **Dec 2014**
Western Cape Land Capability Verification Survey

Cape EA Agricultural Impact Assessment : EIA for the Construction and Operation of a Photovoltaic Power Station at Upington (RE Cap 5) in the Northern Cape.	Aug 2014
Cape EA Agricultural Impact Assessment : EIA for the Construction and Operation of a Photovoltaic Power Station at Postmasburg (RE Cap 5) in the Northern Cape.	Aug 2014
Cape EA Agricultural Impact Assessment : EIA for the Construction and Operation of a Photovoltaic Power Station at Upington (Joram) in the Northern Cape.	Aug 2014
Cape EA Agricultural Impact Assessment : EIA for the Construction and Operation of a Photovoltaic Power Station at Copperton (RE Cap 5) in the Northern Cape.	Aug 2014
Cape EA Agricultural Impact Assessment : EIA for the Establishment of a Cemetery at Zoar, near Ladismith in the Western Cape. .	Aug 2014
Cape EA Agricultural Impact Assessment : EIA for the Construction and Operation of a Photovoltaic Power Station at Copperton (RE Cap 5) in the Northern Cape.	Aug 2014
Macroplan Agricultural Impact Assessment: Application for rezoning of Agricultural land at Upington (Sweet Sensation), Northern Cape	Jun 2014
Macroplan Agricultural Potential Study: Application for change of land use at Upington (McTaggart), Northern Cape	Mar 2014
Agricultural Development Corporation Design of Feedlot infrastructure and stock watering systems for Kenana Sugar in Sudan.	Jan to March 2014
Cape EA Agricultural Impact Assessment : EIA for the Construction and Operation of a Photovoltaic Power Station in the Richtersveld, Western Cape.	Nov 2013
Cape EA Agricultural Impact Assessment : EIA for the Construction and Operation of a Photovoltaic Power Station at Upington in the Northern Cape.	Jul 2013
Cape EA Agricultural Impact Assessment : EIA for the Construction and Operation of a Photovoltaic Power Station near Danielskuil in the Northern Cape.	Oct 2012
Senter360 Agricultural Potential Study for a Food Security Development Units in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.	Oct 2012
Africa Livestock Project Development Consortium Agricultural Impact Assessment for the Construction and Operation of a Beef Cattle Handlings Facility for a Sugar Company in Northern Sudan	Aug 2012
Van Zyl Environmental Consultants Agricultural Impact Assessment : EIA for the Construction and Operation of a Photovoltaic Power Station in the Northern Cape.	Mar 2012
Bushveld Eco Services Design and cost estimate of a stock watering system in the Lephalele district.	Nov 2011
WSM Leshika Soil suitability survey for two new upcoming farmers at Vhuawela & Tshoga in the Limpopo Province.	Sep 2011
National Department of Agriculture Soil survey investigating soil potential for change of land use at the Levendal Development in the Paarl district, Western Cape.	Aug 2011
Van Zyl Environmental Consultants Agricultural Impact Assessment : EIA for the Construction and Operation of four Photovoltaic Power Stations in the Northern Cape.	Mar 2011
WSM Leshika Potential assessments and land use plans for four new upcoming farmers in the Limpopo Province.	Nov 2010
FP Botha Potential assessments and land use plans for various new Limpopo agricultural development hubs	Apr 2010

Golder Associates Africa (Pty) Ltd

May 2009 – Apr 2010

Potential assessments and Landuse plans for the resettlement of land tenants at Mafube Coal Mine in the Belfast district of the Mpumalanga Province

Sappi

Vryheid, RSA

Undertook reconnaissance soil surveys on various plantations and farms in the Vryheid and Piet Retief districts to establish forestation potential and evaluation for species choice (covering a total area of 5173 ha).

Environmentek, CSIR

Nelspruit, RSA

Undertook soil and terrain classification surveys on the Jessievale (8313 ha) and New Agatha (1 700 ha) plantations.

Safcol (Komatieland)

Limpopo Province

Undertook environmental, soil and terrain classification surveys on the Thatevondo (4 500 ha), Mafela (920 ha) and Mmamatola (1 263 ha) plantations.

Measured Farming

Gabon, Swaziland & RSA

Undertook soil and terrain classification surveys on Ranch Lope and Ranch Suba in Gabon, Kubuta Farm in Swaziland and on the farms Madikwe in the Limpopo Province and Stoffelsrus in the Free State, South Africa.

Loxton Venn and Associates

Potgietersrus, RSA

Assess comparative soils and area for relocating Village Ga-Sekhaolelo on Overysel 815LR to Rooibokfontein 812LR and Village Ga-Puka on Swartfontein 818 LR to Armoed on Potgietersrus Platinum Mine.

Department of Water Affairs and Forestry

Gauteng

GPS survey and alien identification for mapping of Jukskei and Swartspruit areas, as part of the Working for Water Program.

Sustainable Forestry Management Ltd

Limpopo and Mpumalanga

Participated in a due diligence audit on various SAFCOL plantations in the Limpopo and Mpumalanga Provinces as part of the preparation of a British company's tender to purchase these plantations.

Mustek Engineering Ghana

Survey to provide a detailed inventory of the forest resources in 17 specified Forest Reserves in Ghana to develop a practical and operationally sound methodology for monitoring the natural forest resources in Ghana, based on satellite imagery for the Ghana Forestry Commission.

Afrigis Environmental Solutions, Pretoria

Various Soil Surveys and Landuse Plannings – Domestic and Neighbouring Countries

Rural Integrated Engineering, Pretoria

Various Soil Surveys and Landuse Plannings

Africa Land-Use Training, Modimole

Lectures at Basic Farm Planning Course (Limpopo and Gauteng)

Declaration of Independence

CR Lubbe was appointed by Abo Wind Hotazel PV (Pty) Ltd via Cape Environmental Assessment Practitioners (Pty) Ltd, the EAP, to conduct an independent agricultural scoping study for the proposed Hotazel PV Power Plant in the Northern Cape.

He is not a subsidiary or in any way affiliated to Abo Wind Hotazel PV (Pty) Ltd.

CR Lubbe also does not have any interest in secondary developments that may arise from the authorisation of the proposed project.

Christo Lubbe

CR Lubbe

26 July 2018

2. Name, Expertise and Declaration

I, Peter Nilssen (PhD in archaeology, University of Cape Town 2000), herewith confirm that I am a Professional member - in good standing - of the Association of South African Professional Archaeologists (ASAPA), including the Cultural Resource Management section of the same association since 1989 (ASAPA professional member # 097). I am an accredited Principal Investigator for archaeozoology (specialist analysis), coastal, shell midden and Stone Age archaeology; Field Director for Colonial Period archaeology; and Field Supervisor for Iron Age archaeology and Rock Art. I have worked as a professional archaeologist in Cultural Resource Management since 1989 and have completed more than 200 heritage-related impact assessments and mitigation projects as Principal Investigator. All submitted works were approved by provincial and national heritage authorities.

As the appointed independent specialist (archaeologist) for this project hereby declare that I:

- act as an independent specialist in this application;
- regard the information contained in this report as it relates to my specialist input/study to be true and correct;
- do not have and will not have any financial interest in the undertaking of the activity, other than remuneration for work performed in terms of the NEMA, the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 and any specific environmental management Act;
- have and will not have no vested interest in the proposed activity proceeding;
- have disclosed, to the applicant, EAP and competent authority, any material information that have or may have the potential to influence the decision of the competent authority or the objectivity of any report, plan or document required in terms of the NEMA, the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 and any specific environmental management Act;
- am fully aware of and meet the responsibilities in terms of NEMA, the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (specifically in terms of regulation 13 of GN No. R. 982) and any specific environmental management Act, and that failure to comply with these requirements may constitute and result in disqualification;
- am aware that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 48 of GN No. R. 982.



Signature of the specialist:

Name of company: Dr Peter Nilssen

Professional Archaeologist and Specialist Heritage Practitioner

Date: **11 July 2018**

member of the Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Committee for Heritage Western Cape (HWC) and an advisor on palaeontological conservation and management issues for the Palaeontological Society of South Africa (PSSA), HWC and SAHRA. He is currently compiling technical reports on the provincial palaeontological heritage of Western, Northern and Eastern Cape for SAHRA and HWC. Dr Almond is an accredited member of PSSA and APHP (Association of Professional Heritage Practitioners – Western Cape).

Declaration of Independence

I, John E. Almond, declare that I am an independent consultant and have no business, financial, personal or other interest in the proposed development project, application or appeal in respect of which I was appointed other than fair remuneration for work performed in connection with the activity, application or appeal. There are no circumstances that compromise the objectivity of my performing such work.



Dr John E. Almond
Palaeontologist
Natura Viva cc

1 INTRODUCTION

PERCEPTION Planning was appointed by *ABO Wind Hotazel PV (Pty) Ltd* to undertake an Integrated Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) in terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act 25 of 1999) as part of a proposal to establish a commercial solar energy facility - currently referred to as Hotazel Solar - on the farm known as the Remaining Extent (Portion 0) of the farm York A 279, located within the Joe Morolong Local Municipality, which is part of John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality in the Northern Cape Province. The entire property is about 636 ha in extent, while the affected portion of the property is approximately 275 ha in extent and is situated about 3.6km SE of the town of Hotazel in the Northern Cape Province. *This Scoping HIA serves as preliminary desktop study/ plan of study for scoping as input to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) currently underway and managed by Cape Environmental Assessment Practitioners (Pty) Ltd.*

2 STATEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE

With relation to the authors' appointment as an independent specialists responsible for the compilation of an Integrated Heritage Impact Assessment in terms of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act 25 of 1999) for this project, it is hereby declared that the undersigned:

- Acts as an independent specialist in this application;
- Regards the information contained in this report as it relates to my specialist input/study to be true and correct;
- Have and will not have any vested interest in the proposed activity proceeding;
- Does not have and will not have any financial interest in the undertaking of the activity, other than remuneration for work performed in terms of the NEMA, the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 and any specific environmental management Act;
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It is certified that SE de Kock has 21 years professional experience as urban planner (3 years of which were abroad) and 13 years professional experience as professional heritage practitioner. He is professionally registered/ affiliated as follows:

- Professional Heritage Practitioner (Association for Professional Heritage Practitioners)
- Professional Planner (South African Council for Planners, South African Planning Institute)

It is certified that GJR Narainne has 5 years professional experience as urban planner and 4 years professional experience as candidate heritage practitioner. He is professionally registered/ affiliated as follows:

- Candidate Heritage Practitioner (Association for Professional Heritage Practitioners)
- Candidate Planner (South African Council for Planners)

3 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF STUDY AREA

3.1 Context

The irregular-shaped conceptual area (± 275 ha in extent) falls within the jurisdiction of the Joe Morolong Local Municipality, and is situated on farm known as the Remaining Extent (Portion 0) of the farm York A 279. From a broader context, the proposed development site is located about 3.6 km south-east of the town of Hotazel and some 50km NE of the Northern Cape town of Kuruman, in the province of the Northern Cape, as seen in Figure 1 below. Hotazel Solar facility is bound to the west and south by the R31 road while an unnamed district road runs immediately east of the eastern boundary. The Hotazel manganese mine is situated to the north as is undeveloped agricultural or rural land. The western extent of the property is truncated by the Hotazel to Sishen railway line.

The statement below was drafted by Dr. Peter Nilssen in the Scoping Archaeological Impact Assessment (2018:11):

"Topographically, the surroundings of Hotazel are essentially flat with minor undulation. The exceptions are the Ga-Mogara River some 5km to the west and the Kuruman River about 10 to 15km

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I, Sarah Watson, declare that –

- » I act as the independent specialist in this application.
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Sarah Watson

Name

July 2018

Date



Signature

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Stephen Stead
APHP accredited VIA Specialist