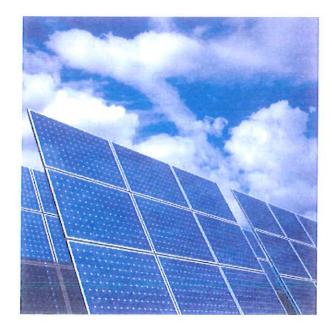




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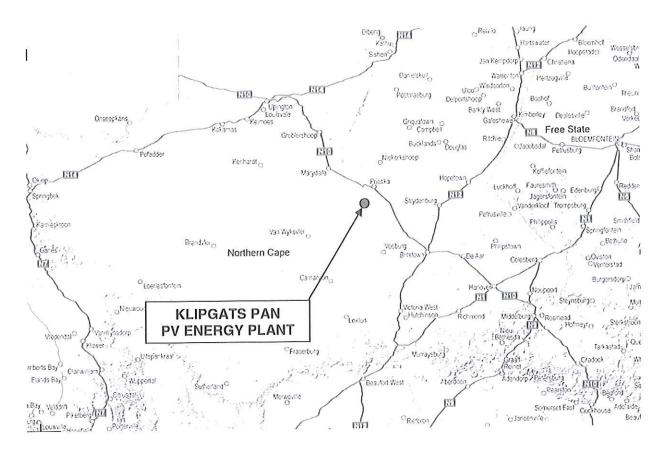
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1 Locality Plan



2 Introduction

SiVEST SA (Pty) Ltd was appointed by Messrs. Aurecon South Africa (Pty) Ltd on behalf of their client the developers, Messrs. Mulilo Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd to carry out a desk top study of the surface hydrology on a proposed site for the purposes of establishing a new Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Plant.

The proposed site is situated on the Farm Klipgats Pan 117 RE in the Northern Cape Province of South Africa, near the town of Copperton. The farm is bound to the east by the farms, Vogelstruisbult, Hoekplaas & Kaffirs Kolk, to the north by the farm Smous Pan, to the west by the farm Uitspan and to the south by the farm Groot Fourie's Kolk.

The farm Vogelstruisbult covers a total area of ±9833.17ha; however, it is the intention of the developer to only utilize ±300ha of the site for the new proposed PV plant.

This report therefore serves to outline the related surface, stormwater issues on the proposed site for the purposes of inclusion in the Environmental Management Assessment (EIA) submission.

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4 Geotechnical Information

A comprehensive geotechnical investigation is currently being completed by Messrs. Mulilo Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd on the proposed site which will form part of the final reference during the detailed design stage of the project.

However, for the purposes of this document, so as to gain a better understanding of the soils, vegetation etc in the area, we have made use of the already completed geotechnical investigation¹ carried out on the adjacent property, by Messrs. Geotechnics Africa Western Cape, in August 2010.

We note that our assumptions therefore, may well change once we have reviewed the site specific, geotechnical investigation report.

In summary; the adjacent Vogelstruisbult farm is typically underlain with the following strata levels;-

0.0m - 0.2m	-	Topsoil (Vegetated layer of Silty fine/medium Sand)
0.2m - 0.5m	-	Weathered Silty Sandy Gravel (Present in Places)
0.5m - 0.6m	-	Sandy Clayey Calcrete Silt (Present in all tests)
0.6m - <	-	Medium/Hard Hardpan Calcrete

Refer Appendix 'A' - Geotechnical Reports dated August 2010

5 Stormwater

5.1 Introduction

Numerous ridges and valley lines are located on the farm with all the valley lines draining in a western direction towards the adjacent Uitspan Pan farm.

From the information provided, the two alternate sites have been proposed for the new PV plant and are located on the eastern side of the farm: referenced as 'Alternatives 1 and 2'.

5.2 Proposed Site Locations

5.2.1 'Alternative 1'

This proposed site is located adjacent to the eastern boundary of the farm, just north of the R357 Provincial Road. The site has both 'minor' ridges and valley lines which divide the site into four separate drainage catchments, It is therefore proposed that each catchment will have a separate drainage system and associated detention pond.

The average, natural slope for this proposed site is ±0.95% or a gradient of ±1:105.07.

¹ GEOTECHNICS AFRICA WESTERN CAPE - Copperton PV Solar Plant Geotechnical Investigation (August 2010)



We note that, the existing drainage lines/valley lines would in all likely hood host a 1:100 Year Flood line and therefore would require further modelling to determine the extent of the inundation area. In addition, from the information and data received, it is evident that flooding along this drainage line has occurred in the past².

5.2.2 'Alternative 2'

This proposed site is located, south of the R357 Provincial Road, south west of the 'Alternative 1' site. The site is bisected by a valley line, separating the site into two equal catchments; each having separate drainage systems and associated detention ponds.

The average, natural slope for this proposed site is $\pm 0.84\%$ or a gradient of $\pm 1:118.7$.

We note that, the existing drainage line would in all likely hood host a 1:100 Year Flood line and therefore would require further modelling to determine the extent of the inundation area. From the information and data received, it is evident that flooding along this drainage line has occurred in the past³.

5.3 Plant Drainage

The 'Draft Scoping Report' under Section 2 - Proposed Activity⁴, makes reference to three different methods in which the proposed PV panels are to be fixed to the ground (Ref. - *Section 2.3.5 b) Mounting Systems*). These difference methods could play a role in how the surface stormwater should be managed.

The three proposed methods and their descriptions are as follows;-

5.3.1 Fixed Axis PV Systems

The PV panel is fixed to a frame and the frame is anchored to a foundation, therefore NO movement of the panel or structure occurs.

5.3.2 Single Axis PV System

The PV panel is fixed to a single axis rotation frame, with the frame anchored to a foundation. The rotation of the frame occurs in a singular direction in which the panel is directed towards the sun to achieve the optimum absorption of the sun's rays.

5.3.3 Dual Axis Tracking System

The PV panel is fixed to a dual axis rotation frame (central pivot structure), with the frame anchored to a typical pile foundation. The rotation of the frame occurs in any direction and therefore the panel can be directed towards the sun to achieve the optimum absorption of the sun's rays.

² GEOTECHNICS AFRICA WESTERN CAPE - Copperton PV Solar Plant Geotechnical Investigation (August 2010)

³ GEOTECHNICS AFRICA WESTERN CAPE - Copperton PV Solar Plant Geotechnical Investigation (August 2010)

AURECON Draft Scoping Report (November 2011) - 'Section 2' Proposed Activity

From the image provided in the Draft Scoping Report⁵ of the prototype PV plant currently in operation in the area, both the Fixed Axis System and the Single Axis System indicates a fairly low structure close to the ground and therefore would include *inter alia* some form of bulk earthworks and the clearing of the existing vegetation in order to construct the terraces.

As a result of the vegetation being cleared, the total volume of stormwater run-off emanating off the cleared area would increase and would therefore require stormwater management in the form of stormwater channels and chutes so as to direct the stormwater flows definitively and to minimize/control erosion.

However, for the Dual Axis System, it appears that the natural vegetation on the site is to remain and that only the large trees/shrubs would be removed. Furthermore, that the PV panels will be mounted on a central pivot structure, above the natural vegetation and therefore no bulk earthworks are required thus replicating the natural 'pre-development' run-off criteria. Due to the fact that no bulk earthworks will be required, we believe that minimal stormwater measures will therefore be required. This could take the form of 'mitre' chutes in order to direct the natural flow if required.

It is noted that the Mean Annual Precipitation (MAP) for the Klipgats Pan Farm is ± 193 mm/year⁶ which further substantiates the minimal need for stormwater management.

5.4 Road Drainage

As limited information has been provided in the Draft Scoping Report ⁷ surrounding road positions and road types, we have assumed that the bulk of the terrace roads and the main access road to the plant will be gravel roads.

To assist with the stormwater run-off, these gravel roads should typically be graded and shaped with a 2% crossfall back into the slope, allowing stormwater to be channelled in a controlled manor towards the sites, natural drainage lines and to assist with any sheet flow on the site.

Where any proposed roads, intersect the natural, defined drainage lines, it is suggested that either suitably sized pipe culverts or drive through causeways are installed / constructed and should take into account the hydrology criteria for a selected major storm as outlined in section 5.6 below.

Refer Appendix 'B' – 'Indicative PV Layout and Proposed Stormwater'
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⁷ AURECON Draft Scoping Report (November 2011)

⁵ AURECON Draft Scoping Report (November 2011) - 'Section 2.3.4 Figure 2.7'

⁶ Design Rainfall and Flood Estimation in South Africa by JC Smithers & RE Schulze



5.5 Minor Storm

The minor storm design period should be used, to determine the size of the earth channels. A return period of 1:5 years is applicable which approximates to an average intensity of 29mm/hour⁸.

5.6 Major Storm

The major storm occurrence i.e. 1:25 year, 1:50 & 1:100 year return should be used to calculate culverts in defined drainage lines and to determine flood levels where necessary. Intensities for each occurrence are as follows; 1:25 year – 45mm/hour, 1:50 year – 52mm/hour and 1:100 year – 60mm/hour⁹ respectively.

Refer Appendix 'C' – 'Design Rainfall and Flood Estimation in South Africa by JC Smithers & RE Schulze'

6 Conclusion

It should be noted that an indicative PV layout has been proposed for the process of identifying any possible constraints associated with the management of stormwater on the site and that once the final layout of the site has been concluded, a re-evaluation of this proposal would be required to ensure alignment with the environmental scoping criteria.



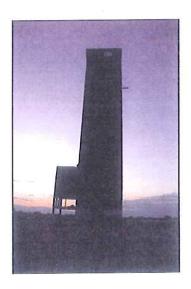
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APPENDIX 'A'

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

In July 2010, Mr Dave Crombie of Arcus Gibb Consulting Engineers requested Geotechnics Africa Western Cape (GAWC), on behalf of Mulilo Renewable Energy and Yingli Green Energy Holding Co. Ltd, to prepare proposals and a cost estimate for a geotechnical investigation to be conducted near the Copperton mine on the farm Vogelstruisbult 104 in the North Western Cape. This quotation was accepted in principle and verbal instruction was received from Mr Crombie to proceed with the fieldwork.

This report presents the findings of the investigation, describes the general soil conditions and geology and makes recommendations in regard to drainage, excavatability of the strata within the top metre of the soil profile, site clearing and a visual assessment of the anticipated properties of the surficial soils in regard to trafficability and the preparation of the site for construction purposes.

2.0 INFORMATION SUPPLIED

Mr Crombie provided a set of Google Earth aerial images of the site showing the position of the proposed solar energy plant. In addition, a photograph without the overlay of the plant was obtained from Google's Digital Globe Tele Atlas, to enable the surface conditions on the site to be assessed.

The site was surveyed by Joubert and Brink Land Surveyors at the same time the geotechnical fieldwork was conducted. The resultant topographical survey data has been plotted at a scale of 1:500 on an unnumbered drawing obtained from Mr Warren Morse of Mulilo Renewable Energy. This drawing is presented in Figure 4.

In addition, GAWC consulted the following published maps:-

- (i) 1: 250 000 Topocadastral Series
- (ii) 1:250 000 Land Type Series

(iii) 1:250 000 Geological Series

All of the above maps are referenced, Sheet 2922 Prieska.

3.0 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The proposed solar energy plant will have an output of 10MW that will be generated by 44000 230W Yingli solar panels covering a total area of approximately 17ha, i.e. 470m x 360m. A photograph of the existing pilot plant at the Alkantpan Village is included on Plate 2.

The panels will be supported on an aluminium frame that will be fixed to 300mm x 300mm pillars on 700mm x 700mm reinforced concrete bases that will be cast on a 100mm thick blinding layer at an average depth of 0,9m; the foundations are designed mainly to cater for wind uplift.

4.0 THE SITE

4.1 Site Location

The area of investigation lies approximately 3km south-east of the Copperton mine and occupies an open piece of veld that extends north of the Vanwyksvlei road, west of the road to the Alkantpan Lodge and village, and east and south of the two access roads to the mine, see Figures 2 and 3.

4.2 Site Description

4.2.1 Topography

The site has a very gentle fall of approximately 4m from south to north at an average gradient of about 1:120 (maximum 1:60 and minimum 1:160).

The highest point on the site is on the south-west corner, which is close to the survey beacon located diagonally opposite the entrance gate on the Vanwyksvlei road.

4.2.2 Drainage

There are a number of very poorly defined drainage lines to the north of the site; these are barely discernible on the ground, but can be traced on the aerial photograph, see Figure 3.

It is understood that flooding of the mine during flash floods necessitated stormwater control measures to be implemented; these took the form of soil berms placed across the drainage lines to the north of the site, see Figure 2.

4.2.3 Power Lines

There are two power lines that pass the south-west corner of the site. A vehicle track approximately follows these lines to the mine and its northern and southern access roads.

4.2.4 Railway Line

The discontinued railway line that runs parallel to, and south of the Vanwyksvlei road, passes through a cutting approximately along the entire width of the site, see Plate 11. It attains a maximum depth of about 3m in the vicinity of the survey beacon, see Plate 2.

4.2.5 Old Borrow Pits

There are a number of shallow borrow pits along the southern perimeter of the site, Plates 2 to 4. These surface scrapings, which provided a source of calcrete gravel, presumably for the construction of the Vanwyksvlei road, are delineated on the aerial photograph in Figure 3.

4.2.6 Animal Burrows and Termite Mounds

Animal burrows inhabited mainly by nocturnal mammals, e.g. aardvark, jackal and porcupine, are scattered across the site. These occur in areas of relatively easy excavation or where solutional hollows in the hardpan calcrete surface have afforded these animals access to the underlying less calcretised material, see Plates 9 and 10.

5.0 FIELD INVESTIGATION

Mr Mike Meyer of the Request Trust supervised the manual excavation of six test pits aided by a Cango-hammer. The approximate positions of the pits are shown on the attached aerial photograph in Figure 3.

Photographs of the site and relevant surface features are presented on Plates 1 to 17 in Appendix A.

The descriptions of the soil profiles have been based on standard terminology recommended by Jennings *et al* (Ref 1). In order to obtain a permanent visual record of the soil profiles, the strata encountered and their detailed descriptions are depicted on photographs presented on Plates 18 to 23 in Appendix B.

Indicator samples have been taken of the dominant soil horizons; however, these will only be tested if required for the design and construction phase of the development.

6.0 GEOLOGY

6.1 General

The geology of the region comprises gneissic rocks, and highly metamorphosed sedimentary and volcanic rocks, which include amphibolite of

the Copperton Formation; all of these rocks fall within the Central Zone of the Namaqua Metamorphic Province.

Economic copper mineralization gave rise to the establishment of the Copperton mine on the farm Vogelstruisbult. This copper-zinc sulphide ore body sustained extraction by the Prieska Copper Mines Ltd in 1967. The reserves dwindled, which brought mining that lasted for almost 30 years, to an end.

The geology exposed in the railway cutting to the south of the site is highly variable, ranging from strongly deformed granitoid and foliated amphibolite gneisses with several intrusions of younger dyke material, see Plates 12 to 14.

Preserved in depressions, scoured into the much older Namaqua Province bedrock surface, are highly to completely weathered remnants of Dwyka tillite, which is a glacial deposit. The photos on Plates 15 to 17 show the unstructured nature of the tillite, with clasts (fragments of rock contained in the fine grained rock mass) of various shapes, sizes and origins, that were ripped up and abraded by ice sheets that once traversed the continent. More weather-resistant crystalline veinlets of secondary minerals can be seen projecting from the eroded face of the embankment formed in the tillite deposit, see Plate 16.

A thin veneer of reddish wind-blown Kalahari sand and calcrete of Tertiary age obscures the highly deformed rocks of the Namaqua Metamorphic Province.

6.2 Strata Encountered

The following generalised soil profile has been compiled from the detailed descriptions of the six test pit exposures presented on Plates 18 to 23 in Appendix B; these should be read in conjunction with the summary of strata encountered presented in the attached table.

Transported Horizon:

A less than 0,2m thick red-brown predominantly <u>loose</u> intact silty to slightly silty fine and medium SAND with abundant to scattered calcrete nodules and gravel.

Concretionary Calcrete:

This 0,2m to 0,45m thick pedogenic horizon was intersected in TP3 to TP6 and comprises abundant fine, medium and coarse sub-rounded to rounded GRAVEL of mixed origin and calcrete NODULES in a little pale brown to pale reddish-brown loose to medium dense intact silty SAND matrix. A layer of larger concretions and calcrete boulders is considered to represent a weathered partially broken down hardpan calcrete horizon.

Powder Calcrete:

This off-white to pale grey-white stiff to very stiff intact to thinly striated sandy clayey calcrete SILT to calcareous sandy SILT with some calcrete nodules and concretions, underlies the concretionary calcrete horizon in TP3 to TP6. Excavation was stopped in this stratum at depths ranging from 0,6m to 1,0m below ground level.

Hardpan Calcrete:

This stratum could only be excavated with the aid of a Cango-hammer; it comprises a cream-coloured to off-white medium hard rock to hard rock HARDPAN CALCRETE, which contains occasional thin silcrete layers and lenses; it may also be closely to medium fractured, however, this was only encountered in isolated areas.

7.0 Groundwater

The up to 3m deep railway cutting on the south side of the site confirms that the water table is not present at a shallow depth.

8.0 EVAULATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Site Clearing and Grading

Since there is hardly an organic layer at the surface, site clearing would only entail the removal of the vegetation. However, the surface horizon would have to be scarified to remove all the scrub roots where necessary.

Levelling of the surface will be required where the solar panel modules will extend over the shallow borrow pits along the Vanwyksvlei road. Material may not have to be imported to fill these depressions if the surface can be graded to soften the side slopes to acceptable gradients.

Special attention should be paid to the detection of animal burrows before commencing with any site clearing operations. These cavities would have to be treated and appropriately backfilled where they coincide with the foundations. They would have to be properly exposed and backfilled with engineered fill or mass concrete to eliminate the risk of subsidence of the foundations.

8.2 Excavation

The thin veneer of transported sand, the concretionary calcrete and powder calcrete horizons can be readily excavated by hand. The honeycomb and hardpan ferricrete strata will require pneumatic tools to facilitate and expedite manual excavation.

A standard tractor-mounted loader-backactor (TLB) should be capable of excavating into the very soft rock and soft rock hardpan calcrete. However, a

heavy track-mounted excavator, equipped with a ripper bucket would have to be used to dig into the medium hard rock to hard rock hardpan calcrete. Provision should be made for the use of pneumatic tools, including a Montebert, to expedite excavation in the medium hard rock and hard rock calcrete horizons.

The sides of temporary excavations should stand vertically without any support under dry conditions; however, collapse of their sides may result when disturbed or subjected to erosion during heavy rains and/or flash floods. If appropriate drainage precautions are taken, shuttering of the foundation and services excavations will not be necessary.

8.3 Groundwater and Drainage

The depressions along the southern boundary would have to be graded to prevent ponding of run-off. Water is unlikely to drain away due to the practically impervious hardpan calcrete horizon exposed in these depressions.

The fact that the railway cutting is dry and unaffected by groundwater confirms that the permanent water table is deeper than 3m and will therefore not affect development of the site.

Conditions are favourable for the development of a shallow perched water table; however, the arid climate environment makes this highly unlikely.

8.4 Foundations

In view of the very light loads of the solar modules, all the strata observed in the test pits and nearby cuttings will be suitable to support their foundations. However, special care should be taken to ensure that the foundations are not underlain by relic termite chambers or animal burrows. The foundation excavations should therefore be probed in an attempt to detect any cavities; where encountered, they should be exposed and backfilled, either with engineered fill or mass concrete.

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8.5 Aggressive Ground Conditions

Close inspection of ferrous-based metal objects that have been lying on the

surface and remained in contact with the soil for a considerable time show

very little signs of corrosion.

The waste rock from the mine, on the other hand, is high sulphides, which

even in small quantities impart deleterious properties under certain conditions.

In the presence of oxygen and water, the sulphide minerals oxidise to ferrous

sulphate, which generates sulphuric acid.

It is therefore important that tests be conducted and the advice of a specialist

in this field be sought, i.e. if the dump rock will be considered as a source of

hard aggregate. The assumption of the dump rock's corrosive tendencies is

supported by corroded pieces of iron found in the railway ballast in the

cutting, see Plate 11.

9.0 REFERENCE

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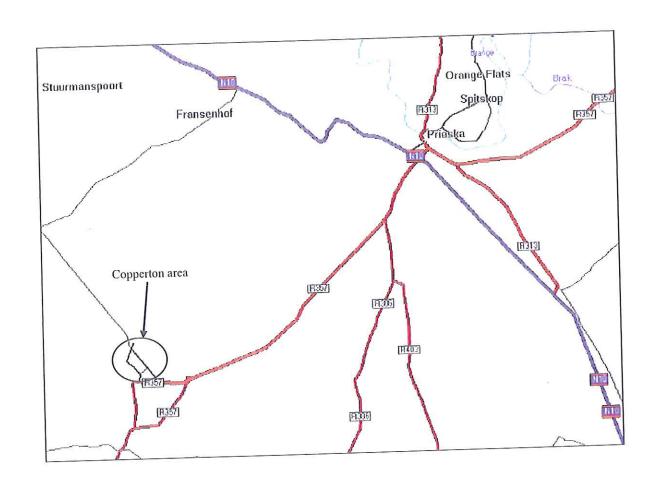
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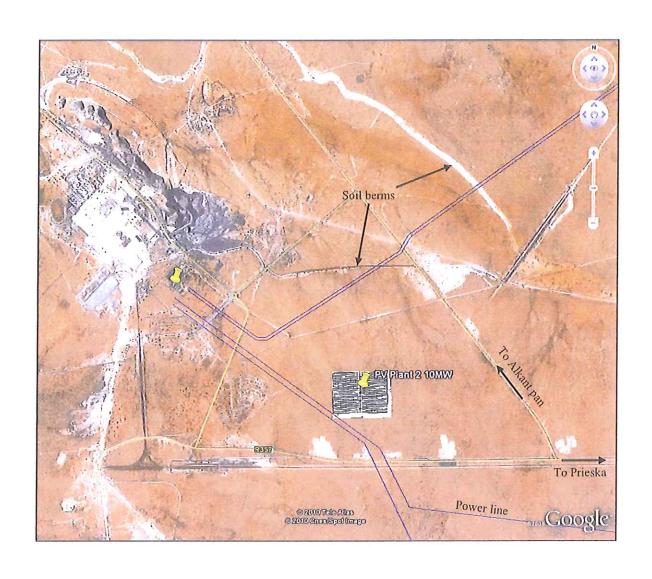
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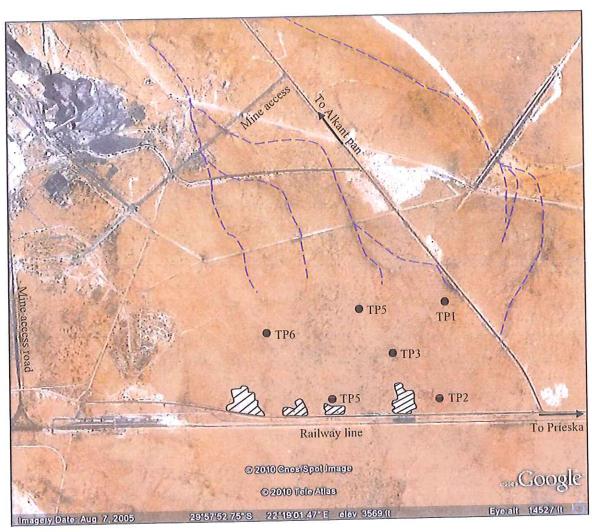
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		CONCRETIONARY CALCRETE	î	T	0,05/0,1-0,5 (0,4/0,45) Small, medium and large calcrete BOULDERS in a pale brown medium dense to dense intact calcareous silty fine and medium SAND matrix.	0,1-0,3 (0,2) Abundant fine, medium and coarse calcrete BOULDERS and some gravel and coarse calcrete concretions in a pale brown, medium dense intact slightly calcareous silty SAND matrix.	0,1-0,3 (0,2) Abundant fine medium and coarse subrounded to rounded GRAVEL and calcrete NODULES and CONCRETIONS in a little pale reddish-brown loose to medium dense intact silty SAND matrix.	0,05-0,3 (0,25) Abundant small and medium calcrete BOULDERS, CONCRETIONS and NODULES with some gravel in a pale
	TRANSPORTED		0,0-0,2 (0,2) Abundant sub-rounded to rounded GRAVEL of mixed origin in red-brown loose to medium dense intact slightly silty fine and medium SAND.	0,0-0,1 (0,1) Red-brown loose to medium dense intact silty fine and medium SAND with some calcrete concretions and subangular to rounded gravel of mixed origin.	0,0-0,05/0,1 (0,05/0,1) Reddish-brown medium dense intact silty fine and medium SAND with some fine and medium sub-rounded to rounded gravel and calcrete nodules.	0,0-0,1 (0,1) Red-brown loose intact slightly silty fine and medium SAND with scattered gravel and occasional calcrete nodules.	0,0-0,1 (0,1) Red-brown loose intact fine and medium SAND with occasional fine calcrete nodules and traces of gravel.	0,0-0,05 (0,05) Reddish-brown loose intact silty fine and medium SAND with a little calcrete nodules
	TEST	S.	TP1	TP2	TP3	TP4	TP5	TP6



VOGELSTRUISBULT, COPPERTON SOLAR PLANT SITE LOCATION PLAN J623/VB FIGURE 1



VOGELSTRUISBULT, COPPERTON SOLAR PLANT PROPOSED 10MW PV PLANT 2 J623/VB FIGURE 2



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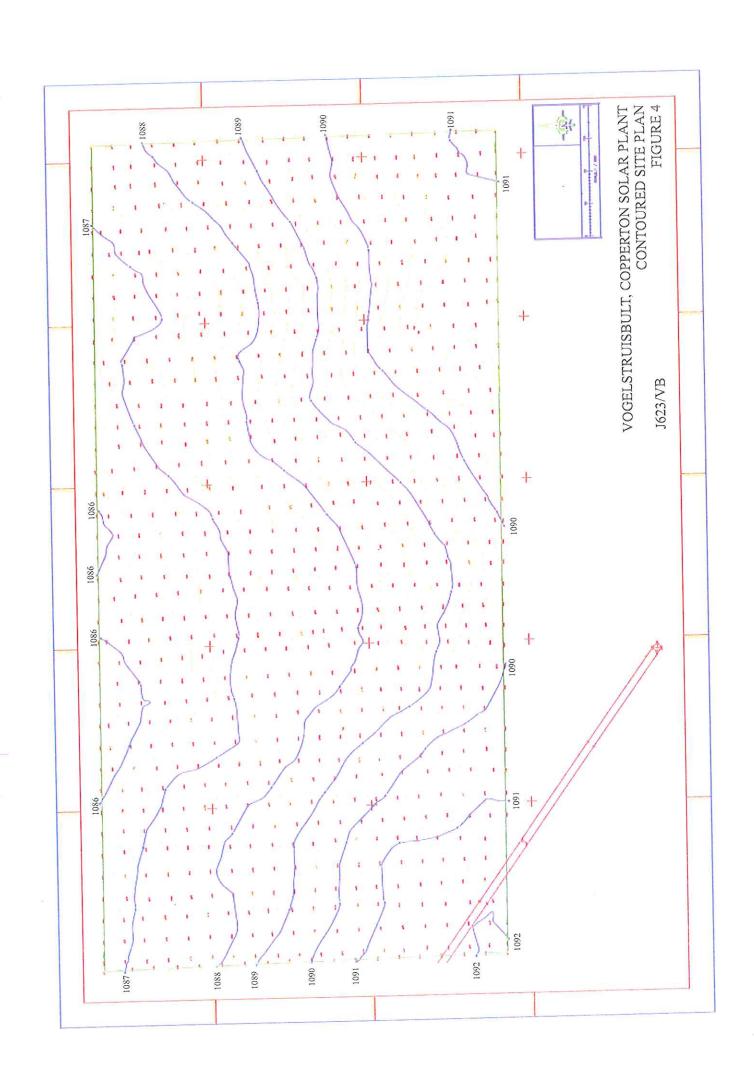
■ TP5 Approximate test pit positions



Shallow calcrete borrow pits

— — Drainage lines

VOGELSTRUISBULT, COPPERTON SOLAR PLANT AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH J623/VB FIGURE 3



APPENDIX A

PLATES 1 to 17
PHOTOS OF SITE FEATURES



Pilot PV solar plant similar to the one to be erected on the site.



Foundations and aluminium frame supporting solar panel modules.





Above borrow pit viewed from the north.



Trig beacon on opposite (south) side of Vanwyksvlei Road; tailings dam in background.



Shallow borrow pit next to Vanwyksvlei Road on the south-west corner of the site.



Power lines passing the south-west corner of the site.

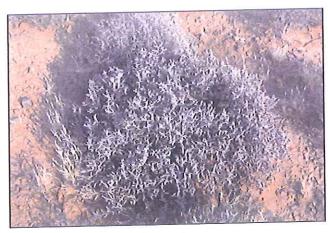


Hardpan calcrete exposed in the shallow borrow pit, where layers of concretionary calcrete and gravel of mixed origins have been scraped from the surface, presumably for road construction purposes.



Relic amphibolitic bedrock pieces cemented in hardpan calcrete horizon exposed in shallow borrow pit.

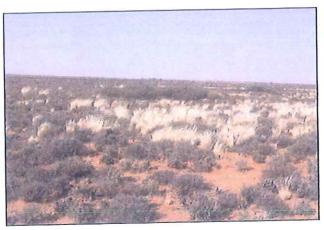




Typical vegetation comprising a variety of karroid scrub.



Stand of taller more dense karroid scrub in area of thicker sand cover, possibly relic of ancient termite mound, also referred to as a hillock.

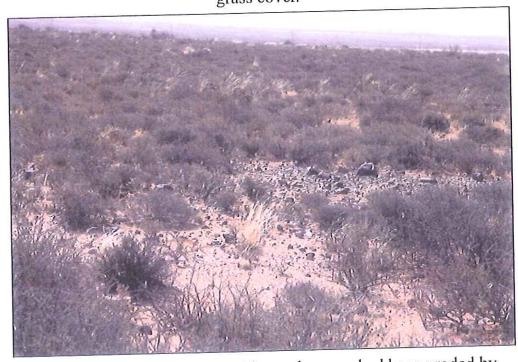




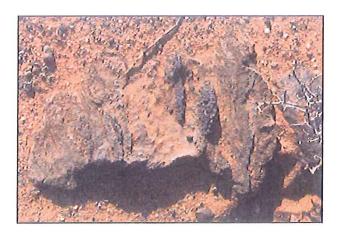
Patch of tufted grass amongst the scrub surrounding test pit, TP2.



Typical windblown sand cover supporting more dense scrub and grass cover.



Barren gravel patches where thin sand veneer had been eroded by wind.







Small dolomite boulders (transported) containing thin random layers and lenses of less soluble fine grained chert giving it a crinkled appearance, hence the term "elephant skin" weathering. These carbonate rocks may have contributed to the accumulation of pedogenic calcrete.



Calcrete concretions and calcrete coated gravel of mixed origin cemented to honeycomb calcrete.



Transition of honeycomb calcrete to hardpan calcrete.



Partially coalesced concretionary calcrete.



Calcrete-cemented gravel forming thick hardpan horizon.



Animal burrows formed in transported sand and gravel horizon.

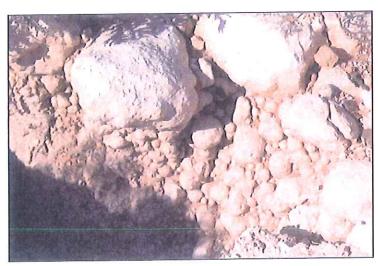


Animal burrow extending beneath hardpan calcrete capping layer.

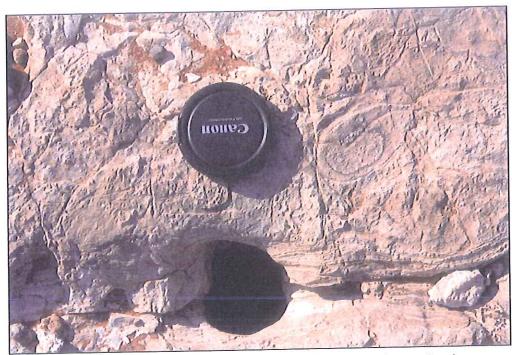




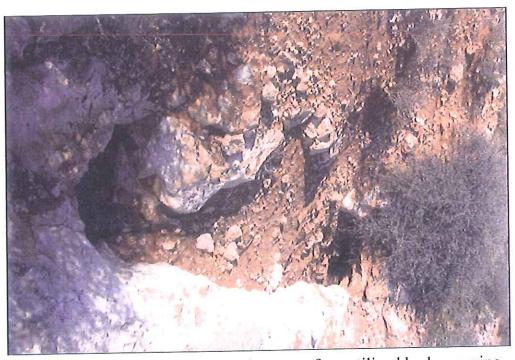
Animal burrow formed in concretionary calcrete horizon.



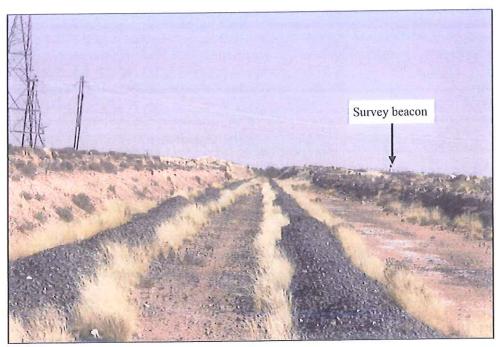
Close-up of concretionary calcrete horizon.



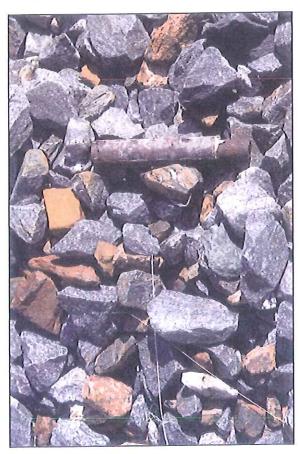
Opening to solutional hollow beneath hardpan calcrete horizon.



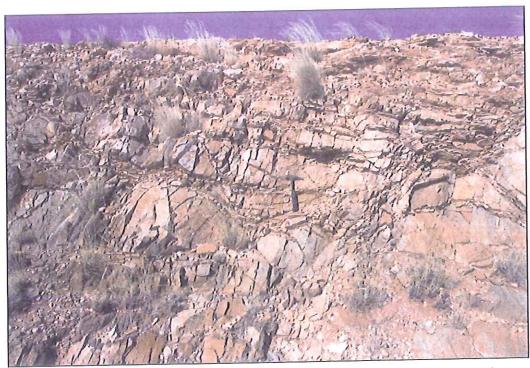
Solutional hollows in hardpan calcrete surface utilized by burrowing animals to access 'softer' horizon beneath the hardpan layer.



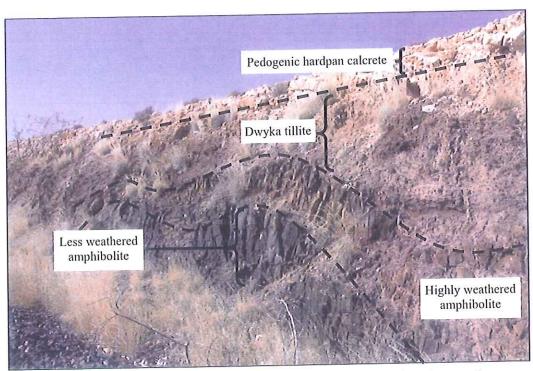
Disused railway cutting running parallel to Vanwyksvlei Road.



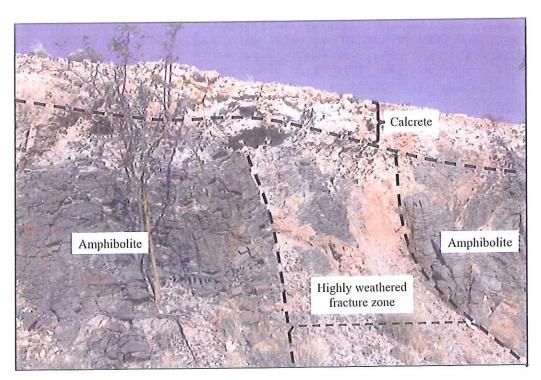
Dumo rock, used as railway ballast; rich in sulphides, hence corrosion of metal objects that have been exposed to this material for some time.

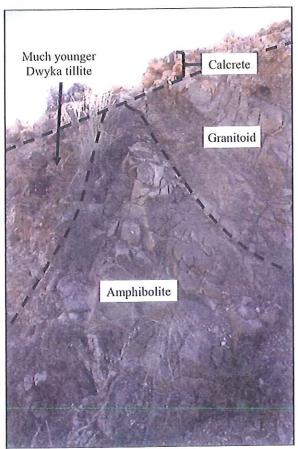


Highly fractured granitoid gneiss exposed in railway cutting near trig beacon.

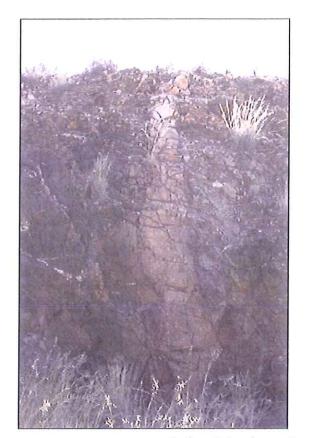


Typical profile showing weathering of bedrock and variation in much younger Dwyka tillite deposit covered by pedogenic calcrete capping layer.



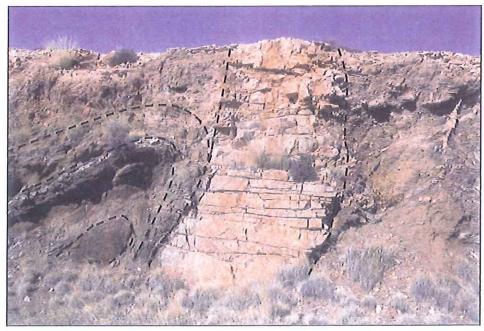


Differential weathering of different rock types.

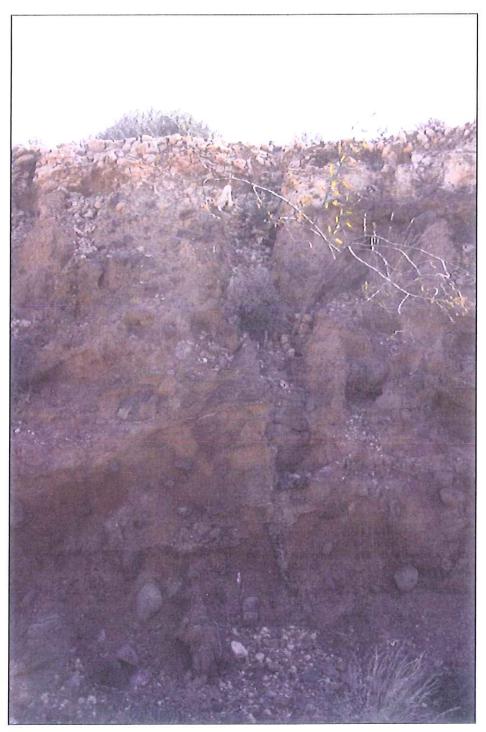




Paler dyke intrusive into amphibolite.



Drag fold on left hand side of intrusive dyke.



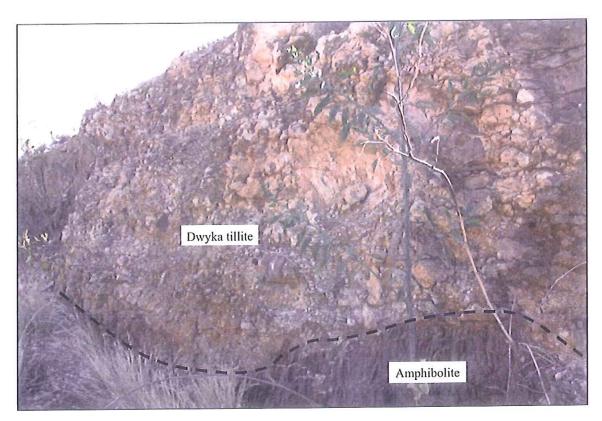
Completely weathered much younger Dwyka tillite with poorly sorted angular to sub-rounded clasts of various origins.

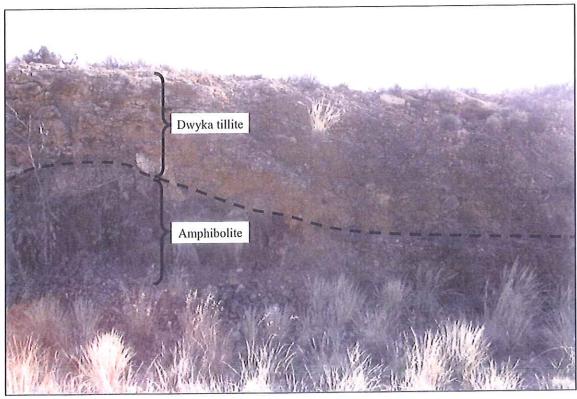






Close-ups of crystalline veinlets in completely weathered Dwyka tillite shown on Plate 15.

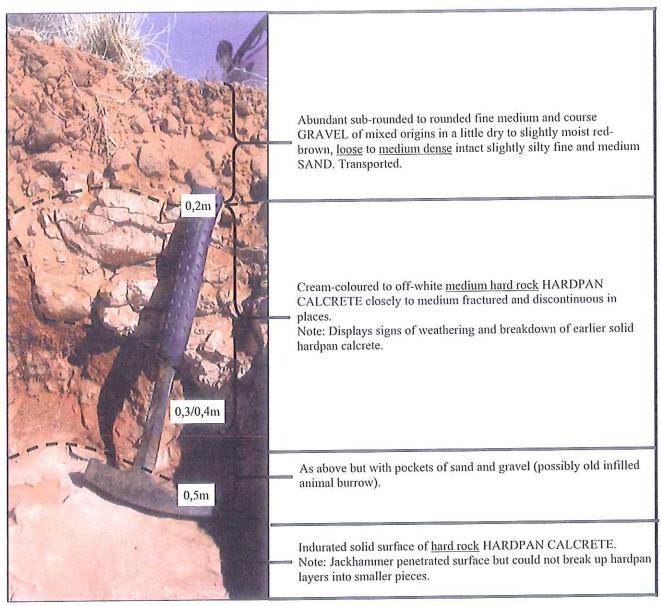




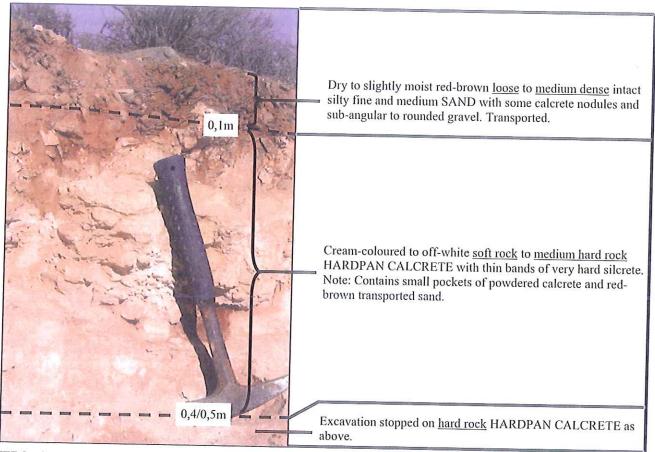
Calcretised completely weathered Dwyka tillite over amphibolite gneiss.

APPENDIX B

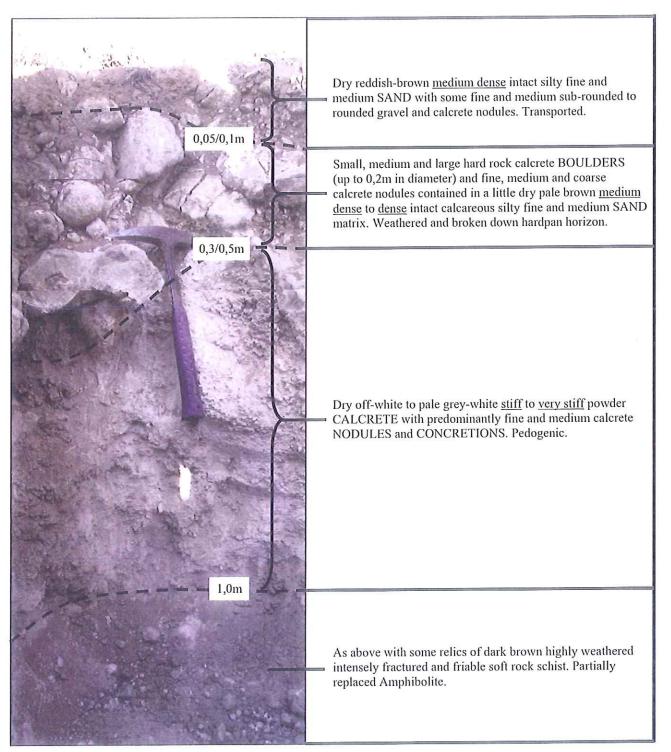
PLATES 18 to 23 PHOTOS OF TEST PIT EXPOSURES DEPICTING SOIL PROFILES



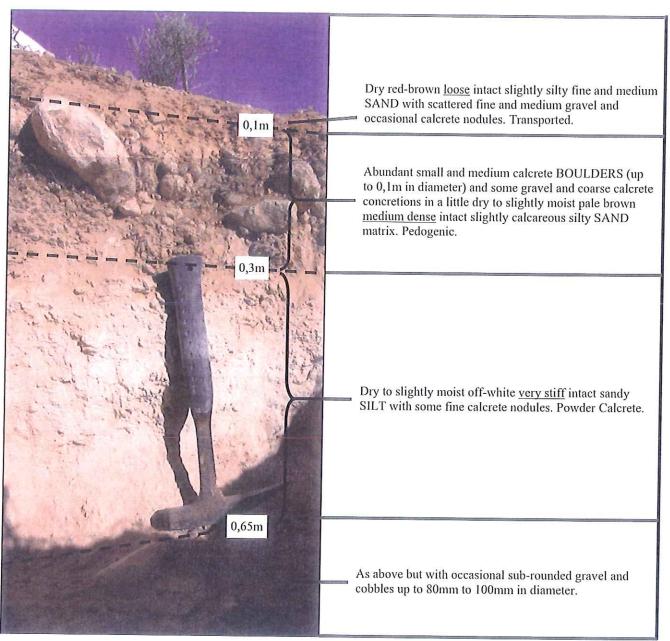
TP1: Strata encountered in 0,5m deep test pit.



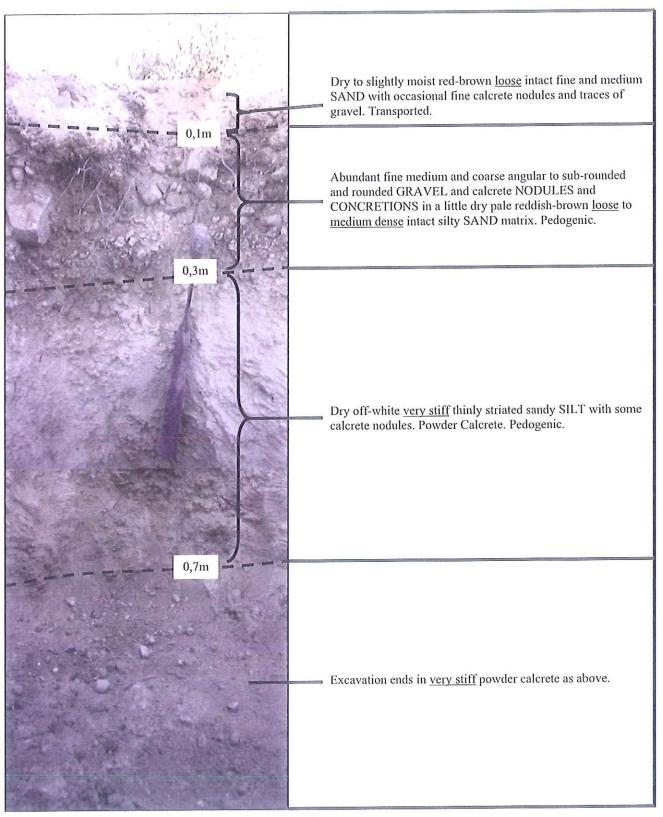
TP2: Strata encountered in 0,4/0,5m deep test pit.



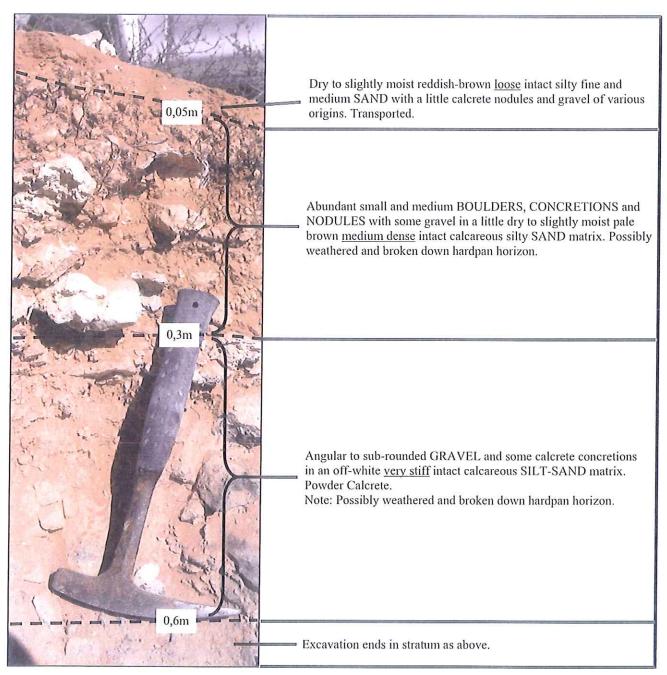
TP3: Strata encountered in 1,0m deep test pit.



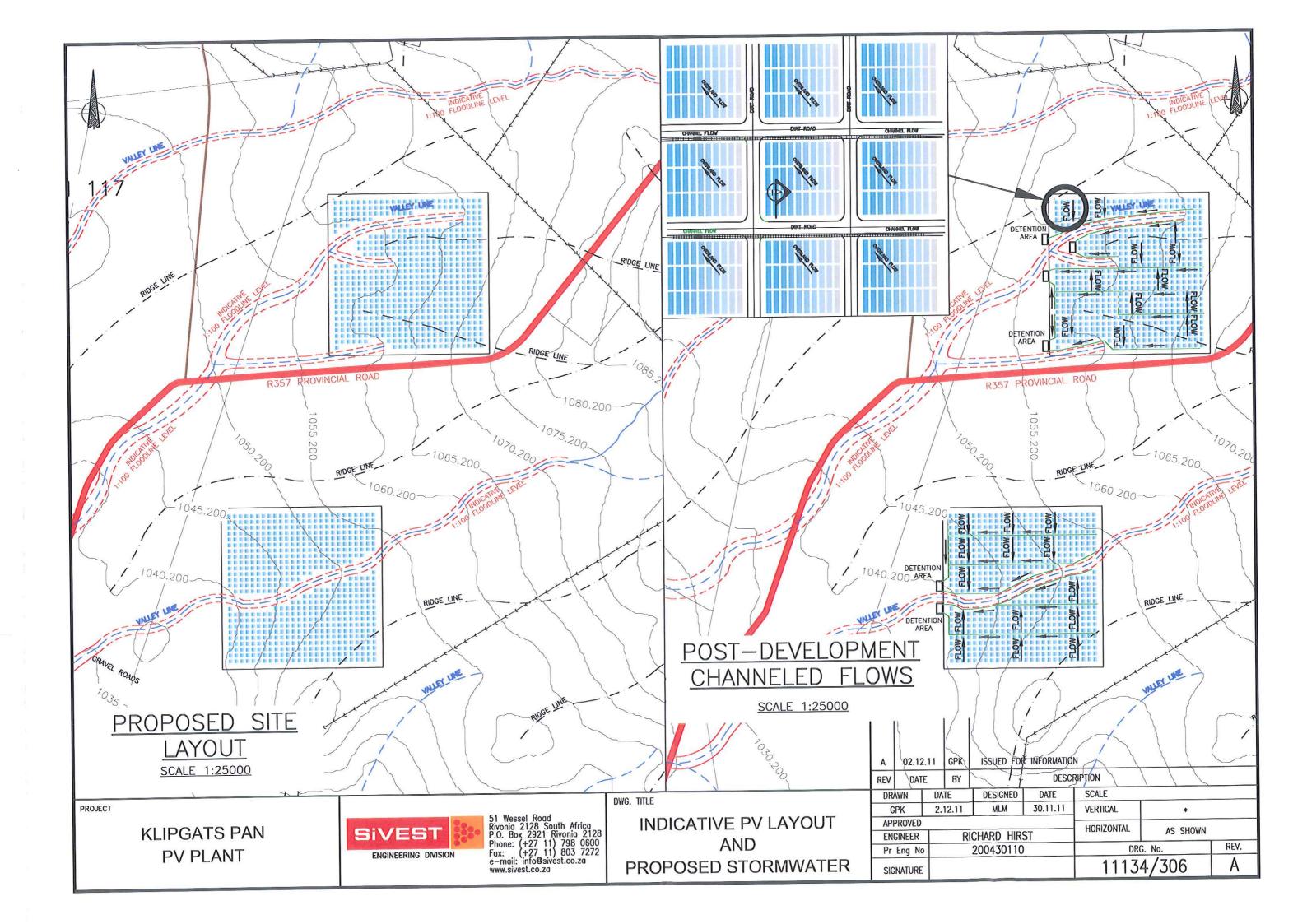
TP4: Strata encountered in 0,65m deep test pit.

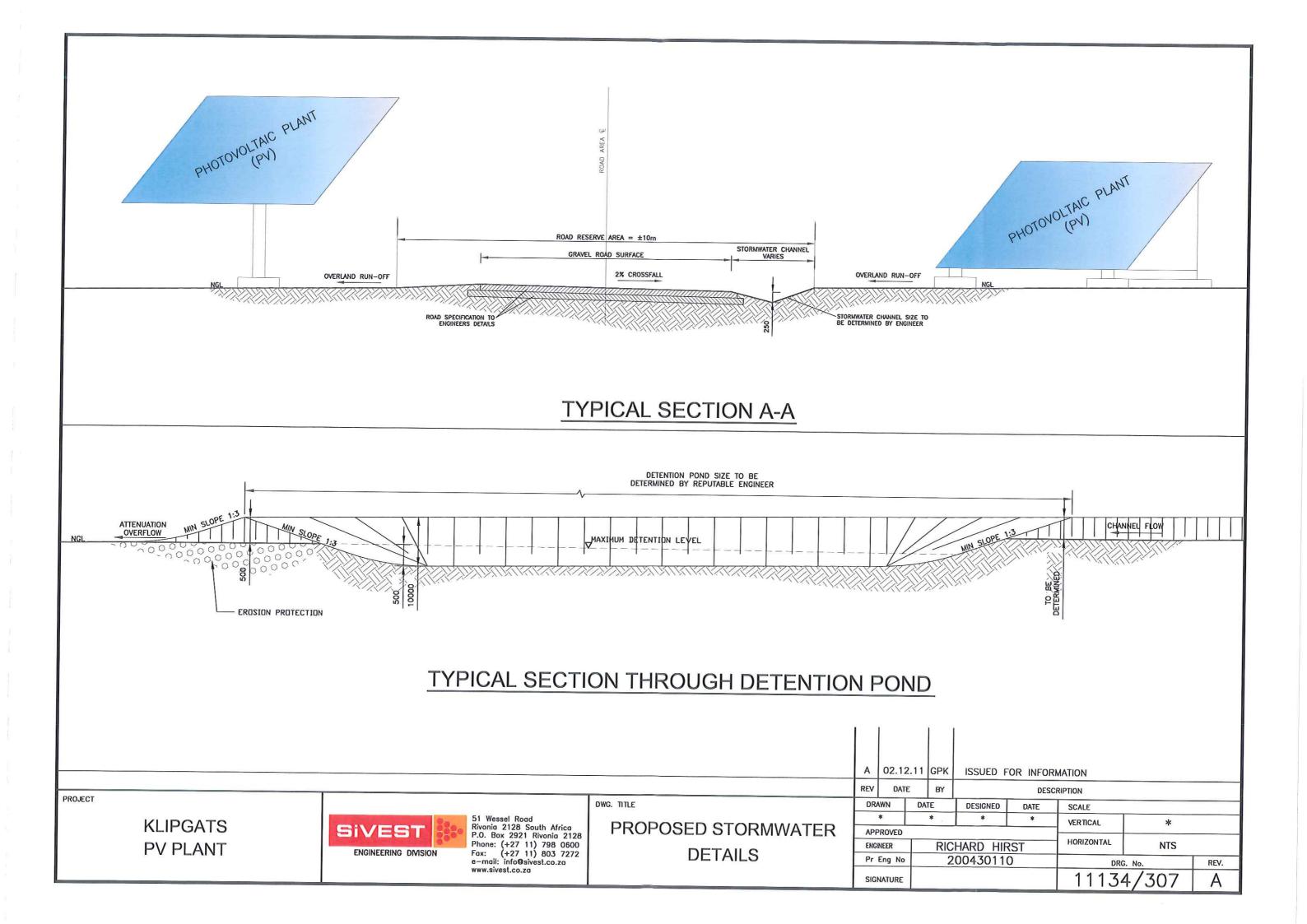


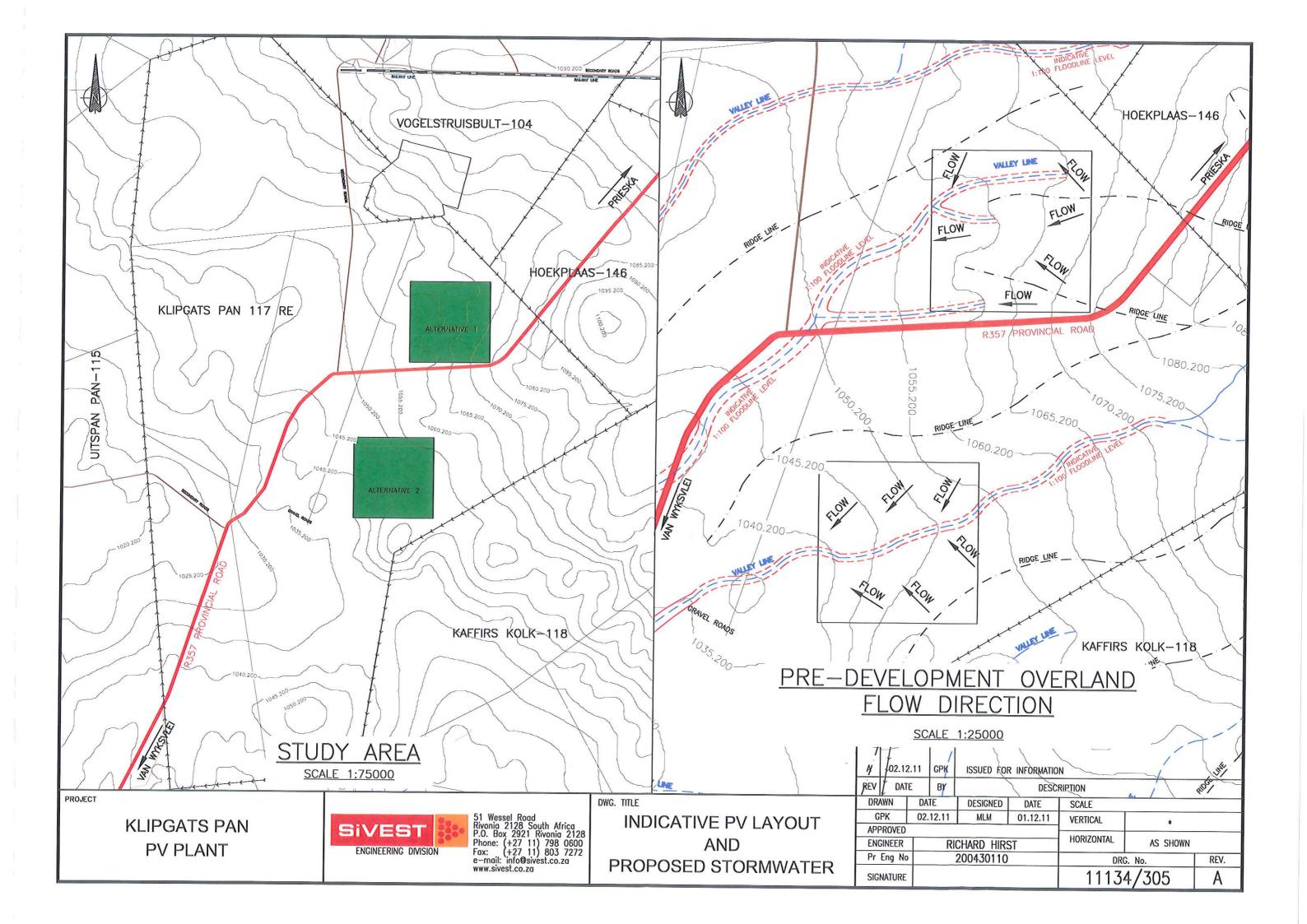
TP5: Strata encountered in 0,7m deep test pit.



TP6: Strata encountered in 0,6m deep test pit.







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