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

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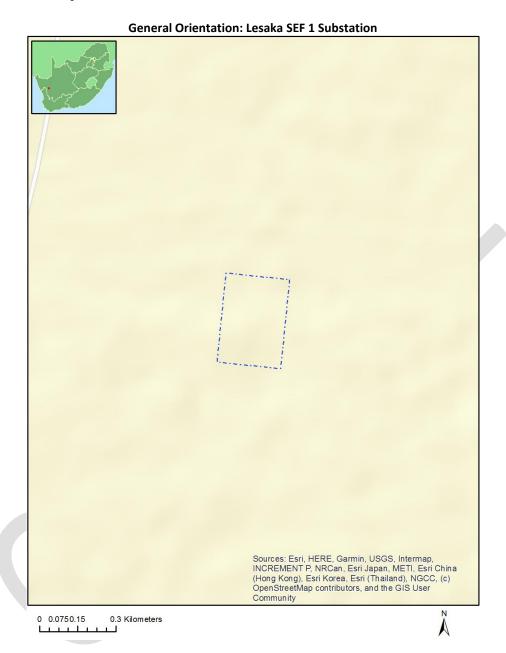
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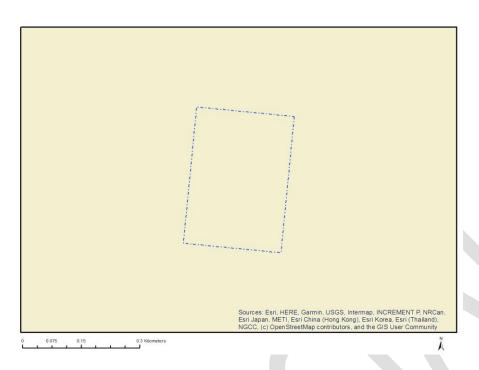
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# **Proposed Project Location**

# Orientation map 1: General location



# 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	KLUITJES KRAAL	264	0	30°38'14.11S	19°26'32.83E	Farm
2	KLUITJES KRAAL	264	0	30°38'0.91S	19°28'12.3E	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	EIA Reference No	Classification	Status of	Distance from proposed
			application	area (km)
1	14/12/16/3/3/2/690	Wind	Approved	4.9
2	12/12/20/2321/3/1A	Wind	Approved	23.6
3	12/12/20/2321/3/2A	Wind	Approved	15.2
4	14/12/16/3/3/2/986	Wind	Approved	22.1
5	14/12/16/3/3/2/1009	Wind	Approved	26.8
6	12/12/20/2321/3/AM4	Wind	Approved	15.2

<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.

7	14/12/16/3/3/2/985	Wind	Approved	11.1
8	14/12/16/3/3/2/986/AM2	Wind	Approved	22.1
9	14/12/16/3/3/2/985/1/AM5	Wind	Approved	11.1
10	12/12/20/2321/3/AM3	Wind	Approved	15.2
11	14/12/16/3/3/2/985/AM1	Wind	Approved	11.1
12	12/12/20/2321/1	Wind	Approved	15.2
13	14/12/16/3/3/2/986/AM6	Wind	Approved	22.1
14	14/12/16/3/3/2/985/AM2	Wind	Approved	11.1

### Environmental Management Frameworks relevant to the application

No intersections with EMF areas found.

# 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 | Distribution and Transmission | Substation**.

#### 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.

Incentive, restriction or prohibition	Implication
Strategic Transmission Corridor-Western corridor	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Combined_EGI.pdf

#### 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	High	Medium	Low
	sensitivity	sensitivity	sensitivity	sensitivity
Agriculture Theme				Х
Animal Species Theme			Х	
Aquatic Biodiversity Theme	Х			
Archaeological and Cultural				Х
Heritage Theme				
Civil Aviation Theme				Х
Defence Theme				Х
Paleontology Theme				Х
Plant Species Theme			X	

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Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme	X		

# Specialist assessments identified

Based on the selected classification, and the known impacts associated with the proposed development, 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.

No	Specialist	Assessment Protocol
	assessment	
1	Agricultural Impact	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
	Assessment	ssmentProtocols/Gazetted General Agriculture Assessment Pro
		tocols.pdf
2	Archaeological and	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
	Cultural Heritage Impact	ssmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment P
	Assessment	rotocols.pdf
3	Palaeontology Impact	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
	Assessment	ssmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment P
		rotocols.pdf
4	Terrestrial Biodiversity	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
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		Protocols.pdf
5	Aquatic Biodiversity	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
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6	Geotechnical Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
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7	Plant Species Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
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8	Animal Species	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
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# 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.

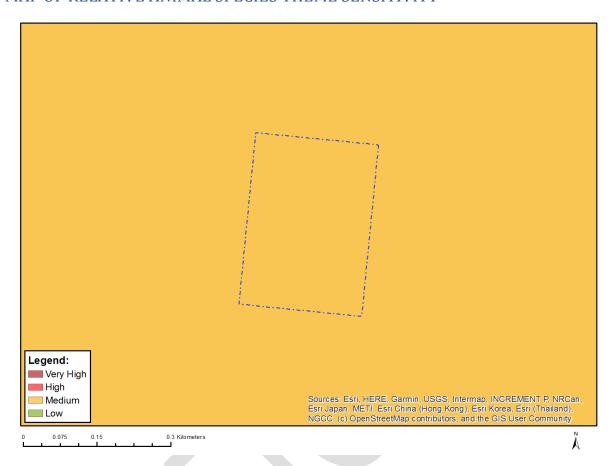
#### MAP OF RELATIVE AGRICULTURE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Χ

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Land capability;01. Very low/02. Very low/03. Low-Very low/04. Low-Very low/05. Low

#### MAP OF RELATIVE ANIMAL SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY



Where only a sensitive plant unique number or sensitive animal unique number is provided in the screening report and an assessment is required, the environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) or specialist is required to email SANBI at <a href="mailto:eiadatarequests@sanbi.org.za">eiadatarequests@sanbi.org.za</a> listing all sensitive species with their unique identifiers for which information is required. The name has been withheld as the species may be prone to illegal harvesting and must be protected. SANBI will release the actual species name after the details of the EAP or specialist have been documented.

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		Х	

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Medium	Aves-Neotis ludwigii
Medium	Aves-Sagittarius serpentarius
Medium	Aves-Calendulauda burra

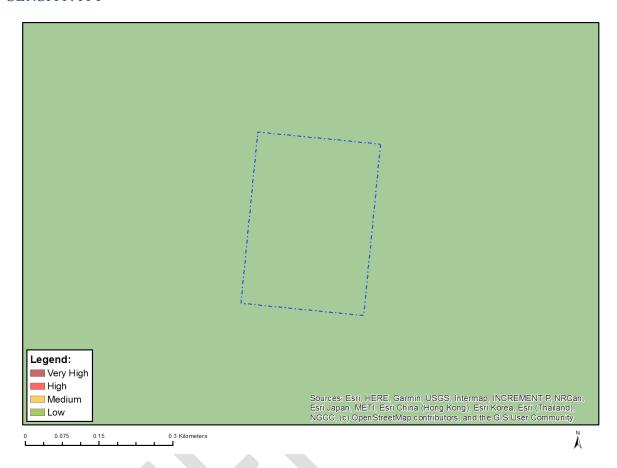
# MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Very High	FEPA Subcatchment

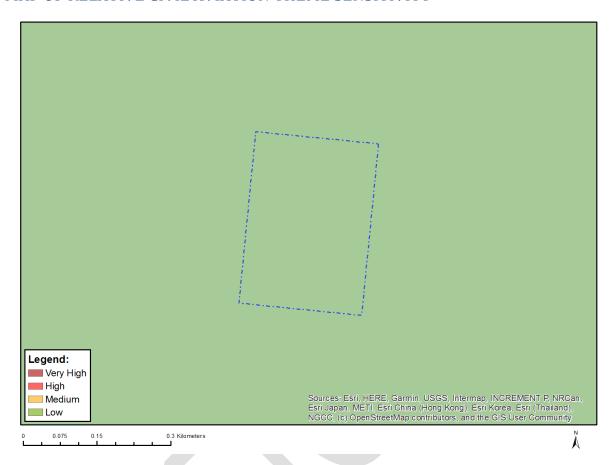
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low sensitivity	

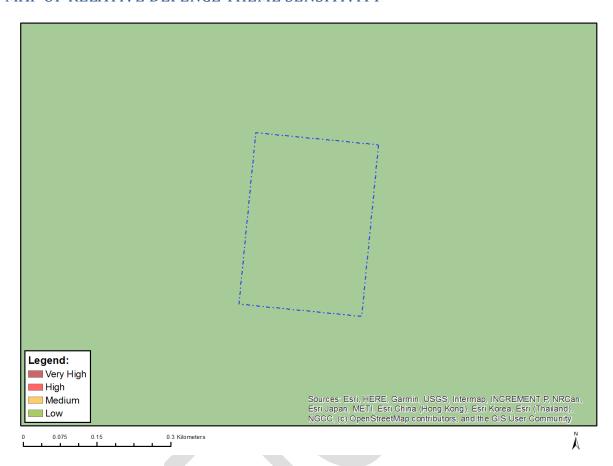
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
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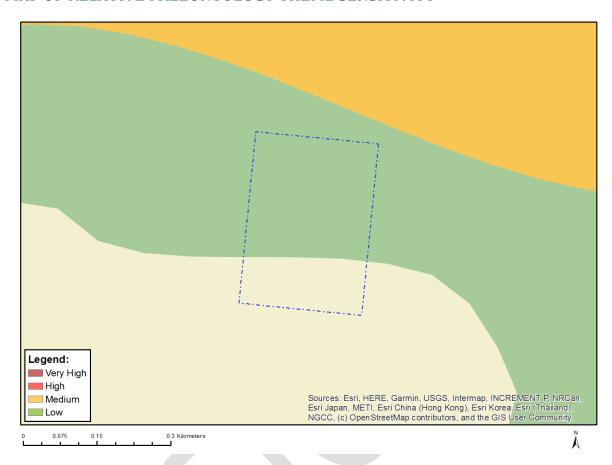
# MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE THEME SENSITIVITY



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

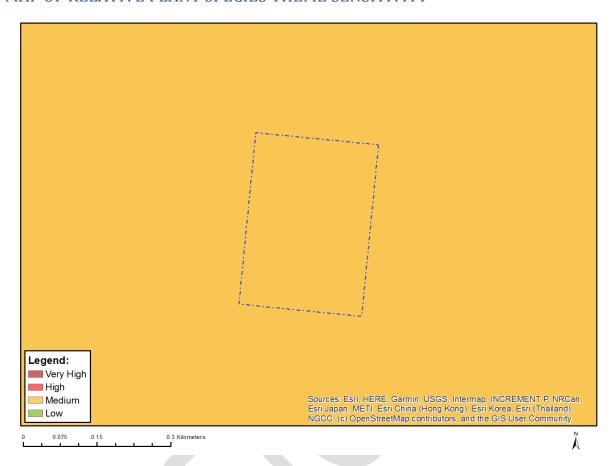
# MAP OF RELATIVE PALEONTOLOGY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Χ

Sensitivity Feature(s)	
Low	Features with a Low paleontological sensitivity

#### MAP OF RELATIVE PLANT SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY

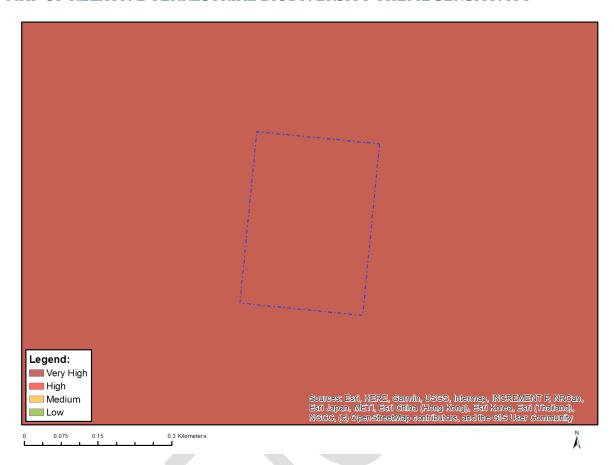


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		Х	

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity
Medium	Sensitive species 144

# MAP OF RELATIVE TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Very High	CBA 2	
Very High	FEPA Subcatchment	