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

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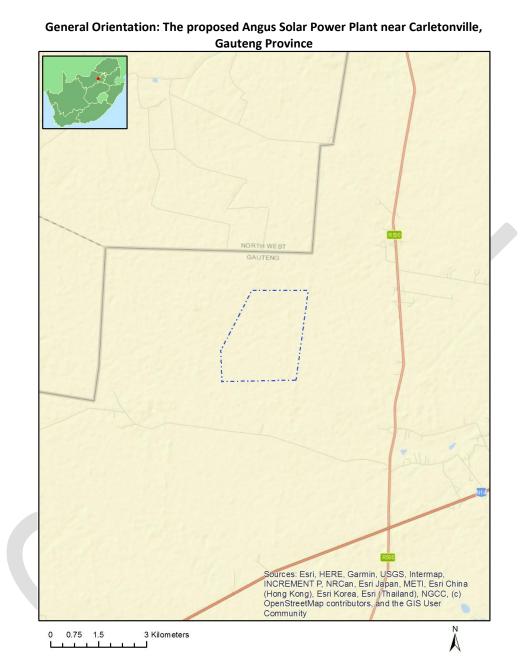
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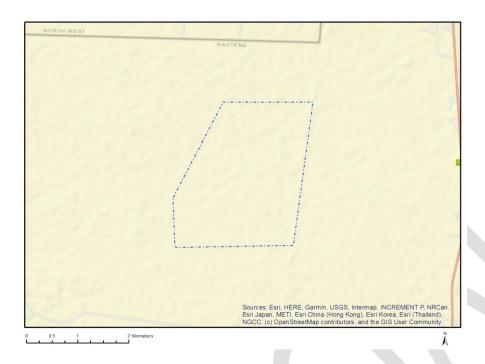
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Proposed Project Location

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	LEEUWPAN	697	0	26°8'18.18S	27°23'17.69E	Farm
2	LEEUWPAN	697	0	26°8'24.35S	27°23'26.61E	Farm
3	LEEUWPAN	697	0	26°8'18.18S	27°23'17.69E	Farm Portion

Development footprint¹ 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 application	Distance from proposed area (km)
1	12/12/20/2330	Solar PV	Approved	16
2	14/12/16/3/3/2/919	Solar PV	Approved	28.3
3	12/12/20/2539	Solar PV	Approved	29.8

¹ "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 Management Frameworks relevant to the application



Environmental	LINK
Management	
Framework	
Gauteng EMF	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/EMF/GPEMF
	2021 Gazette and summary.pdf

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.

Incentive, restriction or prohibition	Implication
Strategic Transmission	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Developmen
Corridor-Central corridor	

	tZones/Combined_EGI.pdf
Strategic Gas Pipeline Corridors-Phase 3:	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Combined GAS.pdf
Richards Bay to Gauteng	tzones/ combined_dro.pdr

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		X		
Animal Species Theme		Х		
Aquatic Biodiversity Theme	Х			
Archaeological and Cultural				X
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 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 Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_WindAndSolar_Agriculture_Assessme nt_Protocols.pdf
2	Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
3	Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
4	Palaeontology Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
5	Terrestrial Biodiversity	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse

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	Impact Assessment	ssmentProtocols/Gazetted Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment
		<u>Protocols.pdf</u>
6	Aquatic Biodiversity	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
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		<u>otocols.pdf</u>
7	Civil Aviation Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
		ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_Civil_Aviation_Installations_Assessme
		nt Protocols.pdf
8	Defense Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
		ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_Defence_Installations_Assessment_Pr
		<u>otocols.pdf</u>
9	RFI Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
		ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_P
		<u>rotocols.pdf</u>
10		https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
		ssmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment P
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11	Socio-Economic	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
	Assessment	ssmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment P
		<u>rotocols.pdf</u>
12	Plant Species Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
		ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_Plant_Species_Assessment_Protocols.
		<u>pdf</u>
13	13 Animal Species Assessment	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

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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Land capability;09. Moderate-High/10. Moderate-High
High	Annual Crop Cultivation / Planted Pastures Rotation; Land capability; 09. Moderate-High/10. Moderate-
	High
High	Annual Crop Cultivation / Planted Pastures Rotation; Land capability; 06. Low-Moderate/07. Low-
	Moderate/08. Moderate
High	Old Fields; Land capability; 09. Moderate-High/10. Moderate-High
High	Old Fields; Land capability; 06. Low-Moderate/07. Low-Moderate/08. Moderate
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
	X		

Sensitivity	Feature(s)		
High	Aves-Circus ranivorus		
Low	Subject to confirmation		
Medium	Aves-Tyto capensis		
Medium	Aves-Circus ranivorus		
Medium	Aves-Eupodotis senegalensis		
Medium	Mammalia-Crocidura maquassiensis		
Medium	Mammalia-Dasymys robertsii		
Medium	Mammalia-Hydrictis maculicollis		

MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low sensitivity
Very High	Wetlands_Dry Highveld Grassland Bioregion (Depression)
Very High	Wetlands_Dry Highveld Grassland Bioregion (Seep)

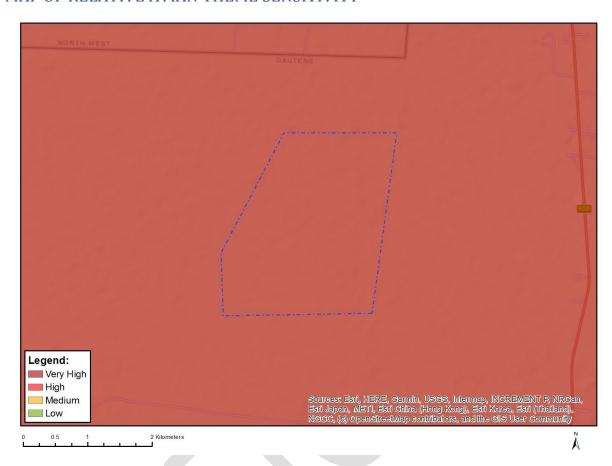
MAP OF RELATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Χ

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low sensitivity	

MAP OF RELATIVE AVIAN THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	within 20 km of known Cape Vulturerestuarants sites
Very High	within 50 km of Colonies

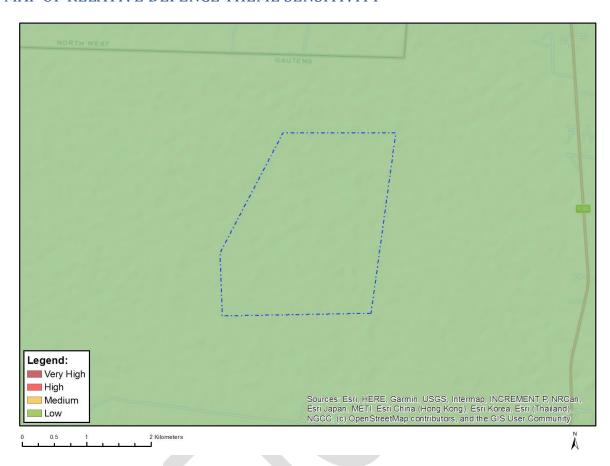
MAP OF RELATIVE CIVIL AVIATION (SOLAR PV) THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Χ

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	No major or other types of civil aviation aerodromes	

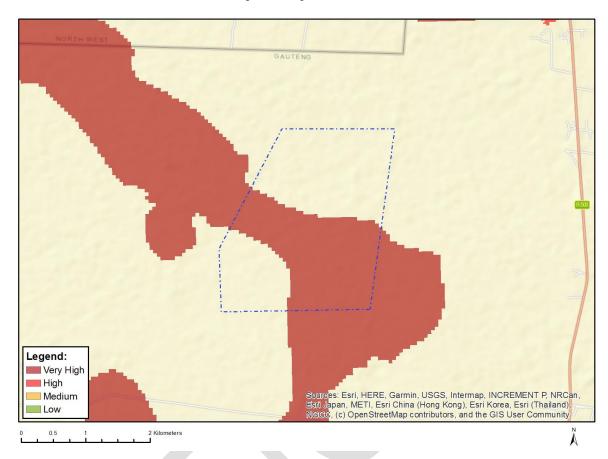
MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Χ

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low sensitivity	

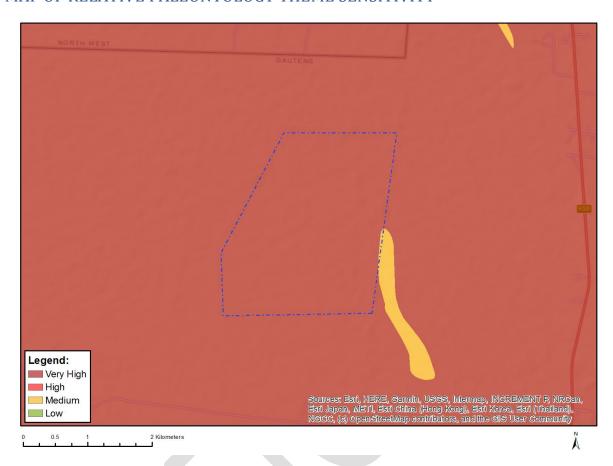
MAP OF RELATIVE LANDSCAPE (SOLAR) THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

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

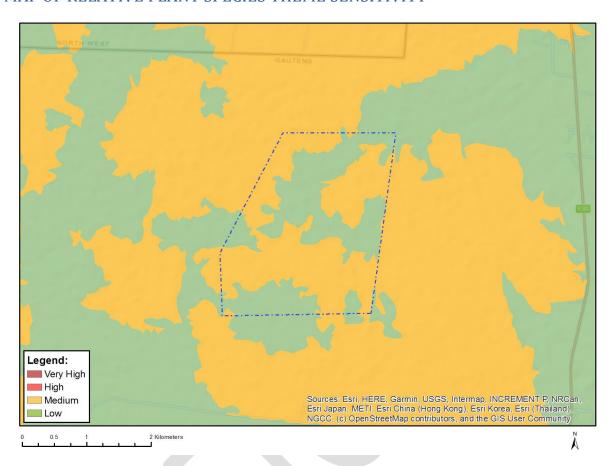
MAP OF RELATIVE PALEONTOLOGY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

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

MAP OF RELATIVE PLANT SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY

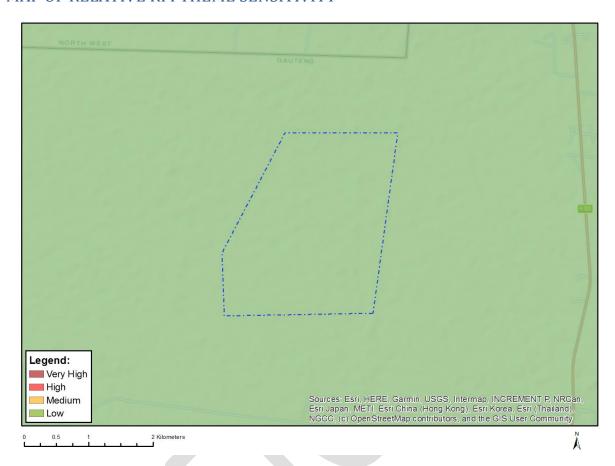


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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		Х	

Sensitivity Feature(s)	
Low	Low Sensitivity
Medium	Sensitive species 1147
Medium	Sensitive species 1248

MAP OF RELATIVE RFI THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Χ

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low sensitivity	

MAP OF RELATIVE TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Feature(s)	
Low sensitivity	
Critical biodiveristy area 2	
Ecological support area	
gh Protected Areas Expansion Strategy	