

HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

In terms of Section 38(8) of the NHRA for the

Proposed development of Ilanga 1 100MW Solar PV Facility and associated infrastructure on a site near Upington in the Northern Cape Province.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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then no longer available for scientific research or other public good. Once constructed however, the operational and decommissioning phases of the solar facilities will not involve potential further adverse impacts on palaeontological heritage.

No significant archaeological or palaeontological resources were identified during this HIA. Therefore, no further mitigation is required, and from a heritage point of view, there is no objection to the proposed development in this area.

There is no objection to the proposed development on heritage grounds and the following is recommended:

- No mitigation is required prior to construction operations commencing.
- During the construction phase all deeper (> 1 m) excavations into sedimentary bedrock should be monitored for fossil remains by the responsible Environmental Control Officer (ECO). Should substantial fossil remains such as vertebrate bones and teeth, petrified wood, plant-rich fossil lenses or dense fossil burrow assemblages be exposed during construction, the responsible ECO should safeguard these, preferably in situ, and alert the South African Heritage Resources Authority (SAHRA) so that appropriate action can be taken by a professional palaeontologist,
- Should any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources be found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted.
- If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. A professional archaeologist must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. A Phase 2 rescue excavation operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA.
- The above recommendations must be included in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for the project



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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background Information on Project

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The project is being developed with an installed capacity of 150MWp (DC) and will produce 100 MW AC of electricity. The two main components of the project are the solar field consisting of solar panels and building infrastructure. The other component of the project is the associated infrastructure.

- Solar Field
 - ±250 ha free field single axis tracker or fixed tilt PV – 150 MW DC
 - Solar module mounting structures comprised of galvanised steel and aluminium
 - Below ground electrical cables connect the PV arrays to the inverter stations, O&M building and collector substations
 - Inverter and mini subs

- Collector Substation
 - ±1ha 11/22/33 kV to 132 kV collector substation to receive, convert and step electricity from the PV facility to the 132 kV grid supply. The substation facility will house the control rooms and grid control yards for both Eskom and the IPP Project Company. A 32m telecommunications tower (lattice or monopole type) will be established in the substation area.

- O&M Area
 - O&M buildings
 - ±1 ha O&M laydown area located near or adjacent to the substation
 - ±0,01 solar measuring station
 - Parking, reception area, offices ablution facilities for operational staff, security and visitors
 - Workshops, storage areas for materials and spare parts



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- Water storage tanks or lined ponds (approx. 160 kl/day during the first 3-6 months of construction, approx. 90kl/day for the rest of the construction period; approx. 20kl/day during the operations phase)
- Septic tanks and sewer lines to service ablution facilities
- Central waste collection and storage area

- Access Road
 - ±15 km long, ± 8m wide tarred access road from from the N10
 - Alternative gravel access road from the N10

- Internal Service Roads
 - ±10km of ±4 m wide gravel internal service roads within the plant boundary

- Other infrastructure
 - Perimeter fencing and internal security fencing and gates as needed.
 - Stormwater channels
 - ±10 km long of small diameter water supply pipeline

1.2 Description of Property and Affected Environment

The existing Karoshoek Solar Farm was completed towards the end of 2018 and lies to the north and north east of the proposed areas surveyed for the new solar installations. It covers an area of roughly 4.147 km² and holds a large array of curved mirrors that heat up piped water which in turn is fed into a steam turbine system to generate electricity. This has advantages over conventional solar farms which can only generate electricity during daylight hours as the heat from the piped water continues to generate electricity through the course of the night. Two large previously authorised sites abut the current facility on their southern end as well as the main powerline connecting this facility to the national grid. This power line runs due west of the facility and along the northern boundary of the study site.

The area chosen for the proposed solar facilities is nearly entirely level and flat apart from a low dune cordon in the far southwestern end of the development area. Quartzite dominated higher ground lies to the north and is situated between the areas surveyed and the N10 highway running between Upington and Groblershoop. This will provide much of the visual cover for the new facilities from the northern end.

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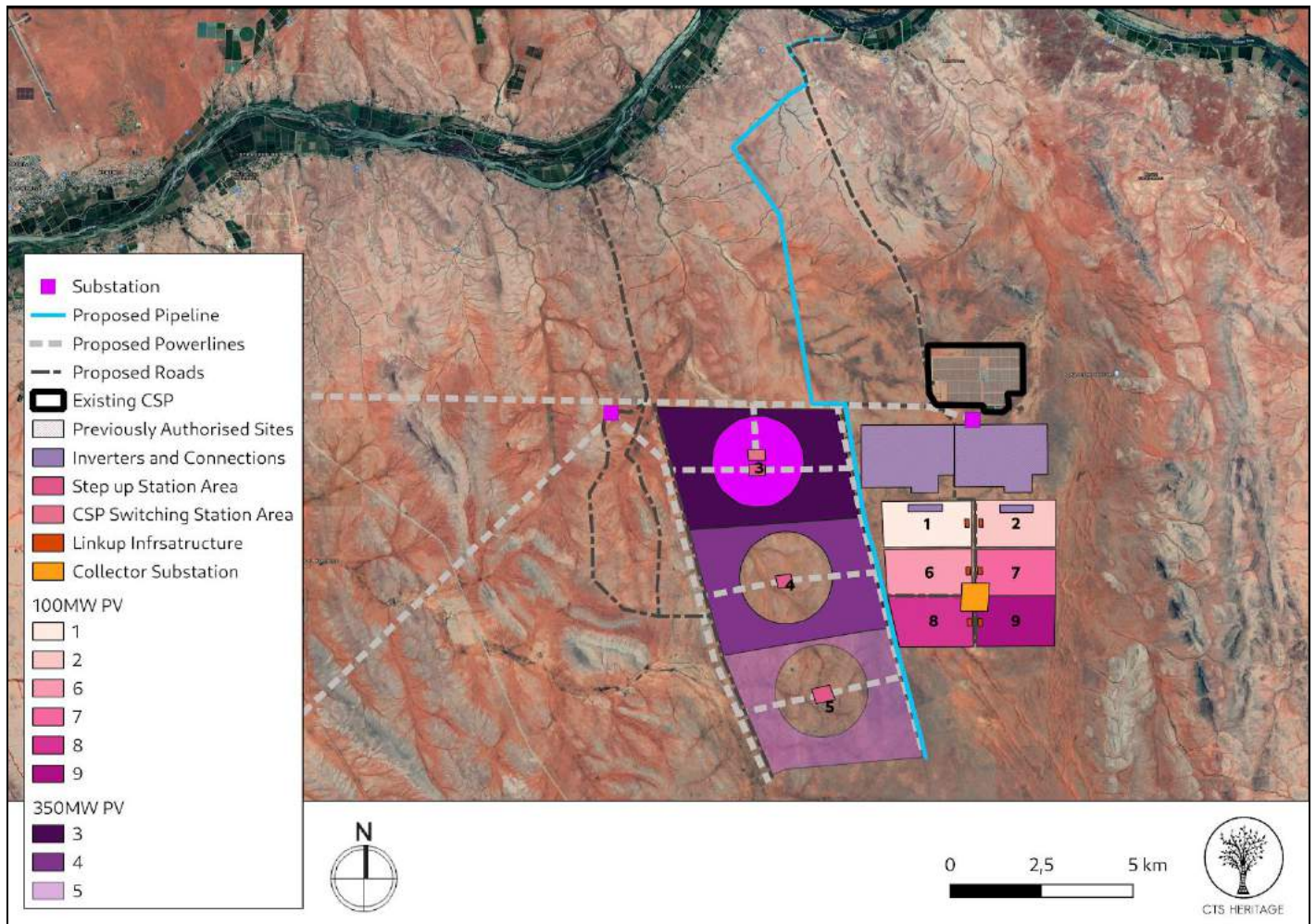
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The vegetation is predominantly Bushmanland Arid Grassland vegetation in the Nama-Karoo biome (Mucina & Rutherford 2006) which consists of Karoo scrub and grass and a few isolated Acacia karoo trees. Red Kalahari aeolian sands cover most of the site and there are many areas where the calcrete beneath the Kalahari sands is exposed. Dolerite sills, exposed quartz veins and quartzitic bedrock outcrops in low (40cm high) formations occur sporadically across the study site.

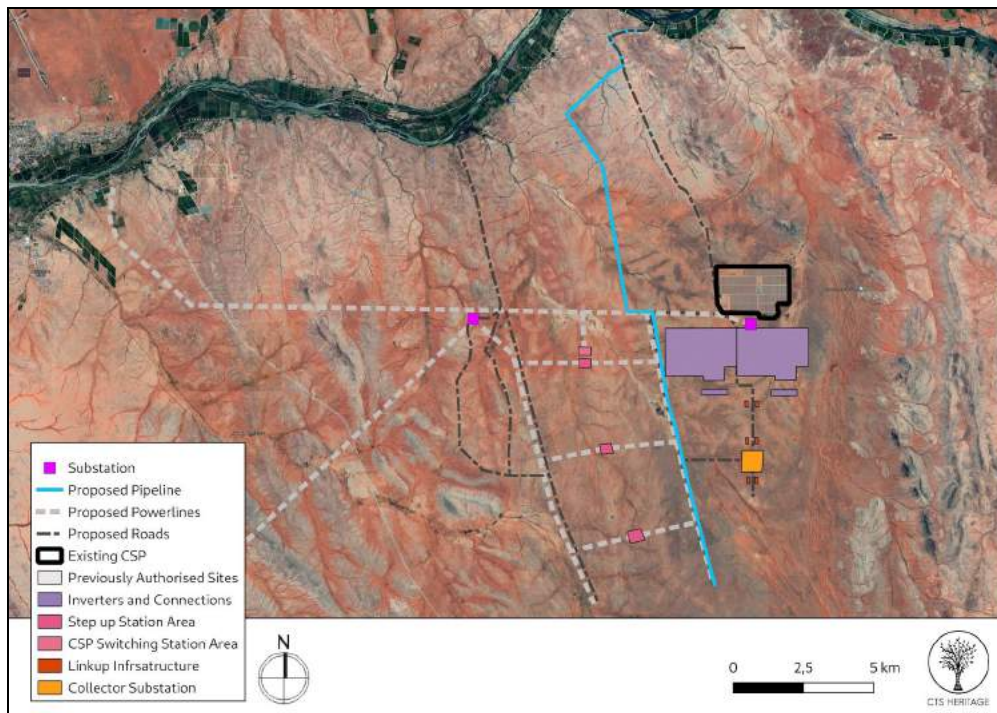
Only one shallow natural pan was encountered in the study area. A cattle kraal has been built here and a few other cattle kraals are dotted around the farms selected for the solar facilities. No running streams were found but a few dry stream beds crisscross the study site.



Map 1a: The proposed development area including all proposed PV Facilities as part of the Ilanga PV Project



Map 1b: The proposed development area for Ilanga 1 100MW Solar PV Facility



Map 1c: The proposed infrastructure associated with the Ilanga 1 100MW Solar PV Facility



2. METHODOLOGY

2.1 Purpose of HIA

The purpose of this Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is to satisfy the requirements of section 38(8), and therefore section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999).

2.2 Summary of steps followed

- A Desktop Study was conducted of relevant reports previously written (please see the reference list for the age and nature of the reports used)
- An archaeologist conducted an assessment of archaeological resources likely to be disturbed by the proposed development. The archaeologist conducted his site visit from 21 to 25 October 2019.
- A palaeontological desktop assessment was conducted in 2015 that covers the proposed development area. The results of this assessment were incorporated into this HIA.
- The identified resources were assessed to evaluate their heritage significance
- Alternatives and mitigation options were discussed with the Environmental Assessment Practitioner

2.3 Assumptions and uncertainties

- The *significance* of the sites and artefacts is determined by means of their historical, social, aesthetic, technological and scientific value in relation to their uniqueness, condition of preservation and research potential. It must be kept in mind that the various aspects are not mutually exclusive, and that the evaluation of any site is done with reference to any number of these.
- It should be noted that archaeological and palaeontological deposits often occur below ground level. Should artefacts or skeletal material be revealed at the site during construction, such activities should be halted, and it would be required that the heritage consultants are notified for an investigation and evaluation of the find(s) to take place.

However, despite this, sufficient time and expertise was allocated to provide an accurate assessment of the heritage sensitivity of the area.

2.4 Constraints & Limitations

The final layout for the proposed facilities had not been provided until the morning of the first day of the survey. As a result, the full desktop screening assessment of areas already surveyed could not be completed and this had



to be done on site by the archaeologist. This was particularly relevant to the footprints chosen for the pipeline and new access routes. However, the area was covered thoroughly during the survey on foot and in a vehicle where possible. The ground is particularly easy to survey given the low vegetation cover and flat terrain and the number of observations made was high as a result.

The experience of the heritage practitioner, and observations made during the study, allow us to predict with some accuracy the archaeological sensitivity of the receiving environment.

2.5 Savannah Impact Assessment Methodology

Direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of the issues identified through the Scoping study, as well as all other issues identified in the EIA phase were assessed in terms of the following criteria:

- The nature, which shall include a description of what causes the effect, what will be affected and how it will be affected.
- The extent, wherein it will be indicated whether the impact will be local (limited to the immediate area or site of development) or regional, and a value between 1 and 5 will be assigned as appropriate (with 1 being low and 5 being high).
- The duration, wherein it will be indicated whether:
 - The lifetime of the impact will be of a very short duration (0 – 1 years) – assigned a score of 1.
 - The lifetime of the impact will be of a short duration (2 – 5 years) – assigned a score of 2.
 - Medium-term (5 – 15 years) – assigned a score of 3.
 - Long term (> 15 years) – assigned a score of 4.
 - Permanent – assigned a score of 5.
- The consequences (magnitude), quantified on a scale from 0 – 10, where 0 is small and will have no effect on the environment, 2 is minor and will not result in an impact on processes, 4 is low and will cause a slight impact on processes, 6 is moderate and will result in processes continuing but in a modified way, 8 is high (processes are altered to the extent that they temporarily cease), and 10 is very high and results in complete destruction of patterns and permanent cessation of processes.
- The probability of occurrence, which shall describe the likelihood of the impact actually occurring. Probability will be estimated on a scale of 1 – 5, where 1 is very improbable (probably will not happen), 2 is improbable (some possibility, but low likelihood), 3 is probable (distinct possibility), 4 is highly probable (most likely) and 5 is definite (impact will occur regardless of any prevention measures).



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- The significance, which shall be determined through a synthesis of the characteristics described above and can be assessed as low, medium or high.
- The status, which will be described as either positive, negative or neutral.
- The degree to which the impact can be reversed.
- The degree to which the impact may cause irreplaceable loss of resources.
- The degree to which the impact can be mitigated.

The significance is calculated by combining the criteria in the following formula:

$$S = (E + D + M) \times P$$

S = Significance weighting

E = Extent

D = Duration

M = Magnitude

P = Probability

The significance weightings for each potential impact are as follows:

- < 30 points: Low (i.e. where this impact would not have a direct influence on the decision to develop in the area).
- 30 – 60 points: Medium (i.e. where the impact could influence the decision to develop in the area unless it is effectively mitigated).
- > 60 points: High (i.e. where the impact must have an influence on the decision process to develop in the area).

3. HISTORY AND EVOLUTION OF THE SITE AND CONTEXT

3.1 Desktop Assessment

The area proposed for development is located approximately 20km east of Upington. Upington originated as a mission station established along the banks of the Orange River in 1871 and run by Reverend Christiaan Schröder, and was founded as a town in 1873. According to Gaigher (2012, SAHRIS ID 34135), prior to colonial settlement, this area was occupied by the Korana who had been forced to the outskirts of the Cape Colony along the Gariep River. When this area was eventually settled by colonists, war broke out between the colonial settlers and the Korana, who were then dispersed upon their defeat.

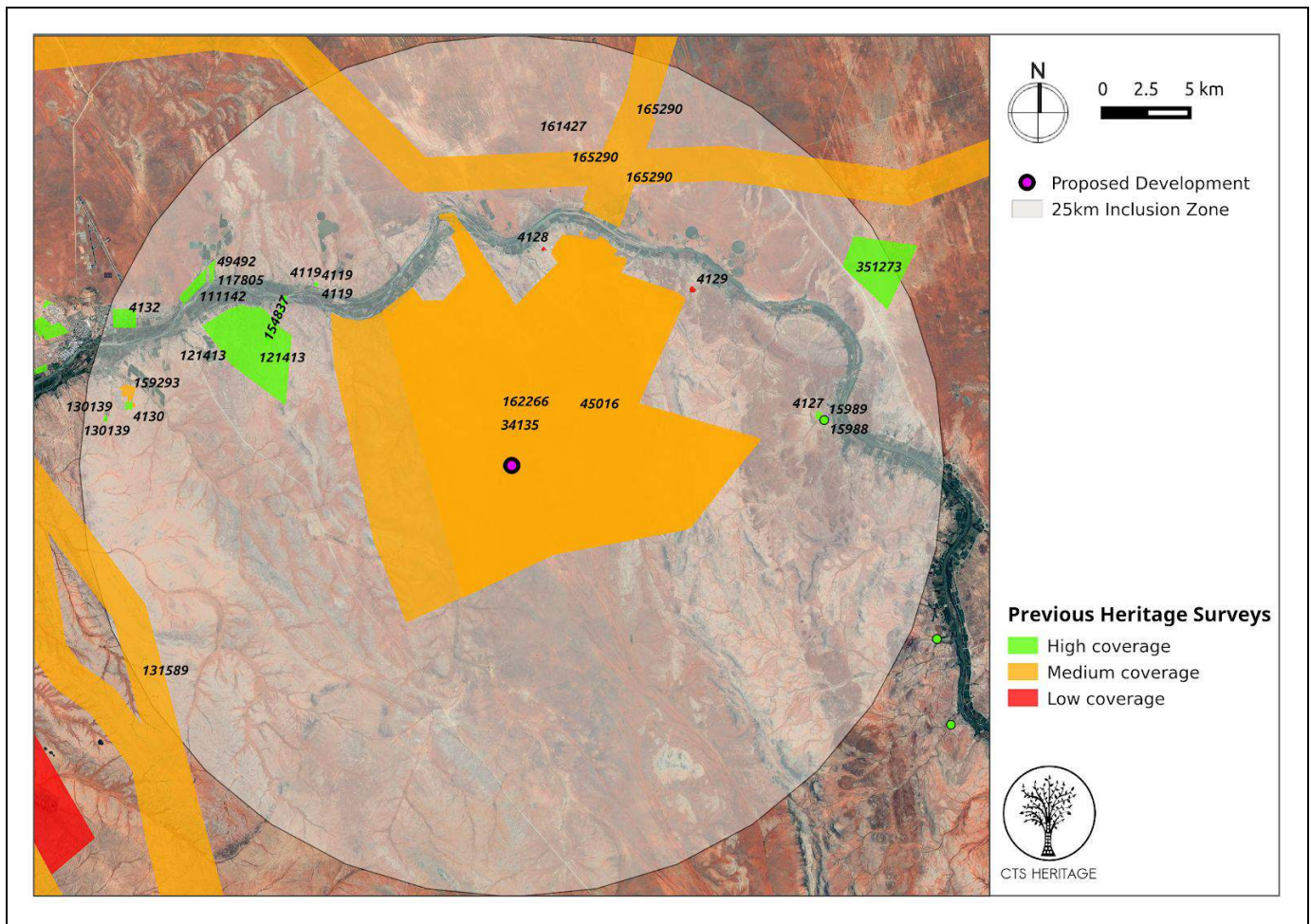
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Upington has been noted as being the sunniest location on the planet for three months of the year, from November through to January, which is likely why this area has been earmarked for the development of renewable energy facilities as part of the Karoshoek Solar Valley development. The geomorphology of the area has been described by Van Schalkwyk (2011, SAHRIS ID 162266) as irregular plains with hills occurring to the south. The vegetation is described as Orange River Nama Karoo. Van Schalkwyk (2011) further notes that the area proposed for development were used for grazing purposes and no farmsteads were constructed this far from the Orange River.



Map 2: Spatialisation of heritage assessments conducted in proximity to the proposed development (see Appendices for insets)

Numerous Renewable Energy developments have been proposed for this area as part of the Karoshoek Solar Valley development and each of these proposed developments have undergone assessments for impacts to



archaeological resources (Figure 2). Areas located to the south-east of the study area were surveyed by Sampson (1985), revealing a number of Karoo stone age sites, however similar densities of stone age sites are not known from the proposed development area. In his assessment, Van Schalkwyk (2011) identified a number of Later Stone Age artefacts associated with a non-perennial stream that traverses the development area, as well as along the outer edges of a pan (graded III). He also identified two small historic structures in the study area made of clay bricks of low heritage significance. Gaigher (2012, SAHRIS ID 34135) also assessed this area for impacts to archaeological resources. Gaigher identified “limited scatterings of Middle to Later Stone Age tools found in various areas”. He notes that these finds in themselves do not constitute sites, but do indicate the possible occurrence of such sites. The heritage resources identified in these reports have been extracted and mapped in Figures 3a to 3e. Further archaeological impact assessment work has been completed in this area by Van der Walt (2015 and 2016 - see Appendix 2). Van der Walt notes that the various assessments conducted in this area provide a robust baseline for the archaeology expected in this area. “These studies show that almost no significant archaeological sites occur within the immediate vicinity of the Ilanga Solar Facility. Although artefacts dating to the Early, Middle and Later Stone Age were recorded in the larger area, they occur as isolated finds that are temporally mixed, in deflated and un-stratified contexts without organic remains and other cultural materials. As a result, the archaeological record of the larger area is considered to be of low significance.”

Palaeontology

According to Almond’s Desktop PIA for the proposed additional CSP sites within the Karoshoek Solar Valley (November 2015, SAHRIS ID 344305), which covers this area proposed for this development, the development area is underlain by PreCambrian basement rocks as well as late Caenozoic superficial sediments. Almond (2015) further notes that “The Precambrian igneous and metamorphic basement rocks underlying the entire study area at depth are entirely **unfossiliferous**. The fossil record of the Pleistocene to Recent Kalahari Group is generally sparse and low in diversity. The Gordonia Formation dune sands were mainly active during cold, drier intervals of the Pleistocene Epoch that were inimical to most forms of life, apart from hardy, desert-adapted species. **Porous dune sands are not generally conducive to fossil preservation**. However, mummification of soft tissues may play a role here and migrating lime-rich groundwaters derived from the underlying bedrocks (including, for example, dolerite) may lead to the rapid calcretisation of organic structures such as burrows and root casts. Occasional terrestrial fossil remains that might be expected within this unit include calcretized rhizoliths (root casts) and termitaria (e.g. *Hodotermes*, the harvester termite), ostrich egg shells (*Struthio*) and shells of land snails (e.g. *Trigonephrus*) (Almond 2008, Almond & Pether 2008). Other fossil groups such as freshwater bivalves and gastropods (e.g. *Corbula*, *Unio*) and snails, ostracods (seed shrimps), charophytes (stonewort algae), diatoms



(microscopic algae within siliceous shells) and stromatolites (laminated microbial limestones) are associated with local watercourses and pans. Microfossils such as diatoms may be blown by wind into nearby dune sands. These Kalahari fossils (or subfossils) can be expected to occur sporadically but widely, and **the overall palaeontological sensitivity of the Gordonia Formation is therefore considered to be low**. Underlying calcretes of the Mokolanen Formation might also contain trace fossils such as rhizoliths, termite and other insect burrows, or even mammalian trackways. It is noted that potentially fossiliferous alluvial gravels of Neogene or Quaternary age (“High Level Gravels”) associated with the Orange River are *not* mapped within the present study area.”

3.2 Geology

Geology (from Almond, 2015)

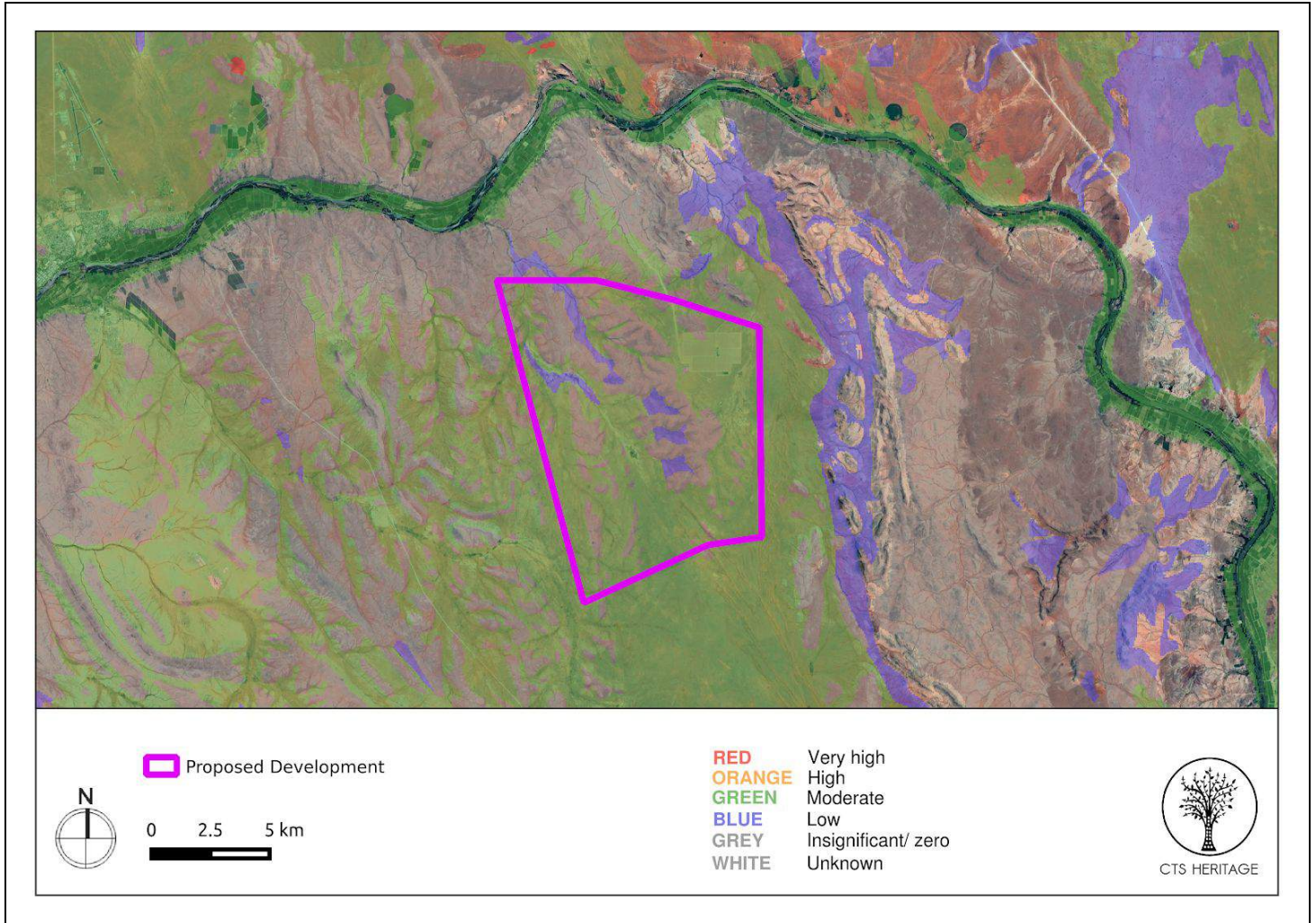
The geology of the study area near Upington is shown on the 1: 250 000 geology map 2820 Upington (Council for Geoscience, Pretoria; Fig. 3). A comprehensive sheet explanation for this map has been published by Moen (2007). The study area is underlain at depth by a range of ancient Precambrian basement rocks – largely medium to high grade metamorphic rocks (e.g. gneisses, metapelites, quartzites) and intrusive granitoids – that belong to the Namaqua-Natal Province of Mid Proterozoic (Mokolian) age (Cornell et al. 2006, Moen 2007). The rock units concerned include quartzites and schists of the Vaalkoppies Group, various metasediments and volcanics of the the Areachap Sequence and Wilgenhoutsdrif Group as well as basic and acidic lavas of the Koras Group. These basement rocks are approximately two to one billion years old and are entirely unfossiliferous (Almond & Pether 2008). They mainly crop out as small, isolated patches of basement rocks or low Inselberge due to the extensive superficial sediment cover.

A large portion of the study area, especially the central portion and towards the south, is covered by fine-grained aeolian (wind-blown) sands of the Gordonia Formation (Qg, pale yellow with dashed ornament in Fig. 3). This is the youngest, Pleistocene to Recent, subunit of the Kalahari Group. Prominent NW-SE trending linear dunes of orange-hued sands are clearly visible on satellite images in the south-eastern portion of the study area as well as along its eastern margins. The geology of the Late Cretaceous to Recent Kalahari Group is reviewed by Thomas (1981), Dingle et al. (1983), Thomas & Shaw 1991, Haddon (2000) and Partridge et al. (2006). The Gordonia dune sands are considered to range in age from the Late Pliocene / Early Pleistocene to Recent, dated in part from enclosed Middle to Later Stone Age stone tools (Dingle et al., 1983, p. 291). Areas of calcrete pedocretes in the northern sector of the study area (T, medium yellow in Fig. 3) may be tentatively correlated with the Quaternary Mokalanen Formation of the Kalahari Group (Moen 2007, p. 148), although older, Tertiary calcretes may also be represented here. Other Quaternary to Recent superficial deposits in the study area include downwasted surface



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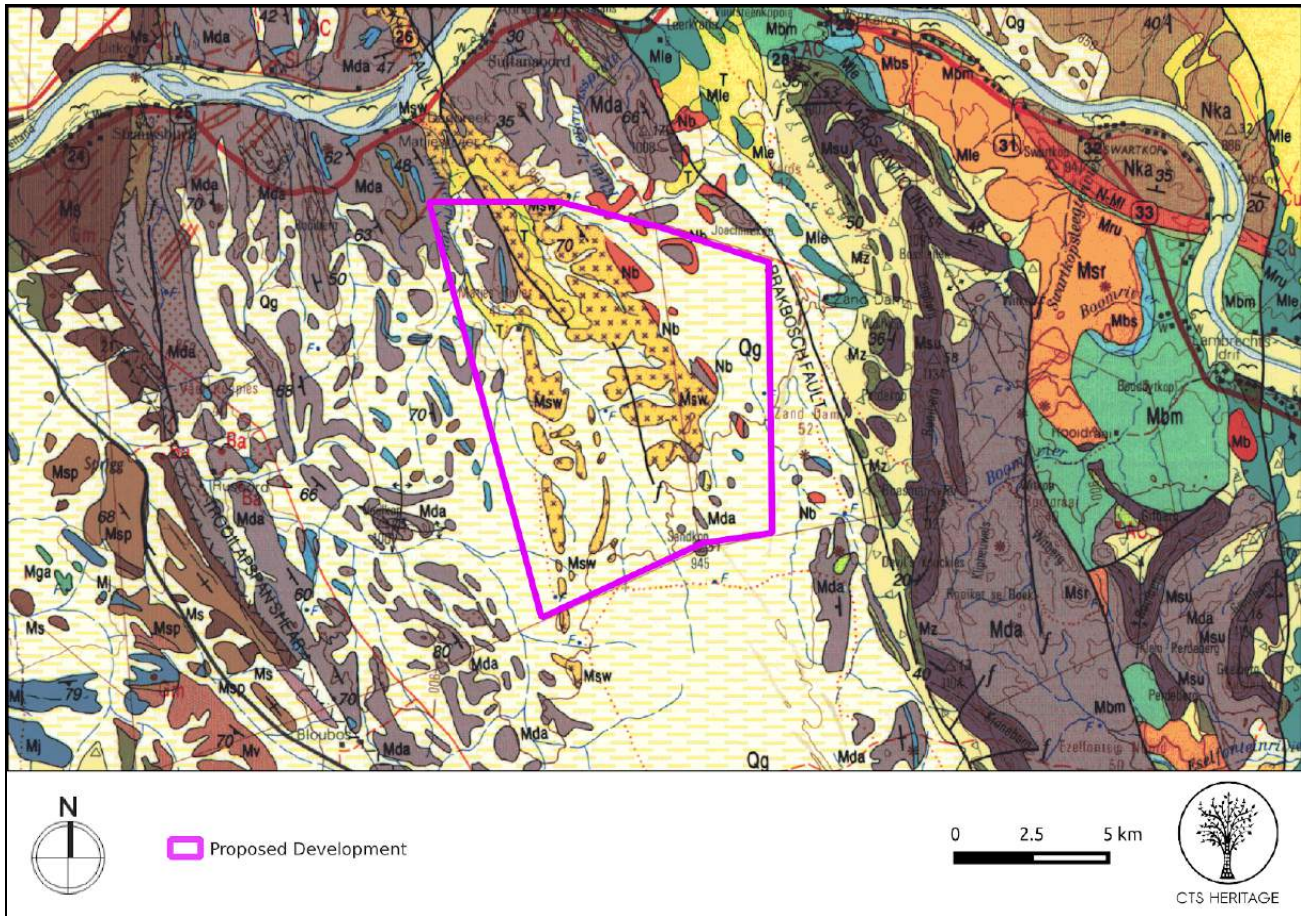
gravels, colluvium and gravelly to sandy stream sediments. High Level Gravels associated with the Orange River are not mapped within the study area, including along the river banks.



Map 2: Palaeontological sensitivity of the proposed development area



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Map 3: Geology Map. Indicating the underlying geology across the study area through overlaying the geology maps from the CGS series 2820 Upington (T: Kalahari Groep (Talk), Nb: Blaauwbosch Granite (Granite porphyry), Qg: Gordonia (Red-brown, wind-blown sand and dunes), Msw: Swarantz Gneiss (Porphyroblastic biotite gneiss), Mda: Dagbreek (Quartzite and schist grading into banded gneiss and migmatite; lenses of leucogneiss; amphibolite and serpentinite))

Table 1: Explanation of symbols for the geological map and approximate ages

Symbol	Group/Formation	Lithology
Qg	Gordonia Formation	Red brown wind blown sand and dunes
T	Tertiary Kalahari Group	Calcrete
Msw	Swarantz Gneiss	Porphyroblastic biotite gneiss
Mda	Dagbreek Formation	Quartzite and schist grading into banded gneiss and migmatite
Nb	Blaauwbosch Granite	Granite porphyry



4. IDENTIFICATION OF HERITAGE RESOURCES

4.1 Summary of findings of Specialist Reports

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4.2 Heritage Resources identified

Archaeology

No significant heritage resources were identified within the footprint for the proposed Ilanga 1 100MW Solar PV facility and associated infrastructure. The stone age occurrences identified consist of isolated finds, and low-density ex-situ surface scatters containing predominantly of Middle Stone Age (MSA) material, with a few incidences of Later Stone Age (LSA) lithics. Whether indicative of the original discard patterns, or subsequent displacement by erosion and animal activity, the material is too scattered to be connected to knapping sites, and no evidence of concurrent human occupation was found in association with the lithics. The identified archaeological materials are therefore of low significance, as the archaeological sample is small and without context, and therefore of little scientific value. These Stone Age heritage finds are considered not conservation-worthy. This means these sites have been sufficiently recorded and no further action is required.

Table 2: Artefacts identified during the field assessment within the Ilanga 1 100MW Solar PV area and associated infrastructure

POINT ID	Area	Site Name	Description	Co-ordinates		Grading	Mitigation
14	1	100MW - 1	silcrete core, MSA	-28.5246733	21.5194367	NCW	None
15	1	100MW - 1	silcrete flake, MSA	-28.5223067	21.51659	NCW	None
16	1	100MW - 1	yellow silcrete flaked, MSA	-28.5208833	21.5214733	NCW	None
17	1	100MW - 1	silcrete flake and chunk, MSA	-28.5225317	21.5288767	NCW	None
18	1	100MW - 1	blue Quartzite flakes and biface MSA	-28.5239867	21.5288533	NCW	None
19	1	100MW - 1	radial core silcrete, MSA	-28.524045	21.5288383	NCW	None
20	1	100MW - 1	radial core silcrete, MSA	-28.5245933	21.5287683	NCW	None
21	1	100MW - 1	silcrete flake, MSA	-28.52637	21.5288117	NCW	None
22	1	100MW - 1	hornfels flake retouched, MSA	-28.52637	21.5288317	NCW	None
23	1	100MW - 1	patinated silcrete long flake, MSA	-28.52752	21.5290333	NCW	None
89	1	100MW - 1	quartzite and silcrete flakes, MSA	-28.5304133	21.50768	NCW	None
90	1	100MW - 1	Hornfels flakes, MSA	-28.5295967	21.5072217	NCW	None
91	1	100MW - 1	blue Quartzite flake, MSA	-28.5284683	21.506555	NCW	None
129	10	Roads	access road route, quartzite, Hornfels, quartz flakes and cores, MSA	-28.445615	21.427785	NCW	None
131	10	Roads	Hornfels and views, MSA	-28.4739183	21.4363017	NCW	None
132	10	Roads	quartzite flakes, cores, MSA	-28.4894533	21.440945	NCW	None
135	10	Roads	quartzite flake, MSA	-28.5468883	21.446985	NCW	None
136	10	Roads	green quartzite, MSA	-28.5468067	21.4525667	NCW	None
137	10	Roads	quartzite flake, MSA	-28.54676	21.4555233	NCW	None



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173	10	Roads	access road and Hornfels flake, MSA	-28.5381233	21.4266433	NCW	None
176	10	Roads	quartz unifacial, MSA	-28.5004717	21.42949	NCW	None
177	10	Roads	Hornfels flake, MSA	-28.499945	21.42959	NCW	None
178	10	Roads	quartzite core flake, MSA	-28.4987733	21.4297783	NCW	None
179	10	Roads	dark quartzite, MSA	-28.4977033	21.4299017	NCW	None
181	10	Roads	Hornfels flake, MSA	-28.4968333	21.43102	NCW	None
184	10	Roads	Hornfels flake, MSA	-28.4948283	21.4393383	NCW	None
185	10	Roads	Hornfels flakes, MSA	-28.4956	21.4386517	NCW	None
122	11	Pipelines	quartzite flake, MSA	-28.5014183	21.49935	NCW	None
123	11	Pipelines	silcrete core flake, Hornfels, debris field, MSA	-28.49831	21.4978433	NCW	None
191	11	Pipelines	quartzite core and Quartz source, MSA	-28.4169633	21.4844	NCW	None
192	11	Pipelines	Grey quartzite flakes, MSA	-28.4188633	21.481535	NCW	None
193	11	Pipelines	radial core quartzite, MSA	-28.4232683	21.4759783	NCW	None
195	11	Pipelines	quartzite cores, MSA	-28.4259567	21.4724717	NCW	None
198	11	Pipelines	heavily patinated Hornfels, MSA	-28.4334983	21.4674367	NCW	None
200	11	Pipelines	quartzite core and flake, MSA	-28.44203	21.474215	NCW	None

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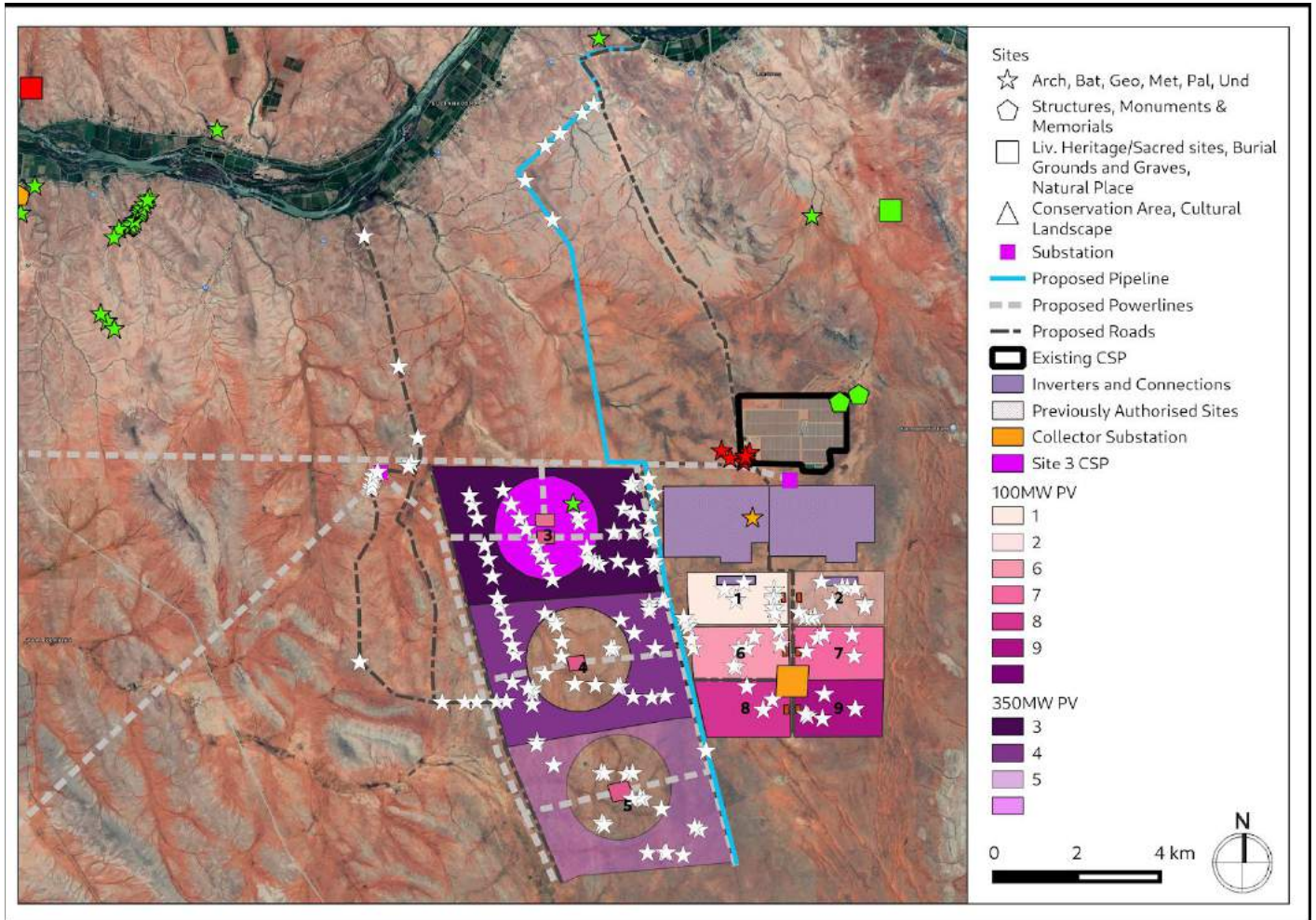
Figure 4: Observations from Area 1 (14, 15, 16 and 18)

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The igneous and metamorphic basement rocks of Precambrian age underlying the entire study area are entirely unfossiliferous. The overlying aeolian sands, calcretes, surface gravels and stream deposits of the Kalahari Group mantling the ancient bedrocks are generally of low to very low palaeontological sensitivity. The project areas lie too far from the river to affect any possible - but unmapped - older (Tertiary - Quaternary) fossiliferous river gravels along the southern banks of the Gariiep.

Some of the superficial sedimentary formations represented within the study area - such as the Quaternary calcretes (T, dark yellow in geological map Map 3) - contain fossils of some sort (e.g. trace fossils, microfossils, possible vertebrate remains). Low-level impacts on fossil heritage here are probable. However, the probability of significant impacts on palaeontological heritage is considered to be low because of (a) the generally very sparse occurrence of palaeontologically valuable fossils (i.e. unusual fossils such as well-preserved vertebrate remains) within the superficial sediments, (b) the widespread occurrence of the most of the fossils concerned outside the study area (i.e. not unique).

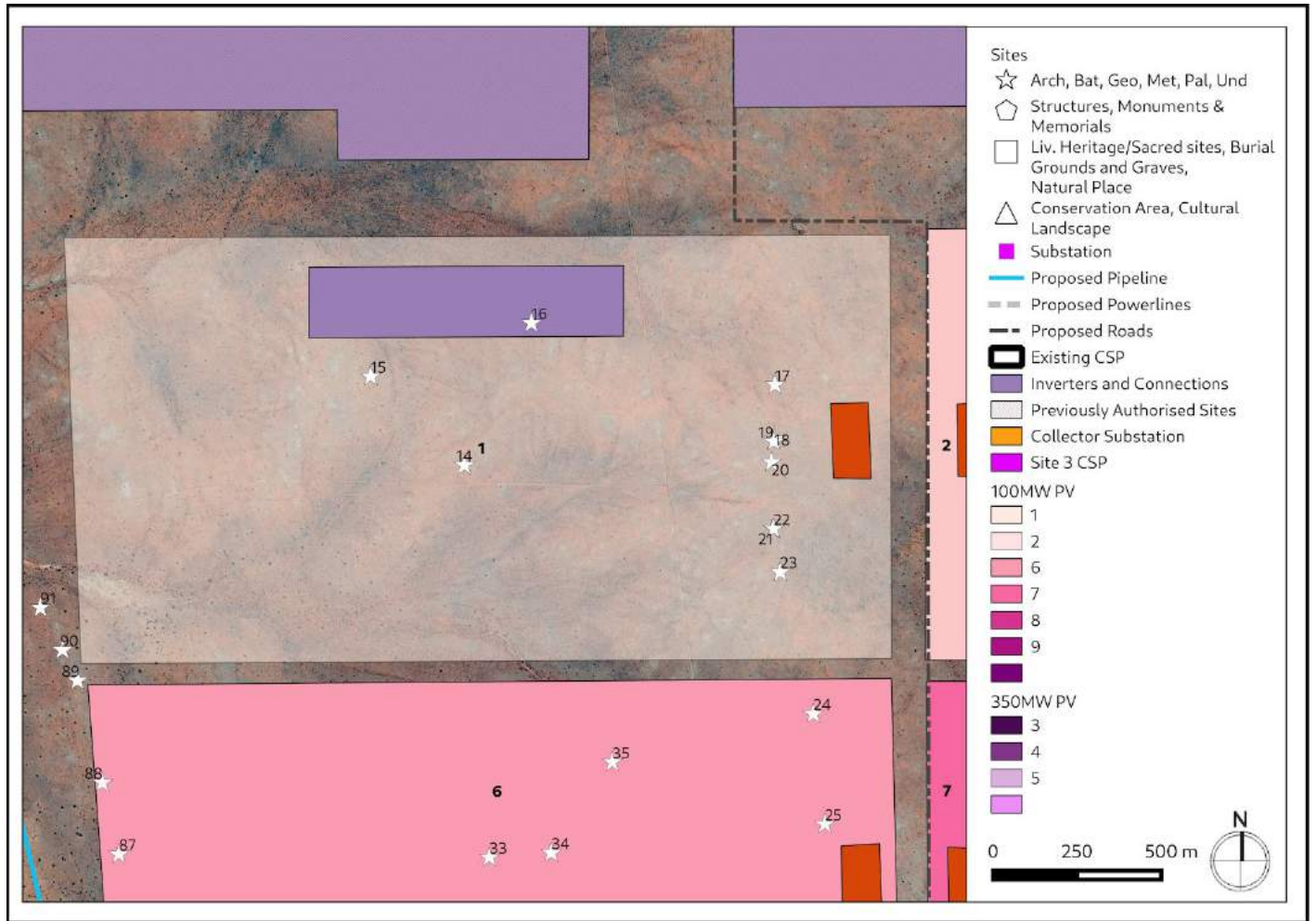
4.3 Mapping and spatialisation of heritage resources



Map 5.1: Heritage resources in the vicinity of the proposed development



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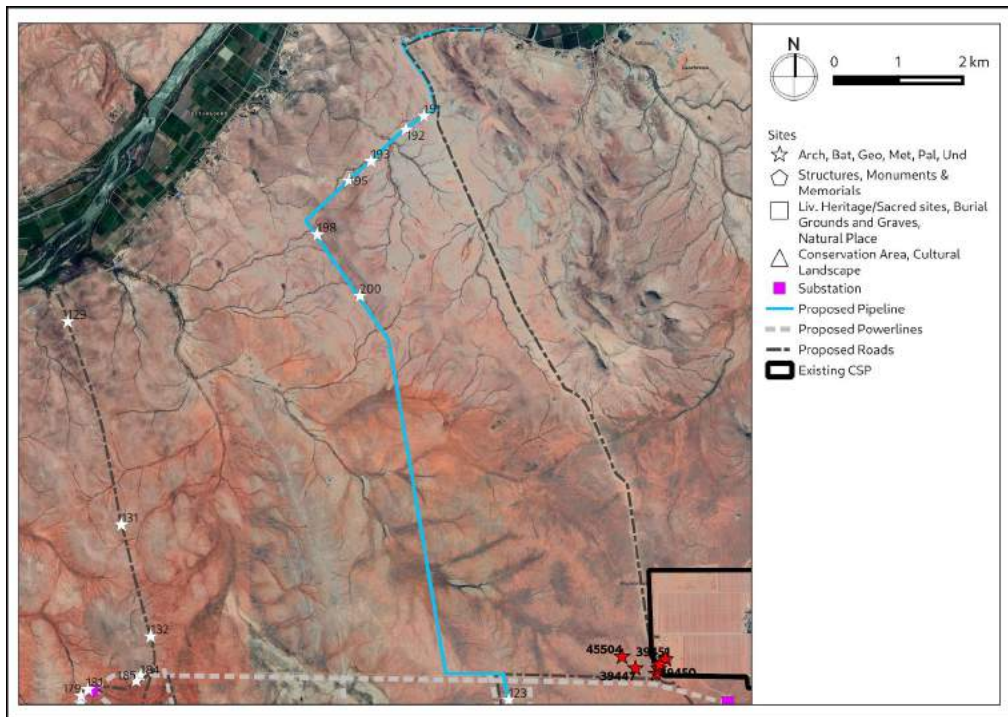
Map 5.2: Heritage resources in the vicinity of the proposed Ilanga 1 100MW Solar PV Facility

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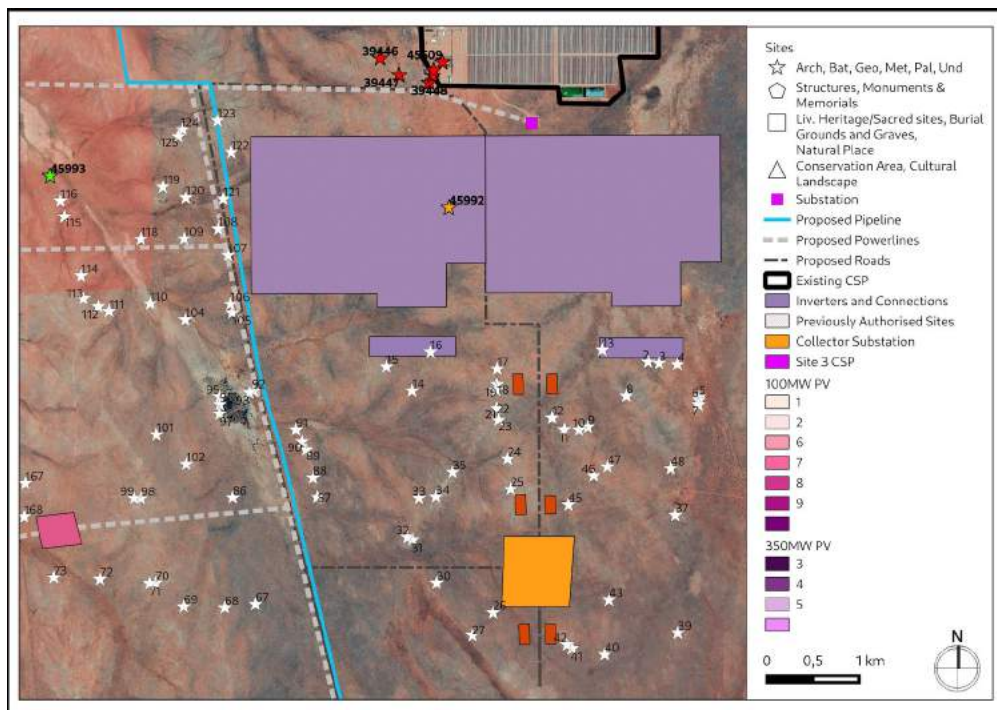
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Map 5.3: Heritage resources in the vicinity of the infrastructure associated with the proposed Ilanga 100MW Solar PV Facility



Map 5.4: Heritage resources in the vicinity of the infrastructure associated with the proposed Ilanga 100MW Solar PV Facility

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5. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF THE DEVELOPMENT

5.1 Assessment of impact to Heritage Resources

The proposed development will not have a negative impact on the heritage resources identified within the Ilanga 1 100MW Solar PV facilities' footprint and its associated infrastructure. The lithic material identified is of low significance (not conservation-worthy), and even though the resources may be destroyed during construction, the impact is inconsequential. No mitigation is required for archaeological material recorded in the footprint areas of the proposed Ilanga 1 100MW Solar PV facility. Despite the high number of observations of artefacts, these resources are common and representative of similar scatters across widespread areas of the Northern Cape.

In general, the destruction, damage or disturbance out of context of fossils preserved at the ground surface or below ground that may occur during construction represents a negative consequence. The palaeontological sensitivity of the bedrocks and superficial sediments within the study area is rated as low to very low and therefore the impact significance is rated as Very low (-). Negative impacts on fossil heritage resources can usually be mitigated but cannot be fully rectified or reversed; i.e. they are permanent in duration and non-reversible. Potential impacts are confined to the development footprint i.e. very limited in extent. No no-go areas of high palaeontological sensitivity were identified within the study area during the present desktop study.

While all fossils, once damaged or destroyed, are irreplaceable, this has to be seen in the context of the probable widespread occurrence of most fossil groups within the rock units concerned here (with the notable exception of any well-preserved vertebrate remains).

Table 3: Impacts of the Ilanga 1 100MW Solar PV facility and associated infrastructure to heritage resources

NATURE: No heritage resources of significance were identified during the field assessments for archaeology and the desktop assessment for palaeontology within the development footprint					
		Archaeology		Palaeontology	
MAGNITUDE	L (2)	No significant archaeological resources were identified within the development area, however a number of archaeological resources of low significance were identified	L (2)	The palaeontological sensitivity of the bedrocks and superficial sediments within the study area is rated as low to very low .The impact would be very unlikely.	
DURATION	H (5)	Where manifest, the impact will be permanent.	H (5)	Where manifest, the impact will be permanent.	
EXTENT	L (1)	Localised within the site boundary	L (1)	Limited to the development footprint	
PROBABILITY	L (1)	It is extremely unlikely that any significant archaeological resources will be impacted	L (1)	It is extremely unlikely that any fossils will be impacted, however fossils can occur in sediments that lie more than 1m below the surface in sedimentary bedrock.	



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SIGNIFICANCE	L	(2+5+1)x1=8	L	(2+5+1)x1=8
STATUS		Neutral		Neutral
REVERSIBILITY	L	Any impacts to heritage resources that do occur are irreversible	L	Any impacts to heritage resources that do occur are irreversible
IRREPLACEABLE LOSS OF RESOURCES?	L	Unlikely	L	Unlikely
CAN IMPACTS BE MITIGATED		NA		Yes
MITIGATION: During the construction phase all deeper (> 1 m) excavations into sedimentary bedrock should be monitored for fossil remains by the responsible Environmental Control Officer (ECO). Should substantial fossil remains such as vertebrate bones and teeth, petrified wood, plant-rich fossil lenses or dense fossil burrow assemblages be exposed during construction, the responsible ECO should safeguard these, preferably in situ, and alert the South African Heritage Resources Authority (SAHRA) so that appropriate action can be taken by a professional palaeontologist,				
RESIDUAL RISK: Should any significant resources be impacted (however unlikely) residual impacts may occur, including a negative impact due to the loss of potentially scientific cultural resources				

5.2 Sustainable Social and Economic Benefit

During the construction phase a employees would be required for the construction. These employees would consist of low skilled, semi-skilled and skilled individuals. It is highly likely that the semi-skilled and low skilled individuals could be sourced from Upington, Strausburg (Ntsikelelo), Dagbreek, Karos and Leerkrans situated along the N10 in close proximity to the farms Annashoek and Zandemm. These individuals would be employed for some basic construction activities requiring manual labour. As large sectors of the local population have been involved in the agricultural sector it is assumed that they would thus be able to undertake the basic construction activities required with the minimum additional training required. Permanent employees would be required during the operational period of the facility. Due to the relative limited number of individuals involved it is thus anticipated that the short term employment boost during the construction phase would have a more intense impact on the local communities than the permanent employment opportunities. This benefit, however, could be further enhanced by focused training, capacity building and skills development enabling individuals to be considered for permanent employment. Regional economic benefits of the Ilanga Solar Park would not only accrue through the creation of an additional stable electricity supply but also through the downstream benefits to the local and regional economy.

5.3 Proposed development alternatives

The siting of the initial facilities within the broader Karoshoek Solar Valley Development considered various critical criteria including the sensitivity of the broader site in order to inform the positioning of these facilities as well as



provincial and local planning in terms of renewable energy development. The areas within which these authorised facilities are planned do not infringe on any identified areas of high sensitivity. In addition, the broader site is located within the identified Solar Development Corridor as defined by the PSDF, as well as within a proposed REDZ for solar development. The siting of these facilities is considered to be acceptable from an environmental perspective.

The following Grid Connection Alternatives have been proposed for Ilanga PV1:

- On-site inverter (step up facility) to convert power from Direct Current (DC) to an Alternative (AC) and step up the electricity current from 33kV to 132kV that will connect to the on-site substation at authorised site 1.4 via underground cables. The electricity will be evacuated via the authorised grid connection (DEA Ref.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/299) to the existing Ilanga substation.
- An onsite 11kV/22kV/33kV collector substation to receive, convert and step up electricity from the PV facility directly to the existing 132kV Ilanga Substation via underground cables (The on-site collector substation at authorised site 1.4 connects to the Ilanga substation).
- Loop in and loop out the 132kV lines connecting the existing Ilanga Substation to Gordonia Substation

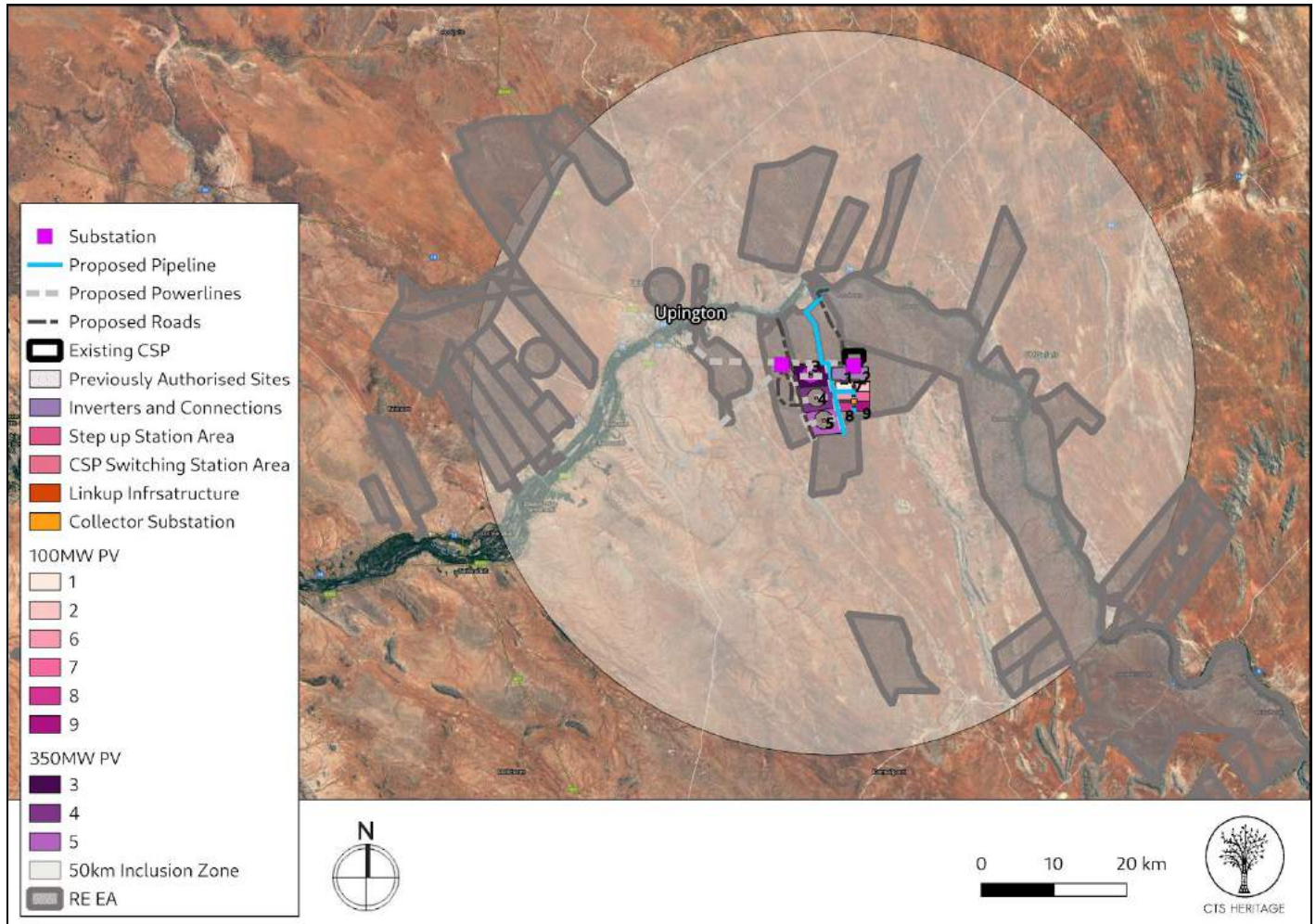
Based on the assessment completed, there is no additional impact to heritage resources associated with any of these alternatives on condition that the recommendations included below are implemented.

5.4 Cumulative Impacts

Cumulative impact in terms of heritage was assessed by reviewing the renewable energy facilities that are proposed within 50km of the proposed development area. 85 Renewable Energy Facilities are proposed within 50km of this proposed development area. This, however, includes the previously assessed and authorised renewable energy facilities that fall within the development area assessed in this HIA.

In addition, impacts to heritage result from all kinds of development and as such, this assessment of cumulative impacts to heritage was not limited to impact from renewable energy facilities. Of the 49 Heritage Assessments conducted within 25km of the proposed development area (Appendix 2 of the Heritage Screening Assessment), 25 are for Renewable Energy Facilities and 6 are for associated infrastructure such as electricity lines, pipelines and roads. The remaining assessments relate to mining infrastructure and residential township developments. At this stage, there is the potential for the cumulative impact of proposed solar energy facilities to negatively impact the cultural landscape due to a change in the landscape character from natural wilderness to semi-industrial,

however, due to the remoteness of the area the impact on the experience of the cultural landscape is not foreseen to be significant. In addition, it is preferable to have renewable energy facility development focussed in an area such as a REDZ.



Map 6: Authorised REF projects within 50km of the proposed development area

Table 4: Cumulative Impact Table

NATURE: Cumulative Impact to the sense of place				
		Overall impact of the proposed project considered in isolation		Cumulative impact of the project and other projects in the area
MAGNITUDE	L (4)	Low	L (4)	Low
DURATION	M (3)	Medium-term	H (4)	Long-term
EXTENT	L (1)	Low	L (1)	Low



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PROBABILITY	L (2)	Improbable	H (3)	Probable
SIGNIFICANCE	L	$(4+3+1) \times 2 = 16$	L	$(4+4+1) \times 3 = 27$
STATUS		Neutral		Neutral
REVERSIBILITY	H	High	L	Low
IRREPLACEABLE LOSS OF RESOURCES?	L	Unlikely	L	Unlikely
CAN IMPACTS BE MITIGATED		NA		NA
CONFIDENCE IN FINDINGS: High				
MITIGATION: No impacts are anticipated and as such, no mitigation is required				

6. RESULTS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The public consultation process will be undertaken by the EAP during the EIA. No heritage-related comments have been received to-date. SAHRA is required to comment on this HIA and make recommendations prior to the granting of the Environmental Authorisation.

7. CONCLUSION

The proposed development will not have a negative impact on the heritage resources situated within the footprint of Ilanga 1 100MW Solar PV Facility. The lithic material identified is of low significance, and even though the resources may be destroyed during the construction, the impact is inconsequential.

The igneous and metamorphic basement rocks of Precambrian age underlying the entire study area are entirely unfossiliferous. The overlying aeolian sands, calcretes, surface gravels and stream deposits of the Kalahari Group mantling the ancient bedrocks are generally of low to very low palaeontological sensitivity. The project areas lie too far from the river to affect any possible – but unmapped – older (Tertiary - Quaternary) fossiliferous river gravels along the southern banks of the Gariep.

Some of the superficial sedimentary formations represented within the study area – such as the Quaternary calcretes (T, dark yellow in geological map Map 3) – contain fossils of some sort (e.g. trace fossils, microfossils, possible vertebrate remains). Low-level impacts on fossil heritage here are probable. However, the probability of significant impacts on palaeontological heritage is considered to be low.

In addition, the proposed development is located within a previously identified REDZ and Power Corridor. Due to the REDZ, there are a number of similar existing and/or proposed PV facilities in the area and as such, there is the

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potential for the cumulative impact of proposed solar energy facilities to negatively impact the cultural landscape due to a change in the landscape character from natural wilderness to semi-industrial, however, due to the remoteness of the area the impact on the experience of the cultural landscape is not foreseen to be significant.

No significant archaeological or palaeontological resources were identified during this HIA. Therefore, no further mitigation is required, and from a heritage point of view, there is no objection to the proposed development in this area.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

There is no objection to the proposed development on heritage grounds and the following is recommended:

- No mitigation is required prior to construction operations commencing.
- During the construction phase all deeper (> 1 m) excavations into sedimentary bedrock should be monitored for fossil remains by the responsible Environmental Control Officer (ECO). Should substantial fossil remains such as vertebrate bones and teeth, petrified wood, plant-rich fossil lenses or dense fossil burrow assemblages be exposed during construction, the responsible ECO should safeguard these, preferably in situ, and alert the South African Heritage Resources Authority (SAHRA) so that appropriate action can be taken by a professional palaeontologist,
- Should any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources be found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted.
- If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. A professional archaeologist must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. A Phase 2 rescue excavation operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA.
- The above recommendations must be included in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the project



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APPENDIX 1: Archaeological Assessment

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SPECIALIST STUDY

In terms of Section 38(8) of the NHRA for a

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF
3 X 350MW AND 6 x100MW PV FACILITIES WITHOUT BATTERY STORAGE
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- 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, 2010 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, 2010 and any specific environmental management Act;
- am fully aware of and meet the responsibilities in terms of NEMA, the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010 (specifically in terms of regulation 17 of GN No. R. 543) and any specific environmental management Act, and that failure to comply with these requirements may constitute and result in disqualification;
- 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;
- have ensured that the comments of all interested and affected parties on the specialist input/study were considered, recorded and submitted to the competent authority in respect of the application;
- have ensured that the names of all interested and affected parties that participated in terms of the specialist input/study were recorded in the register of interested and affected parties who participated in the public participation process;
- have provided the competent authority with access to all information at our disposal regarding the application, whether such information is favourable to the applicant or not; and
- are aware that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 71 of GN No. R. 543.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Emvelo Capital Projects is proposing the construction and operation of nine Solar PV Facilities and a CSP facility on a site located within the Upington renewable energy development zones (REDZ), east of Upington in the Northern Cape. The facility complex would include a power line of up to 15 km, a pipeline of up to 20 km and an access road of up to 15 km in length. The location of the project site within a REDZ and Power Corridor makes it possible to undertake Basic Assessment (BAR) processes for the projects in support of the application for authorisation. Separate applications for Authorisation are to be made for each solar energy facility.

The archaeological field assessment covered the area proposed for development (approximately 60km², linear access roads and pipeline totalling ~40km) thoroughly. Stone Age archaeological resources were identified within the development footprint, however these are considered to be not conservation-worthy as they are widely scattered and have no associated contextual material. Over 200 observations were made and the only area holding higher densities of material was found around a shallow pan in the northeastern corner of area 4 designated for a 350MW solar installation.

The findings made during the field assessment were consistent with previous work undertaken in the area. Larger quantities of debitage were found where quarrying of quartz and quartzite had taken place, hornfels percentages climbed in areas closer to the Orange River to the north and east of the study site and almost all of the observations were of Middle Stone Age material. Later Stone Age remains were very sparse and limited across the study site.

No engravings, formal or informal graves were identified within the development footprint and the only built structures included modern cattle farming kraals, jeep tracks and fences.

Based on the assessment of the potential impact of the development on the identified heritage, the following recommendations are made, taking into consideration any existing or potential sustainable social and economic benefits.

- No mitigation is required for archaeological material recorded in the footprint areas of the proposed 350MW and 100MW solar PV facilities, or the 350MW CSP, or the proposed powerline, access roads and pipeline. Despite the high number of observations of artefacts, the grading was not conservation worthy as they are common and representative of similar scatters across widespread areas of the Northern Cape.
- The westernmost access route option is not the preferred option as it does not follow an existing jeep track. If possible, the access route about 1.5km east of the westernmost route should be used as it follows an already impacted road.
- Although all possible care has been taken to identify sites of cultural importance during the investigation of the study area, it is always possible that hidden or subsurface sites could be overlooked during the assessment. If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories



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of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted.

- If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. A professional archaeologist must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. A Phase 2 rescue excavation operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA



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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background Information on Project

Emvelo Capital Projects is proposing the construction and operation of nine Solar PV Facilities and a CSP facility on a site located within the Upington renewable energy development zones (REDZ), east of Upington in the Northern Cape. The projects will each include 9 Basic Assessment Reports and 1 Scoping and EIA report:

1. Tower Complex – PVs (surrounding the approved sites)
 - a. Site 3: 1 x 350 MW (BA Process)
 - b. Site 4: 1 x 350 MW (BA Process)
 - c. Site 5: 1 x 350 MW (BA Process)
2. Tower Complex – CSPs
 - a. Site 3: 1 x 350 MW
3. Trough Complex – PVs (below the approved sites)
 - a. Site 1: 1 x 100 MW (BA Process)
 - b. Site 2: 1 x 100 MW (BA Process)
4. PV Complex (below the trough complex PVs)
 - a. Site 6-9: 4 x 100 MW (BA Processes).

It is understood that the facility complex would include the following infrastructure:

1. Power line of up to 15 km
2. Pipeline of up to 20 km
3. Access road of up to 15 km in length.

The location of the project site within a REDZ and Power Corridor makes it possible to undertake Basic Assessment (BAR) processes for the projects in support of the application for authorisation. Separate applications for Authorisation are to be made for each solar energy facility.

1.2 Description of Property and Affected Environment

Ilanga 1 at the existing Karoshoek Solar Farm was completed towards the end of 2018 and lies to the north and north east of the proposed areas surveyed for the new solar installations. It covers an area of roughly 4.147 km² and holds a large array of curved mirrors that heat up piped water which in turn is fed into a steam turbine system to generate electricity. This has advantages over conventional solar farms which can only generate electricity during daylight hours as the heat from the piped water continues to generate electricity through the course of the night. Two large previously authorised sites abut the current facility on their southern end as well as the main powerline connecting Ilanga 1 to the national grid. This power line runs due west of the facility and along the northern boundary of the study site.

The area chosen for the proposed solar facilities is nearly entirely level and flat apart from a low dune cordon in the far southwestern end of areas 6-9. Quartzite dominated higher ground lies to the north and is situated between the areas surveyed and the N10 highway running between Upington and Groblershoop. This will provide much of the visual cover



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for the new facilities from the northern end. The vegetation is predominantly Bushmanland Arid Grassland vegetation in the Nama-Karoo biome (Mucina & Rutherford 2006) which consists of Karoo scrub and grass and a few isolated Acacia karoo trees. Red Kalahari aeolian sands cover most of the site and there are many areas where the calcrete beneath the Kalahari sands is exposed. Dolerite sills, exposed quartz veins and quartzitic bedrock outcrops in low (40cm high) formations occur sporadically across the study site.

Only one shallow natural pan was encountered in the study area. A cattle kraal has been built here and a few other cattle kraals are dotted around the farms selected for the solar facilities. No running streams were found but a few dry stream beds crisscross the study site.

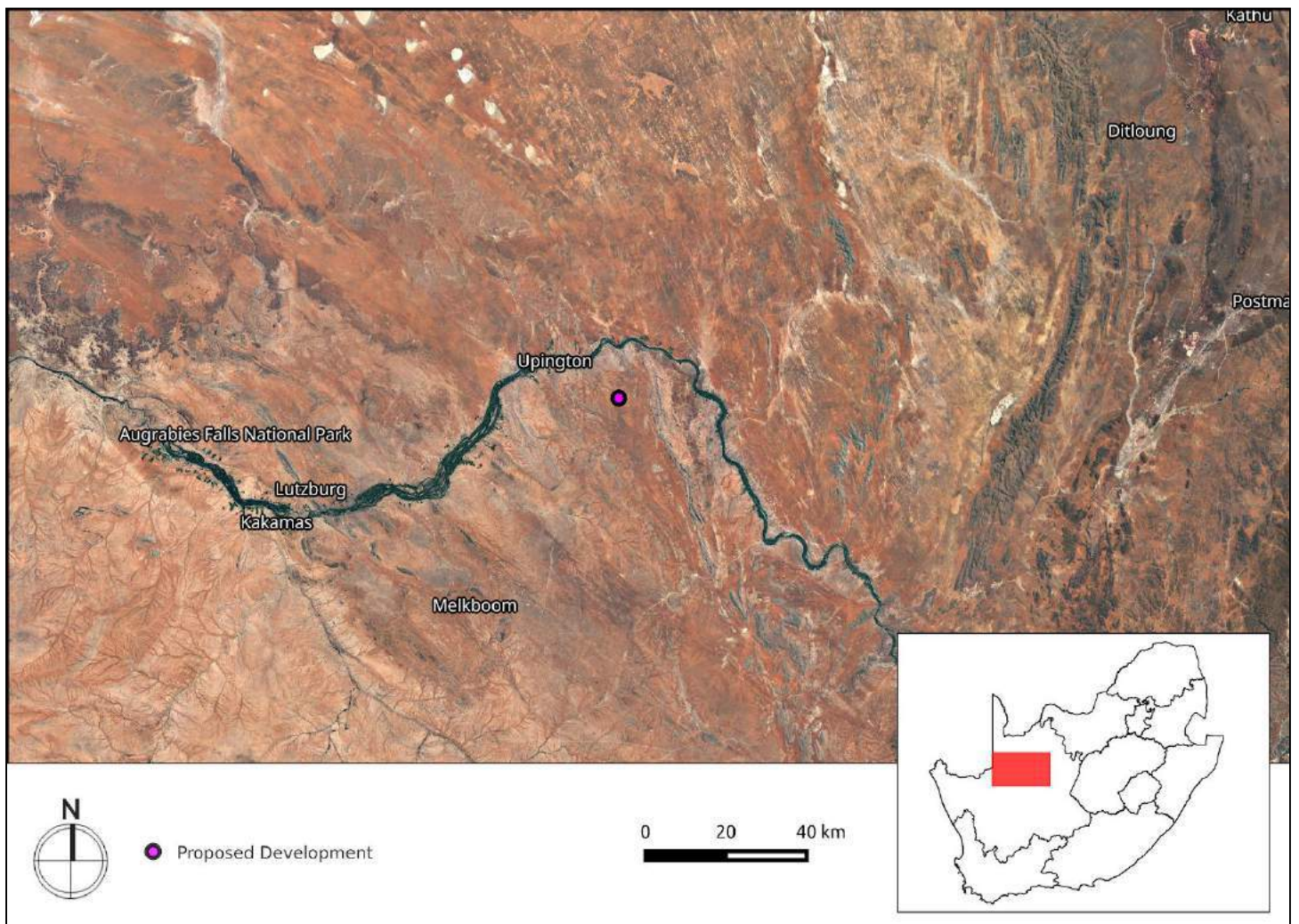


Figure 1.1: Close up satellite image indicating proposed location of development

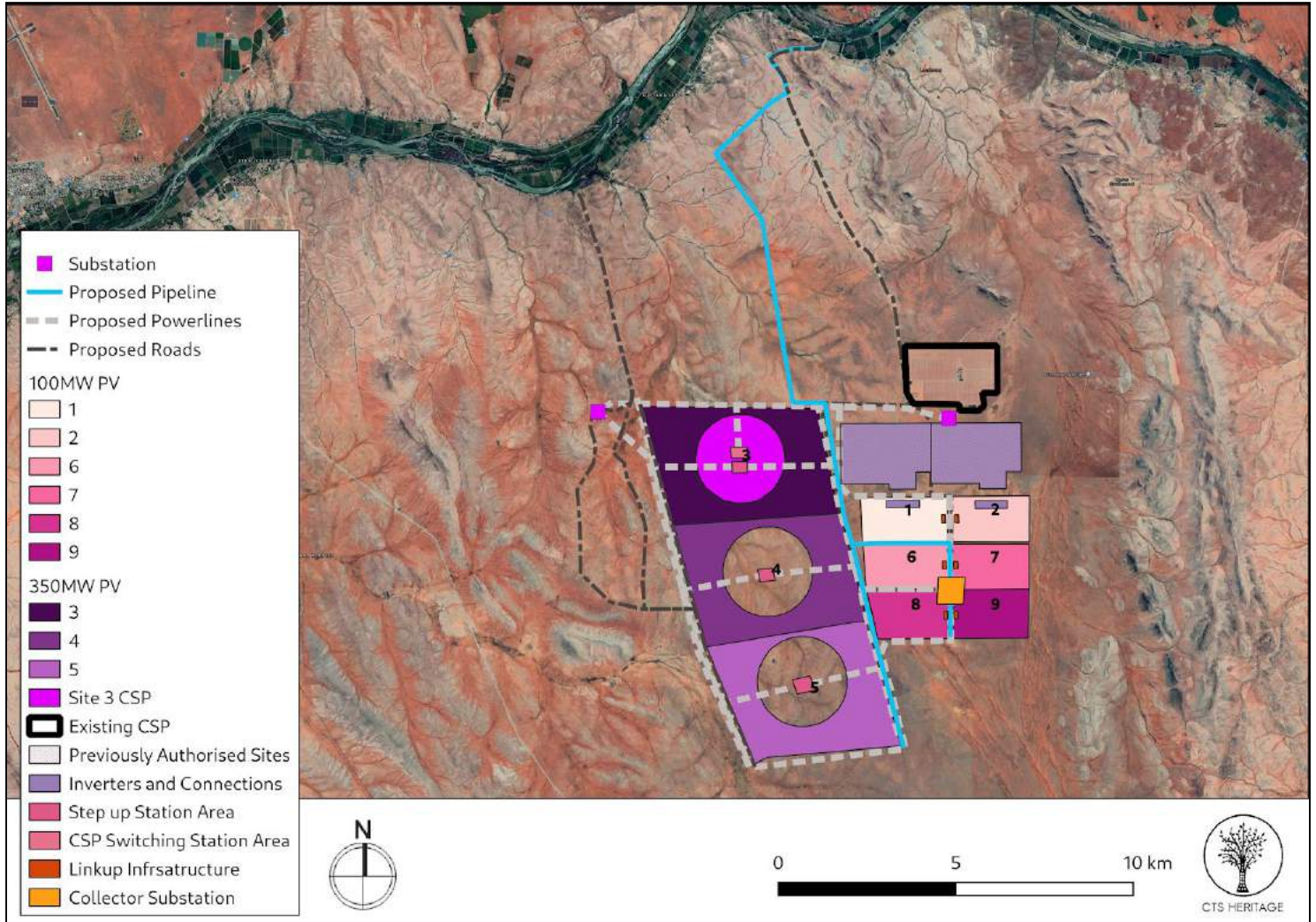


Figure 1.2: Proposed layout of the development from Savannah

2. METHODOLOGY

2.1 Purpose of Archaeological Study

The purpose of this archaeological study is to satisfy the requirements of section 38(8), and therefore section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) in terms of impacts to archaeological resources.

2.2 Summary of steps followed

- An archaeologist conducted a survey of the site and its environs from 21 to 25 October 2019 to determine what archaeological resources are likely to be impacted by the proposed development.
- The area proposed for development was assessed on foot, photographs of the context and finds were taken, and tracks were recorded using a GPS.
- The identified resources were assessed to evaluate their heritage significance in terms of the grading system outlined in section 3 of the NHRA (Act 25 of 1999).
- Alternatives and mitigation options were discussed with the Environmental Assessment Practitioner.



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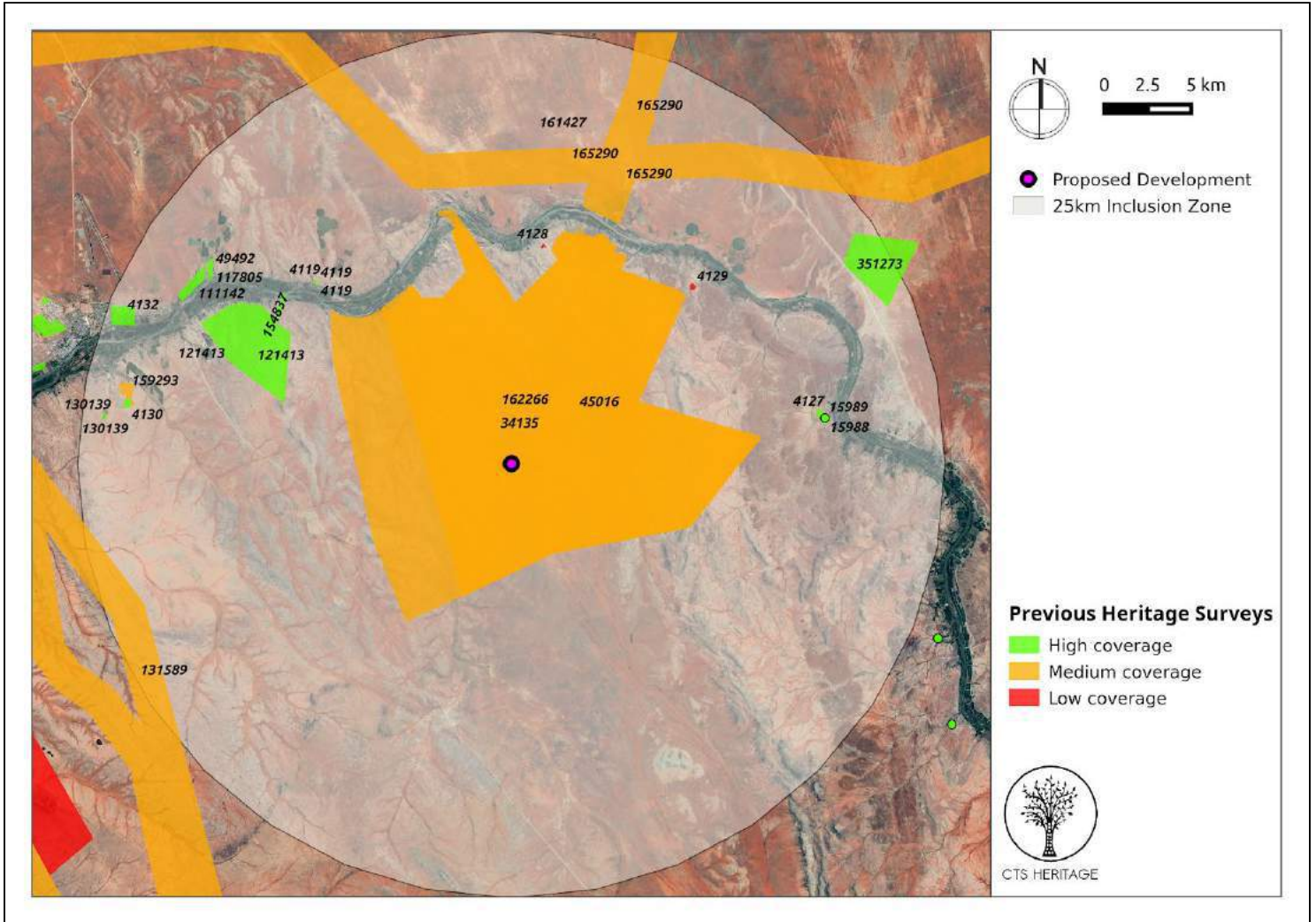


Figure 2: Close up satellite image indicating proposed location of development in relation to heritage studies previously conducted

2.3 Constraints & Limitations

The final layout for the proposed facilities had not been provided until the morning of the first day of the survey. As a result, the full desktop screening assessment of areas already surveyed could not be completed and this had to be done on site by the archaeologist. This was particularly relevant to the footprints chosen for the pipeline and new access routes. However, the area was covered thoroughly during the survey on foot and in a vehicle where possible. The ground is particularly easy to survey given the low vegetation cover and flat terrain and the number of observations made was high as a result. Previous HIAs (SAHRIS NID 45016, 34135, 162266) for the Ilanga I Solar Project overlapped in some areas, in particular the power line, eastern access route and the southern end of the pipeline (See Figure 2).

The experience of the heritage practitioner, and observations made during the study, allow us to predict with some accuracy the archaeological sensitivity of the receiving environment.



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3. HISTORY AND EVOLUTION OF THE SITE AND CONTEXT

The area proposed for development is located approximately 20km east of Upington. Upington originated as a mission station established along the banks of the Orange River in 1871 and run by Reverend Christiaan Schröder, and was founded as a town in 1873. According to Gaigher (2012, SAHRIS ID 34135), prior to colonial settlement, this area was occupied by the Korana who had been forced to the outskirts of the Cape Colony along the Gariep River. When this area was eventually settled by colonists, war broke out between the colonial settlers and the Korana, who were then dispersed upon their defeat.

Upington has been noted as being the sunniest location on the planet for three months of the year, from November through to January, which is likely why this area has been earmarked for the development of renewable energy facilities as part of the Karoshoek Solar Valley development. The geomorphology of the area has been described by Van Schalkwyk (2011, SAHRIS ID 162266) as irregular plains with hills occurring to the south. The vegetation is described as Orange River Nama Karoo. Van Schalkwyk (2011) further notes that the area proposed for development were used for grazing purposes and no farmsteads were constructed this far from the Orange River.

Numerous Renewable Energy developments have been proposed for this area as part of the Karoshoek Solar Valley development and each of these proposed developments have undergone assessments for impacts to archaeological resources (Figure 2). Areas located to the south-east of the study area were surveyed by Sampson (1985), revealing a number of Karoo stone age sites, however similar densities of stone age sites are not known from the proposed development area. In his assessment, Van Schalkwyk (2011) identified a number of Later Stone Age artefacts associated with a non-perennial stream that traverses the development area, as well as along the outer edges of a pan (graded III). He also identified two small historic structures in the study area made of clay bricks of low heritage significance. Gaigher (2012, SAHRIS ID 34135) also assessed this area for impacts to archaeological resources. Gaigher identified “limited scatterings of Middle to Later Stone Age tools found in various areas”. He notes that these finds in themselves do not constitute sites, but do indicate the possible occurrence of such sites. The heritage resources identified in these reports have been extracted and mapped in Figures 3a to 3e. Further archaeological impact assessment work has been completed in this area by Van der Walt (2015 and 2016 - see Appendix 2). Van der Walt notes that the various assessments conducted in this area provide a robust baseline for the archaeology expected in this area. “These studies show that almost no significant archaeological sites occur within the immediate vicinity of the Ilanga Solar Facility. Although artefacts dating to the Early, Middle and Later Stone Age were recorded in the larger area, they occur as isolated finds that are temporally mixed, in deflated and un-stratified contexts without organic remains and other cultural materials. As a result, the archaeological record of the larger area is considered to be of low significance.”

However, as the previous archaeological assessments completed in this area do not have their track paths included in their reports, it is impossible to determine which areas have been thoroughly surveyed. As such, the entire area proposed for development was surveyed for this archaeological specialist report.



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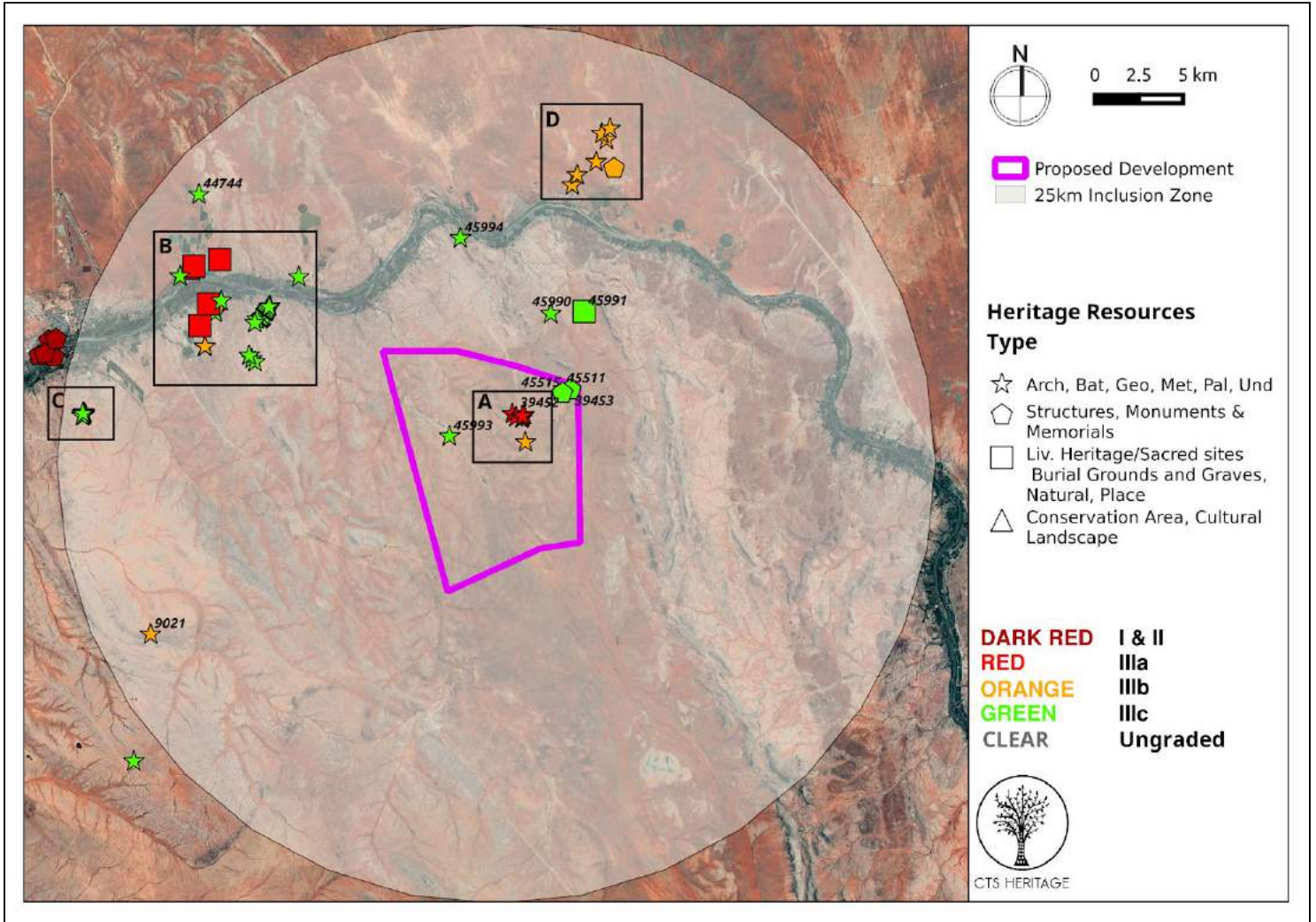


Figure 3. Heritage Resources Map. Heritage Resources previously identified in and near the study area, with SahrIs Site IDs indicated



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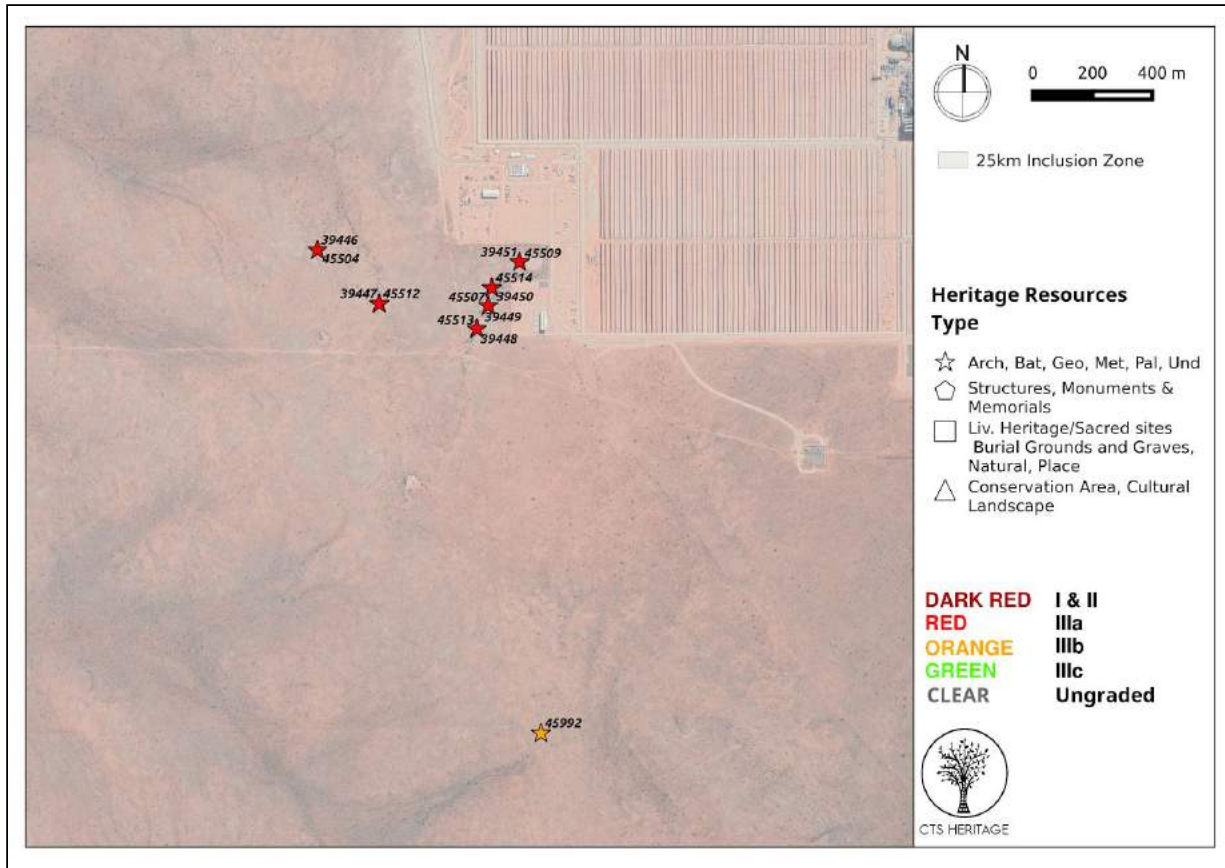


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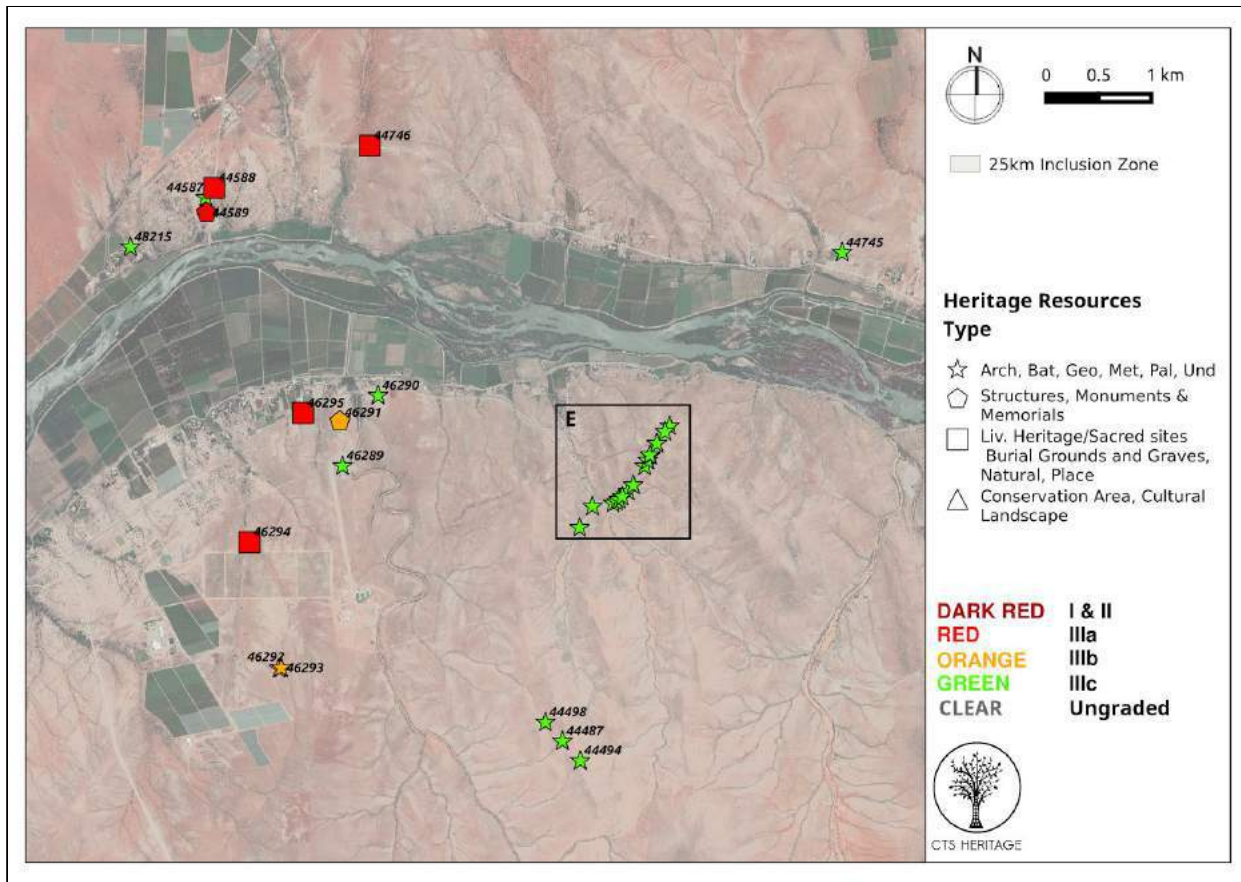


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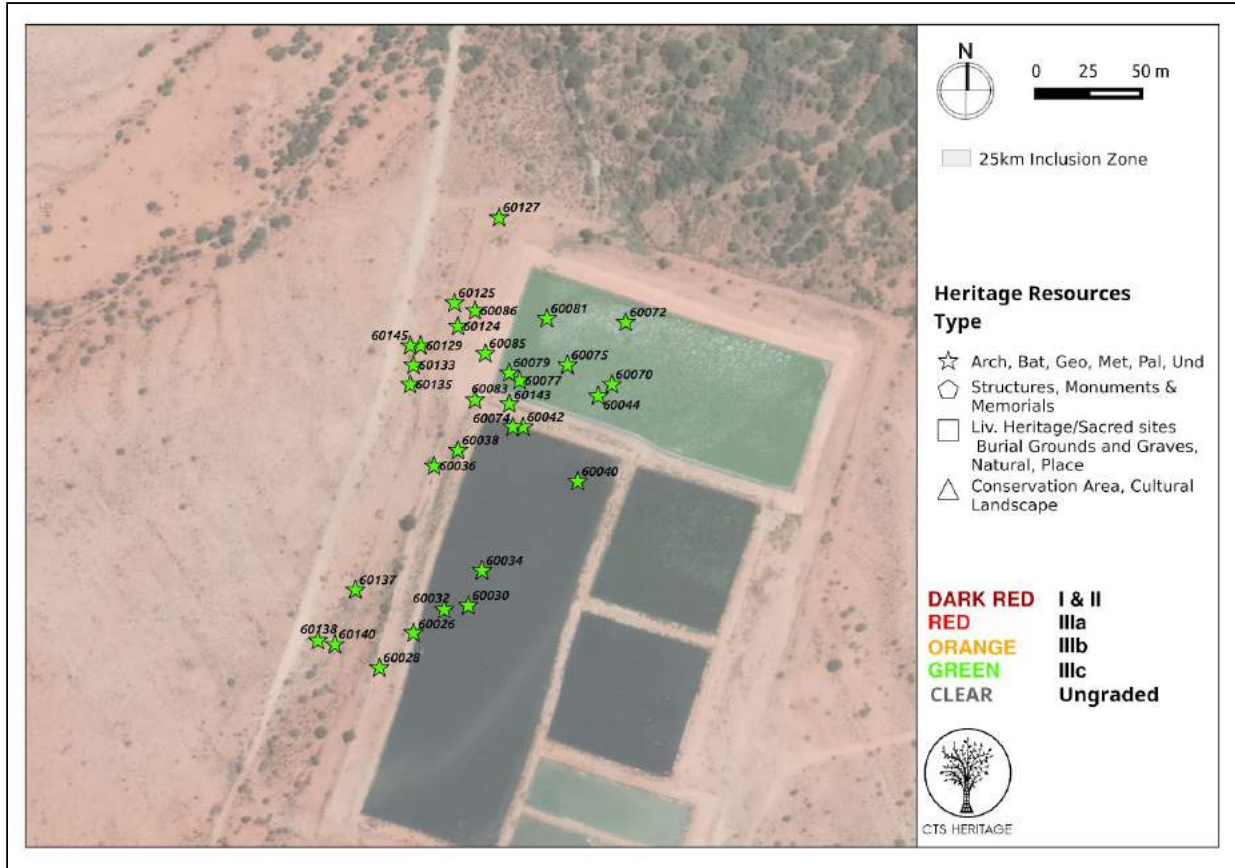


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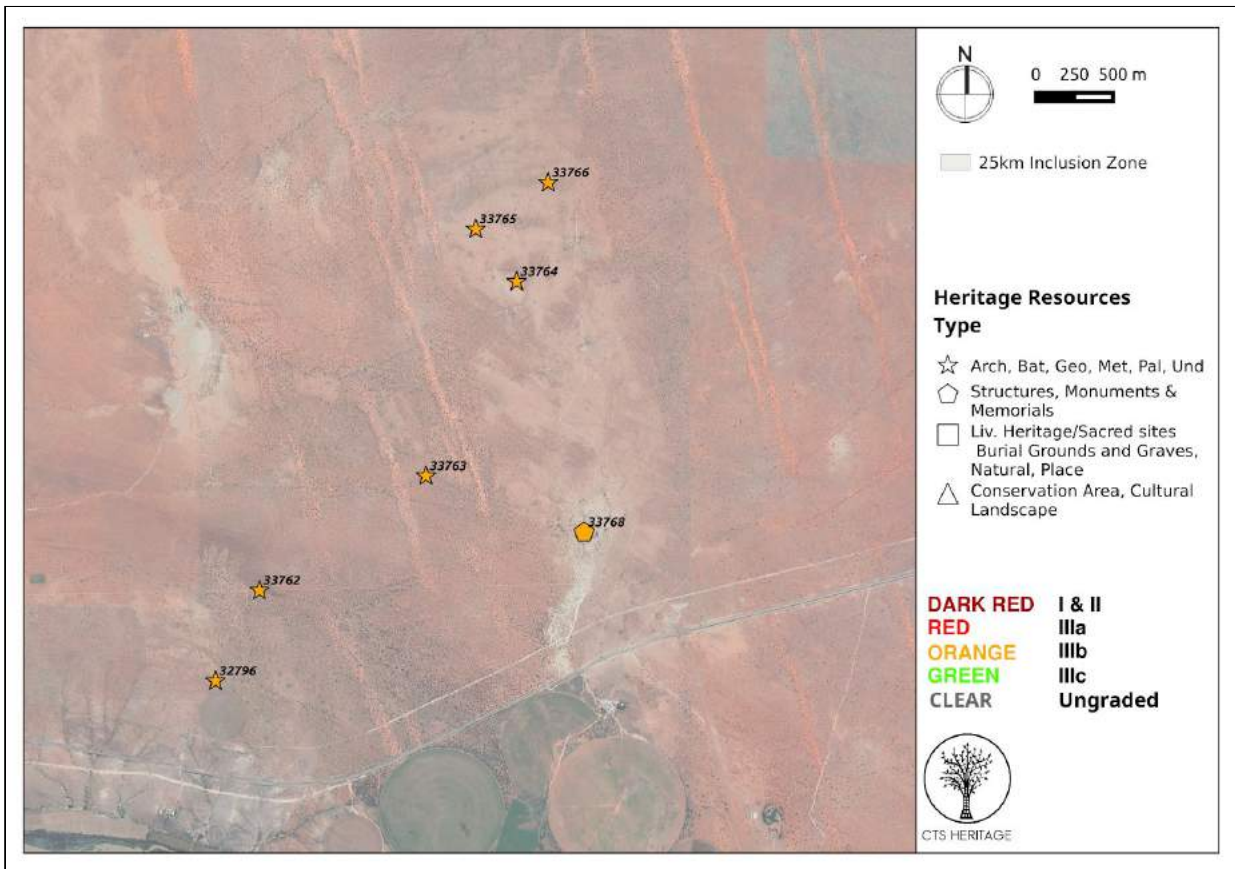


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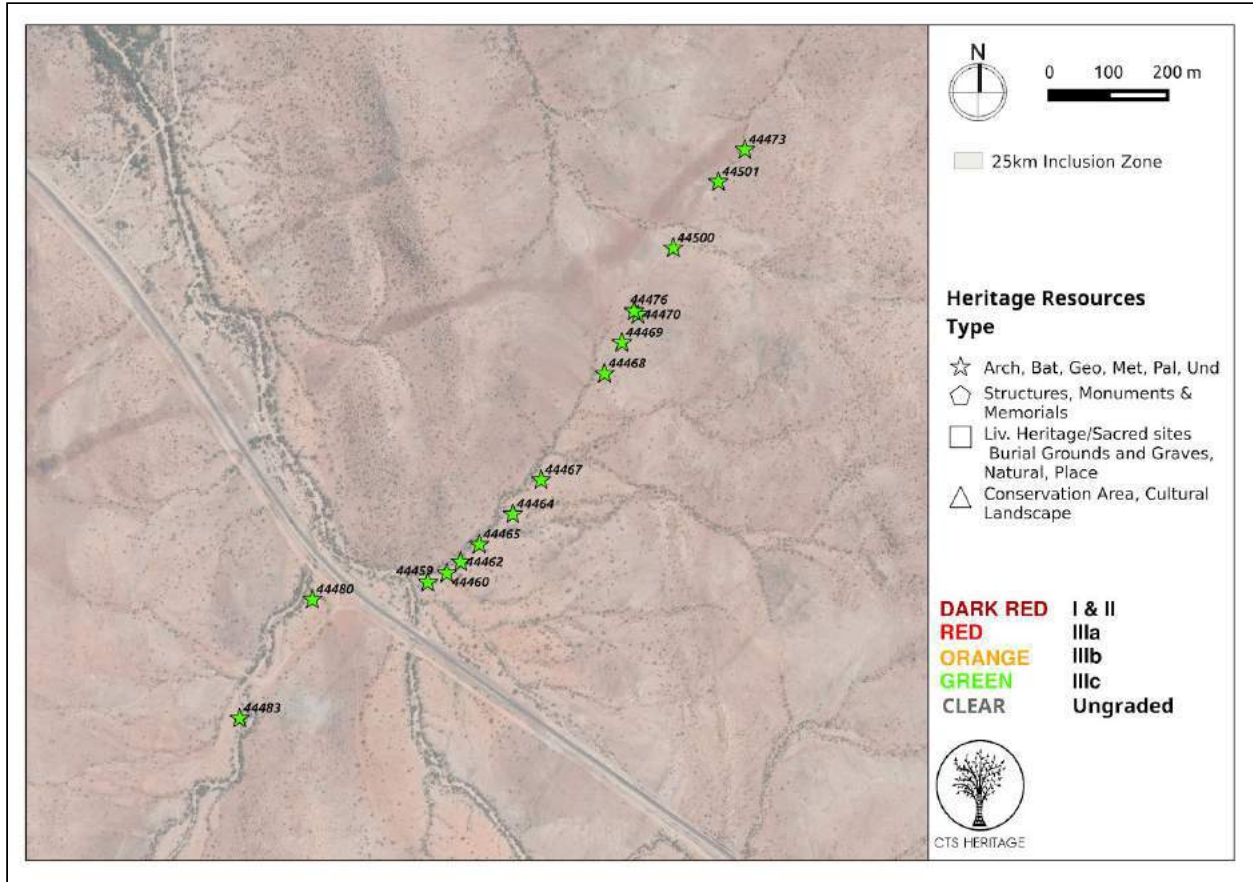


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4. IDENTIFICATION OF HERITAGE RESOURCES

4.1 Field Assessment

The archaeological field assessment covered the area proposed for development (approximately 60km², linear access roads and pipeline totalling ~40km) thoroughly. Stone Age archaeological resources were identified within the development footprint, however these are considered to be not conservation-worthy as they are widely scattered and have no associated contextual material. Over 200 observations were made and the only area holding higher densities of material was found around a shallow pan in the northeastern corner of area 4 designated for a 350MW solar installation.

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Figure 4.1: Contextual Images of Areas 1 and 2



Figure 4.2: Contextual Images Areas 1 and 2



Figure 4.3: Contextual Images of Areas 1 and 2



Figure 4.4: Contextual Images of Development Area



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Figure 4.5: Contextual Images - Panoramic of Development Area



Figure 4.6: Cattle Kraal



Figure 4.7: Contextual Images of landscape



Figure 4.8: Contextual Images of Landscape



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Figure 4.9: Contextual Images of Linear Route



Figure 4.10: Contextual Images of Landscape



Figure 4.11: Contextual Images of powerline route



Figure 4.12: Pipeline route along fence



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Figure 4.13: Pipeline route along fence



Figure 4.14: Existing Access Route



Figure 4.15: Existing Access Route



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Figure 4.15: Servitude already disturbed for powerline and access roads

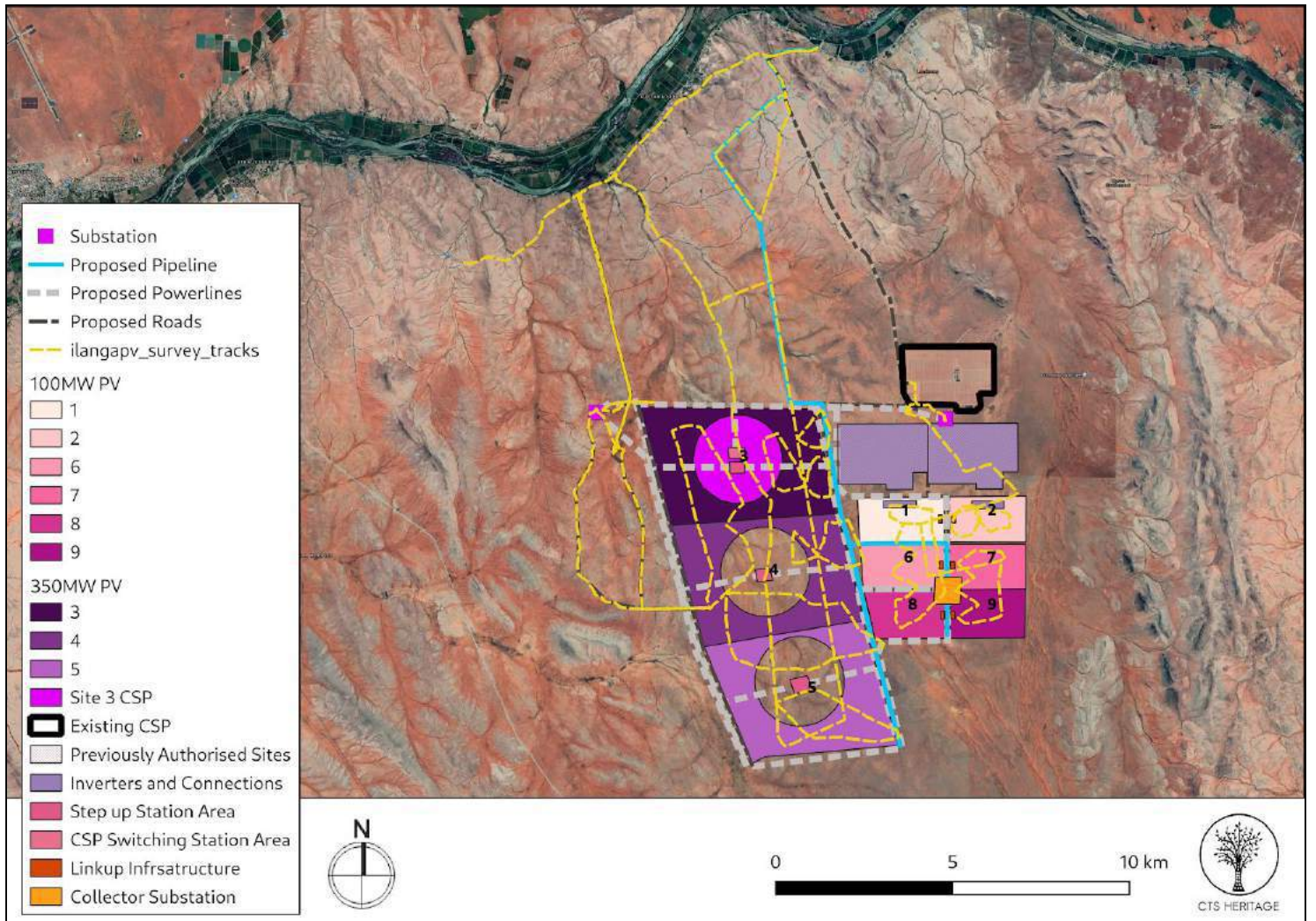


Figure 5: Overall track paths of foot survey



4.2 Archaeological Resources identified

Table 1: Observations noted during the field assessment

POINT ID	Area	Site Name	Description	Co-ordinates		Grading	Mitigation
14	1	100MW - 1	silcrete core, MSA	-28.5246733	21.5194367	NCW	None
15	1	100MW - 1	silcrete flake, MSA	-28.5223067	21.51659	NCW	None
16	1	100MW - 1	yellow silcrete flaked, MSA	-28.5208833	21.5214733	NCW	None
17	1	100MW - 1	silcrete flake and chunk, MSA	-28.5225317	21.5288767	NCW	None
18	1	100MW - 1	blue Quartzite flakes and biface MSA	-28.5239867	21.5288533	NCW	None
19	1	100MW - 1	radial core silcrete, MSA	-28.524045	21.5288383	NCW	None
20	1	100MW - 1	radial core silcrete, MSA	-28.5245933	21.5287683	NCW	None
21	1	100MW - 1	silcrete flake, MSA	-28.52637	21.5288117	NCW	None
22	1	100MW - 1	hornfels flake retouched, MSA	-28.52637	21.5288317	NCW	None
23	1	100MW - 1	patinated silcrete long flake, MSA	-28.52752	21.5290333	NCW	None
89	1	100MW - 1	quartzite and silcrete flakes, MSA	-28.5304133	21.50768	NCW	None
90	1	100MW - 1	Hornfels flakes, MSA	-28.5295967	21.5072217	NCW	None
91	1	100MW - 1	blue Quartzite flake, MSA	-28.5284683	21.506555	NCW	None
2	2	100MW - 2	single MSA Quartz flake retouched	-28.521835	21.5456317	NCW	None
3	2	100MW - 2	Quartzite MSA cores and flakes, local	-28.5219683	21.5468617	NCW	None
4	2	100MW - 2	Quartz MSA flake retouched	-28.5220933	21.5488833	NCW	None
5	2	100MW - 2	pink Quartzite MSA flake, prepared platform	-28.52529	21.5512817	NCW	None
6	2	100MW - 2	silcrete MSA blade flake	-28.5255317	21.5512667	NCW	None
7	2	100MW - 2	another MSA silcrete flake	-28.5260383	21.5512167	NCW	None
8	2	100MW - 2	two blue Quartzite MSA flakes	-28.525165	21.5432133	NCW	None
9	2	100MW - 2	banded Quartzite MSA and landscape	-28.5281883	21.5389467	NCW	None
10	2	100MW - 2	relatively dense open scatter of MSA silcrete flakes, blades, retouch	-28.528475	21.5379567	NCW	None
11	2	100MW - 2	radial core quartz, MSA	-28.528445	21.53632	NCW	None
12	2	100MW - 2	silcrete MSA core flakes patinated	-28.5272983	21.534975	NCW	None
13	2	100MW - 2	pink granite MSA large platform	-28.5206817	21.54054	NCW	None
104	3	350MW - 3	quartzite flake, MSA	-28.5177283	21.49427	NCW	None
105	3	350MW - 3	Hornfels core, MSA	-28.5170617	21.4994517	NCW	None
106	3	350MW - 3	Hornfels retouched, MSA	-28.51621	21.49926	NCW	None
107	3	350MW - 3	silcrete core flake and stands of quartzite outcrops, MSA	-28.5114433	21.4990167	NCW	None
108	3	350MW - 3	LSA Hornfels	-28.5088867	21.4979183	NCW	None
109	3	350MW - 3	quartzite core, debris field, MSA	-28.5098383	21.4941383	NCW	None
110	3	350MW - 3	Blue quartzite flake, MSA	-28.51617	21.4903767	NCW	None
111	3	350MW - 3	quartz core, quartzite and silcrete flakes, MSA	-28.51691	21.4857967	NCW	None
112	3	350MW - 3	quartzite flake, MSA	-28.5164583	21.48462	NCW	None
118	3	350MW - 3	quartzite flake, MSA	-28.5098683	21.489345	NCW	None
119	3	350MW - 3	quartz, silcrete, Hornfels flakes LSA	-28.504785	21.4917783	NCW	None



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120	3	350MW - 3	quartzite flake, MSA	-28.50583	21.4943217	NCW	None
121	3	350MW - 3	silcrete flake, MSA	-28.5059633	21.4984733	NCW	None
124	3	350MW - 3	Hornfels flake, MSA	-28.4991883	21.4939783	NCW	None
125	3	350MW - 3	quartzite flake, MSA	-28.49986	21.4934883	NCW	None
147	3	350MW - 3	unifacial silcrete flake, MSA	-28.5242017	21.460575	NCW	None
148	3	350MW - 3	quartz core quartzite flake, MSA	-28.51953	21.4593733	NCW	None
149	3	350MW - 3	Hornfels flake, prepared platform, MSA	-28.5157683	21.458345	NCW	None
150	3	350MW - 3	quartz and Hornfels flakes, MSA	-28.51277	21.4574317	NCW	None
151	3	350MW - 3	Hornfels flake, MSA	-28.50692	21.45569	NCW	None
152	3	350MW - 3	silcrete, Hornfels, quartz flakes in gravels, MSA	-28.5039567	21.4546033	NCW	None
153	3	350MW - 3	dolerite sill, lower grindstone, LSA	-28.5019017	21.4537583	NCW	None
155	3	350MW - 3	Hornfels flake in shallow dry pan, MSA	-28.5007933	21.4619583	NCW	None
163	3	350MW - 3	silcrete core, MSA	-28.5201933	21.4742167	NCW	None
113	3	CSP - 3	quartzite flake, MSA	-28.51566	21.4829483	NCW	None
114	3	CSP - 3	Hornfels cores, MSA	-28.5134567	21.4827017	NCW	None
115	3	CSP - 3	quartzite flake, MSA	-28.5076867	21.4808667	NCW	None
116	3	CSP - 3	Hornfels radial core, MSA	-28.50615	21.4803983	NCW	None
156	3	CSP - 3	Hornfels core, MSA	-28.5038783	21.4640383	NCW	None
157	3	CSP - 3	exposed quartz outcrop and cores, flakes, MSA	-28.5069133	21.4660733	NCW	None
158	3	CSP - 3	silcrete flake, MSA	-28.509145	21.4677017	NCW	None
159	3	CSP - 3	quartzite flake, MSA	-28.51312	21.4701467	NCW	None
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161	3	CSP - 3	silcrete and Quartzite flakes, cores, MSA	-28.51748	21.4729783	NCW	None
45993	3	CSP - 3	Karoshhoek004 LSA Scatter	-28.50373	21.47926	IIIC	None
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71	4	350MW - 4	heavily patinated hornfels, MSA	-28.543435	21.490315	NCW	None
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77	4	350MW - 4	Hornfels flake, MSA	-28.547325	21.4691833	NCW	None
86	4	350MW - 4	silcrete flake, MSA	-28.5350783	21.4995233	NCW	None
92	4	350MW - 4	quartzite flakes, MSA	-28.5246883	21.5018517	NCW	None
93	4	350MW - 4	Hornfels flakes, MSA	-28.524835	21.5013783	NCW	None
95	4	350MW - 4	Hornfels patinated, MSA	-28.5252317	21.4980667	NCW	None
96	4	350MW - 4	ccs and Hornfels LSA	-28.5259917	21.49809	NCW	None



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97	4	350MW - 4	Hornfels and Quartz flakes LSA	-28.5268967	21.4980567	NCW	None
98	4	350MW - 4	quartz core, MSA	-28.5351583	21.4893567	NCW	None
99	4	350MW - 4	various shades of silcrete flakes, MSA	-28.535135	21.4885967	NCW	None
101	4	350MW - 4	thin Hornfels flake, MSA	-28.528945	21.49106	NCW	None
102	4	350MW - 4	quartzite flake, MSA	-28.5318	21.4943667	NCW	None
138	4	350MW - 4	quartz and Quartzite flakes no retouch, MSA	-28.5467317	21.4603783	NCW	None
139	4	350MW - 4	quartz core, MSA	-28.546645	21.4628533	NCW	None
141	4	350MW - 4	silcrete and Quartzite flakes, MSA	-28.5425267	21.4643267	NCW	None
142	4	350MW - 4	quartz flake, MSA	-28.5364183	21.4651383	NCW	None
143	4	350MW - 4	quartz flake, MSA	-28.53442	21.4643583	NCW	None
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145	4	350MW - 4	Hornfels flake, MSA	-28.5287283	21.4624033	NCW	None
146	4	350MW - 4	quartz and silcrete flakes, MSA	-28.5261733	21.461225	NCW	None
164	4	350MW - 4	Hornfels and Quartzite flakes, MSA	-28.5275283	21.4723183	NCW	None
165	4	350MW - 4	local quarried quartzite flakes, MSA	-28.529065	21.4745533	NCW	None
166	4	350MW - 4	quartzite and Quartz flakes, MSA	-28.5300267	21.4751867	NCW	None
167	4	350MW - 4	dark quartzite flake, MSA	-28.5336767	21.47652	NCW	None
168	4	350MW - 4	silcrete, quartz, quartzite flakes, MSA	-28.53694	21.476385	NCW	None
169	4	350MW - 4	quartzite core, MSA	-28.5406983	21.4723283	NCW	None
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55	5	350MW - 5	silcrete flake, MSA	-28.580055	21.506385	NCW	None
58	5	350MW - 5	quartz flake, MSA	-28.5744883	21.5104067	NCW	None
59	5	350MW - 5	rough silcrete, MSA	-28.5739367	21.5092733	NCW	None
60	5	350MW - 5	quartz, quartzite, silcrete flakes, gravel of calcrete, MSA	-28.5700083	21.5011233	NCW	None
61	5	350MW - 5	quartz flake, MSA	-28.5677967	21.4965783	NCW	None
62	5	350MW - 5	quartzite cobbles next to broken calcrete, MSA	-28.5676117	21.4958267	NCW	None
63	5	350MW - 5	Hornfels flake retouched, MSA	-28.567745	21.4938283	NCW	None
78	5	350MW - 5	LSA Hornfels, quartz, silcrete flakes	-28.5553733	21.47035	NCW	None
79	5	350MW - 5	quartzite flake, MSA	-28.5559533	21.4702117	NCW	None
80	5	350MW - 5	quartz and Quartzite flakes, MSA	-28.5604433	21.4745267	NCW	None
81	5	350MW - 5	quartzite flake, MSA	-28.5621417	21.4862183	NCW	None
82	5	350MW - 5	purple Quartzite flakes, MSA	-28.5622383	21.4870133	NCW	None
83	5	350MW - 5	silcrete retouched right around, MSA	-28.5624533	21.4924917	NCW	None
84	5	350MW - 5	heavily patinated hornfels, MSA	-28.5621967	21.49401	NCW	None



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24	6	100MW - 6	quartz flake possibly hafted, MSA	-28.5313	21.5300417	NCW	None
25	6	100MW - 6	blue Quartzite core, MSA	-28.53424	21.5303883	NCW	None
31	6	100MW - 6	silcrete and Quartz flakes, MSA	-28.5391917	21.5194983	NCW	None
32	6	100MW - 6	silcrete biface and landscape, MSA	-28.53893	21.5189117	NCW	None
33	6	100MW - 6	quartzite flake, MSA	-28.5351233	21.5201983	NCW	None
34	6	100MW - 6	LSA Hornfels flake	-28.535005	21.5220817	NCW	None
35	6	100MW - 6	quartzite flake, MSA	-28.53259	21.5239333	NCW	None
87	6	100MW - 6	broken up silcrete, quartz flakes, MSA	-28.5350417	21.5089383	NCW	None
88	6	100MW - 6	Hornfels flakes, MSA	-28.5331333	21.50844	NCW	None
37	7	100MW - 7	quartz core, MSA	-28.53679	21.5486483	NCW	None
45	7	100MW - 7	quartz core LSA	-28.5357767	21.5367867	NCW	None
46	7	100MW - 7	quartz flake, MSA	-28.53294	21.5395933	NCW	None
47	7	100MW - 7	quartz debitage gravels, MSA	-28.5320517	21.5411167	NCW	None
48	7	100MW - 7	pink Quartzite radial core, MSA	-28.53222	21.5481417	NCW	None
26	8	100MW - 8	quartz flake, MSA	-28.5462783	21.52842	NCW	None
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30	8	100MW - 8	quartzite flake, MSA	-28.5434	21.5221667	NCW	None
39	9	100MW - 9	dark blue Quartzite flake, MSA	-28.5482517	21.5489233	NCW	None
40	9	100MW - 9	white quartzite flake, MSA	-28.5503567	21.54081	NCW	None
41	9	100MW - 9	silcrete core flake, MSA	-28.5497783	21.5371867	NCW	None
42	9	100MW - 9	stone quarried pavement, MSA	-28.5494083	21.5366067	NCW	None
43	9	100MW - 9	quartz flake, MSA	-28.545045	21.5412883	NCW	None
129	10	Roads	access road route, quartzite, Hornfels, quartz flakes and cores, MSA	-28.445615	21.427785	NCW	None
131	10	Roads	Hornfels and views, MSA	-28.4739183	21.4363017	NCW	None
132	10	Roads	quartzite flakes, cores, MSA	-28.4894533	21.440945	NCW	None
135	10	Roads	quartzite flake, MSA	-28.5468883	21.446985	NCW	None
136	10	Roads	green quartzite, MSA	-28.5468067	21.4525667	NCW	None
137	10	Roads	quartzite flake, MSA	-28.54676	21.4555233	NCW	None
173	10	Roads	access road and Hornfels flake, MSA	-28.5381233	21.4266433	NCW	None
176	10	Roads	quartz unifacial, MSA	-28.5004717	21.42949	NCW	None
177	10	Roads	Hornfels flake, MSA	-28.499945	21.42959	NCW	None
178	10	Roads	quartzite core flake, MSA	-28.4987733	21.4297783	NCW	None
179	10	Roads	dark quartzite, MSA	-28.4977033	21.4299017	NCW	None
181	10	Roads	Hornfels flake, MSA	-28.4968333	21.43102	NCW	None
184	10	Roads	Hornfels flake, MSA	-28.4948283	21.4393383	NCW	None
185	10	Roads	Hornfels flakes, MSA	-28.4956	21.4386517	NCW	None
122	11	Pipelines	quartzite flake, MSA	-28.5014183	21.49935	NCW	None
123	11	Pipelines	silcrete core flake, Hornfels, debris field, MSA	-28.49831	21.4978433	NCW	None
191	11	Pipelines	quartzite core and Quartz source, MSA	-28.4169633	21.4844	NCW	None
192	11	Pipelines	Grey quartzite flakes, MSA	-28.4188633	21.481535	NCW	None



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193	11	Pipelines	radial core quartzite, MSA	-28.4232683	21.4759783	NCW	None
195	11	Pipelines	quartzite cores, MSA	-28.4259567	21.4724717	NCW	None
198	11	Pipelines	heavily patinated Hornfels, MSA	-28.4334983	21.4674367	NCW	None
200	11	Pipelines	quartzite core and flake, MSA	-28.44203	21.474215	NCW	None

4.3 Selected photographic record

(a full photographic record is available upon request)



Figure 6.1: Observations from Area 1 (14, 15, 16 and 18)



Figure 6.2: Observations from Area 1 (17, 18, 19)



Figure 6.3: Observations from Area 2 (2,3)



Figure 6.4: Observations from Area 2 (7, 8, 9)



Figure 6.5 Observations from Area 3 (104, 105, 106)



Figure 6.6 Observations from Area 3 (148, 149, 151)



Figure 6.7 Observations from Area 3 CSP (113, 116, 156)



Figure 6.8 Observations from Area 3 CSP (157, 158, 160)



Figure 6.9: Observations from Area 4 (70, 76, 169)



Figure 6.10: Observations from Area 5 (50, 51, 54)



Figure 6.11: Observations from Area 6 (24, 25)



Figure 6.12: Observations from Area 7 (45, 48)



Figures 6.13: Observations from Area 8 (26, 27, 30)



Figure 6.14: Observations from Area 9 (39, 40, 43)



Figure 6.15: Observations from proposed roads (129, 132, 184)



Figure 6.16: Observations from proposed pipeline (122, 191, 192)

5. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF THE DEVELOPMENT

5.1 Assessment of impact to Archaeological Resources

The proposed development will not have a negative impact on the heritage resources identified within the Ilanga PV facilities' footprint. The lithic material identified is of low significance (not conservation-worthy), and even though the resources may be destroyed during construction, the impact is inconsequential. No mitigation is required for archaeological material recorded in the footprint areas of the proposed 350MW and 100MW solar PV facilities. Despite the high number of observations of artefacts, these resources are common and representative of similar scatters across widespread areas of the Northern Cape.

One Grade IIIIC archaeological site that falls within the proposed Site 3 CSP was previously recorded by Gaigher (2012). This site (KAROS004, SAHRIS Site ID) is described as "a loose scattering of LSA tools... There is no indication that this site extends underground and there are also no indications that this was a manufacturing site. The material used seems to be hornfels and no local source could be identified on site. These tools are most likely out of context and were deposited by means of alluvial action." In terms of possible impact to this site, Gaigher provided no recommendations in terms of mitigation options and indicated that no site specific recommendations are necessary.

There is no impact anticipated to significant archaeological resources from the proposed pipeline. The archaeological resources identified along this route are not conservation-worthy. The westernmost access route option (Figure 1.2) is not the preferred option as it does not follow an existing jeep track. If possible, the access route about 1.5km east of the westernmost route should be used as it follows an already impacted jeep track.



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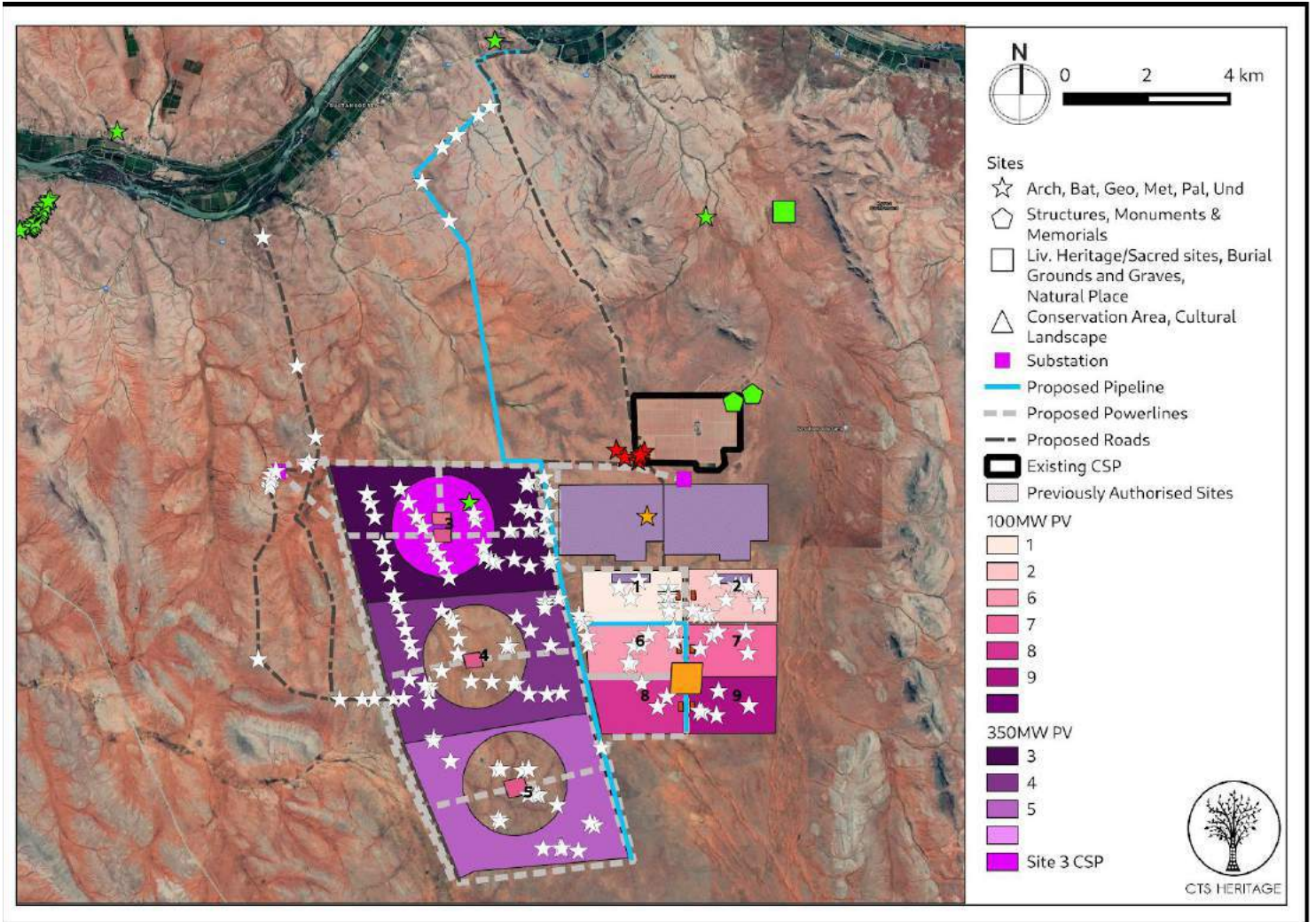


Figure 7: Map of heritage resources identified during the field assessment relative to the proposed development footprint

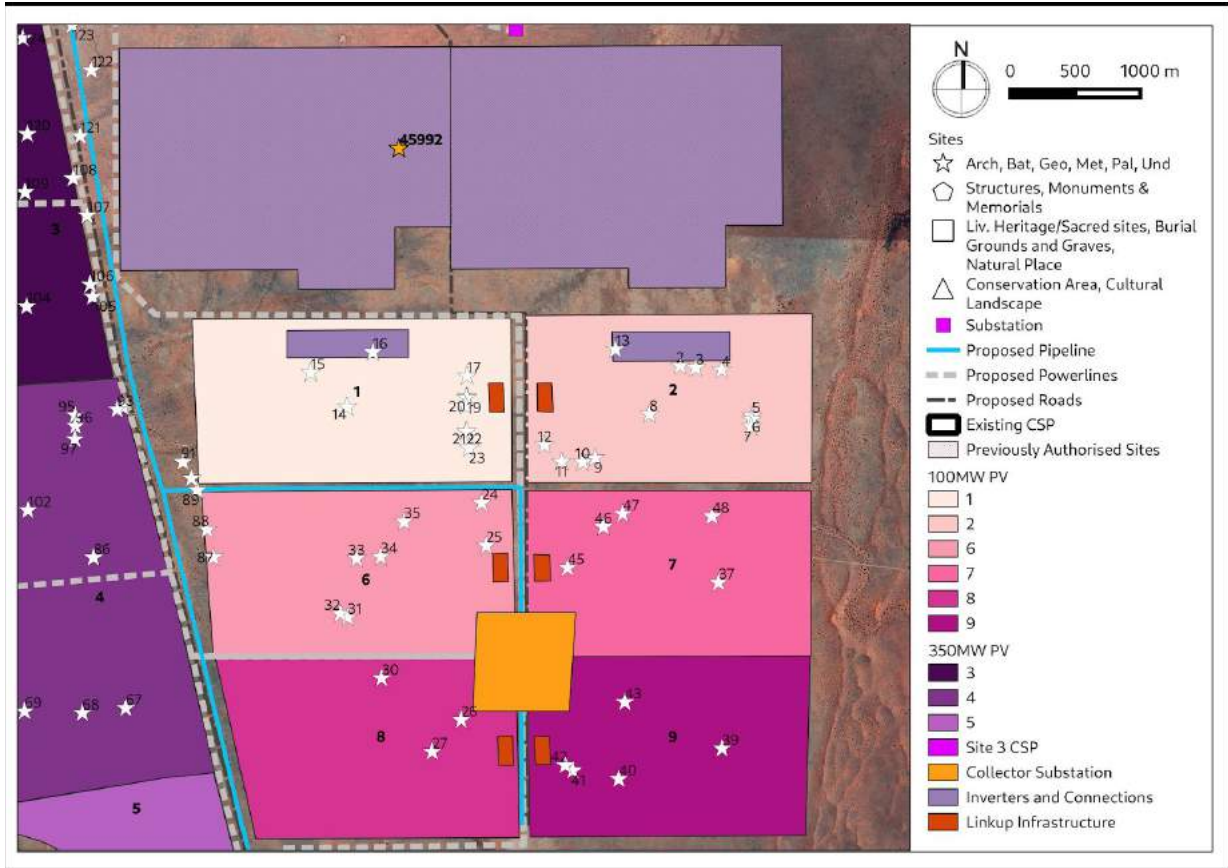


Figure 7.1: Map of heritage resources within the proposed 100MW PV facilities

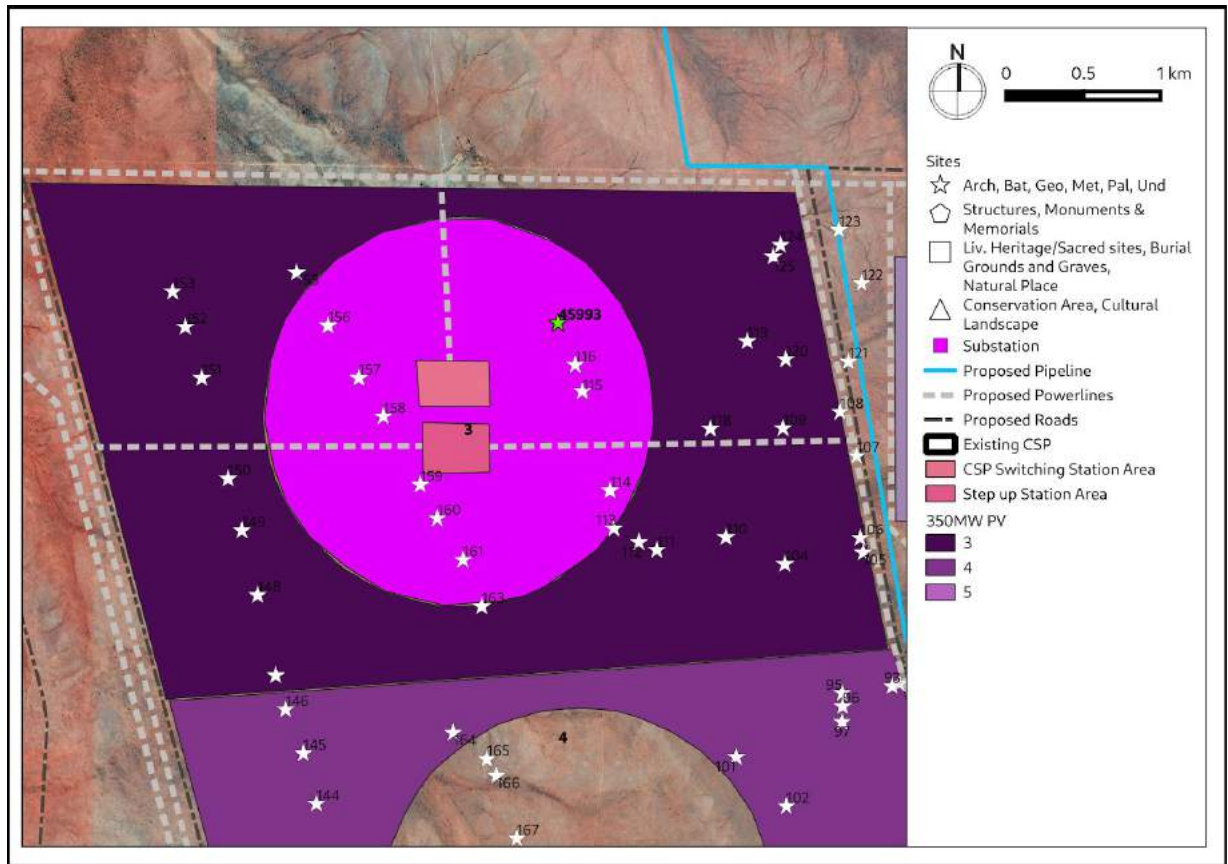


Figure 7.2: Map of heritage resources within Site 3 350MW facility and the Site 3 CSP



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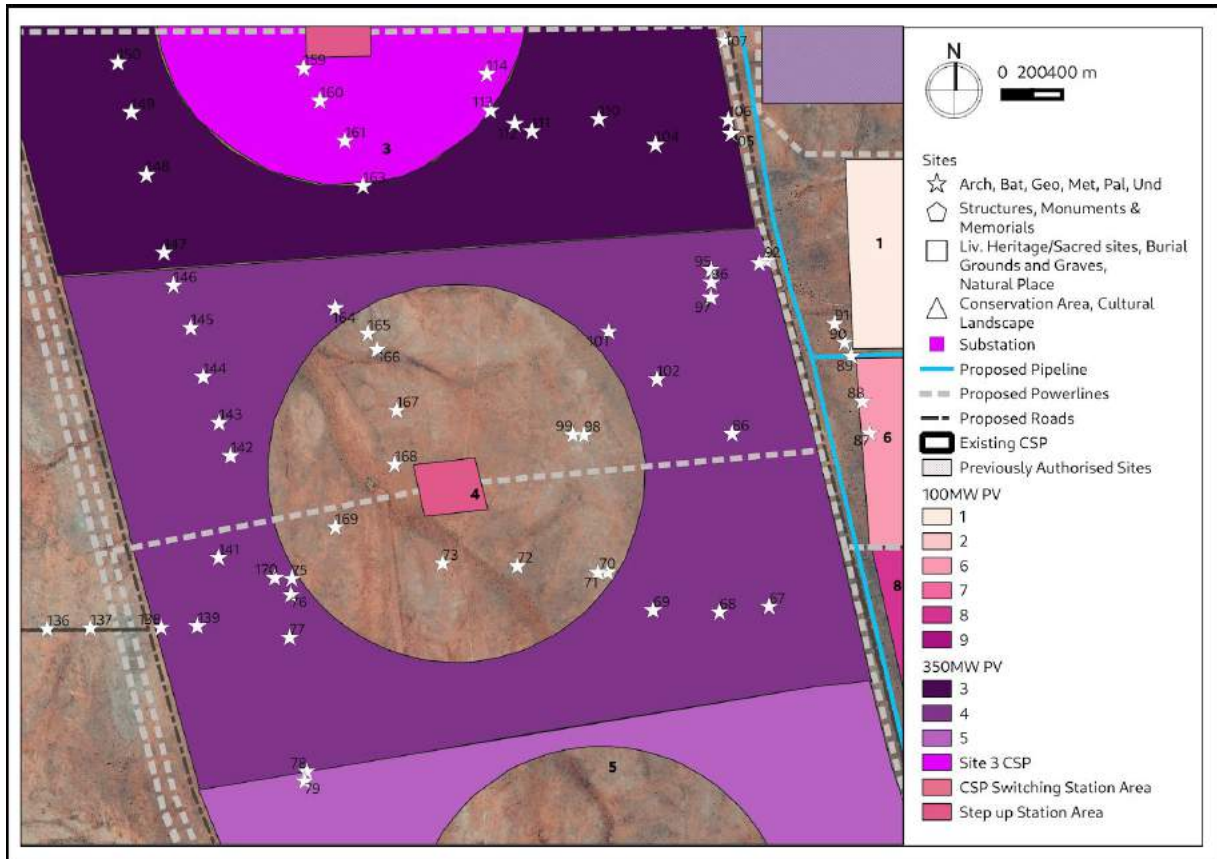


Figure 7.3: Map of heritage resources within Site 4 350MW facility

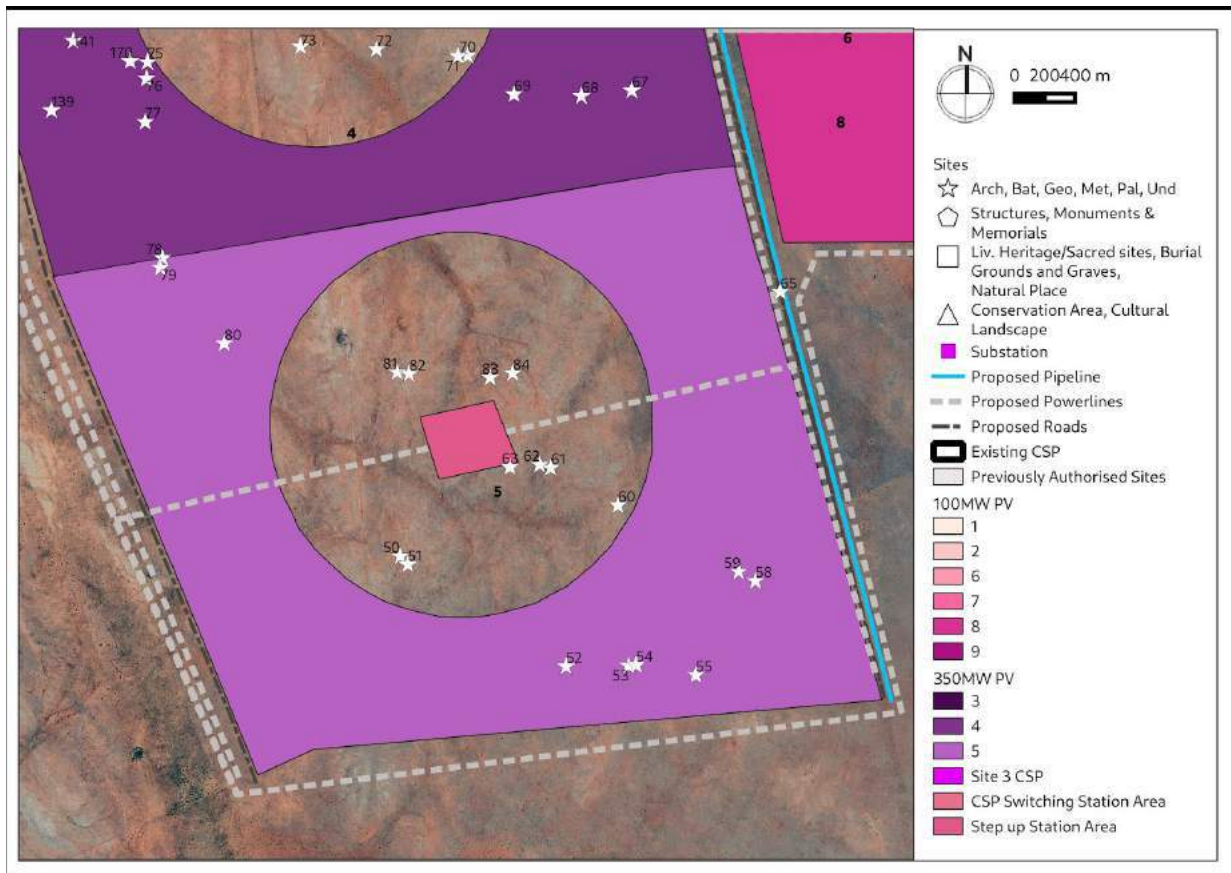


Figure 7.4: Map of heritage resources within Site 4 350MW facility



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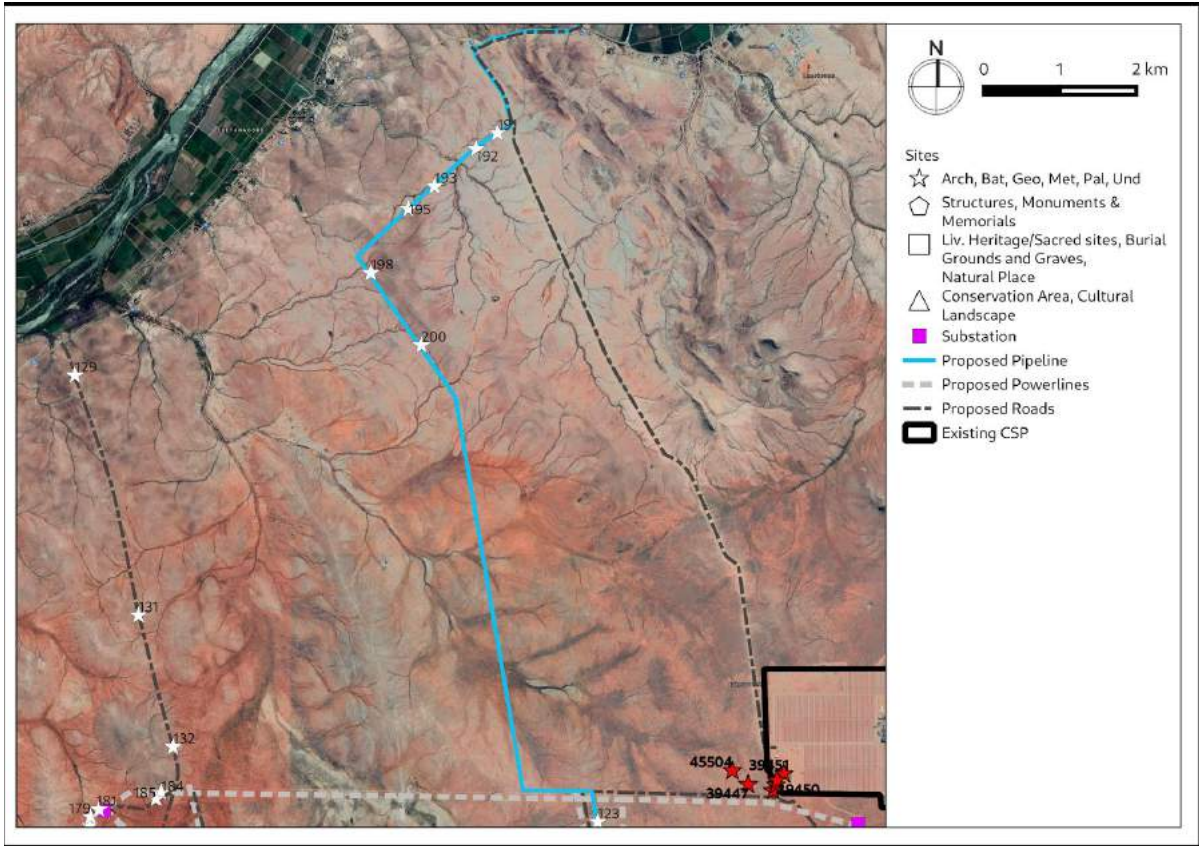


Figure 7.5: Map of heritage resources within the proposed pipeline and roads

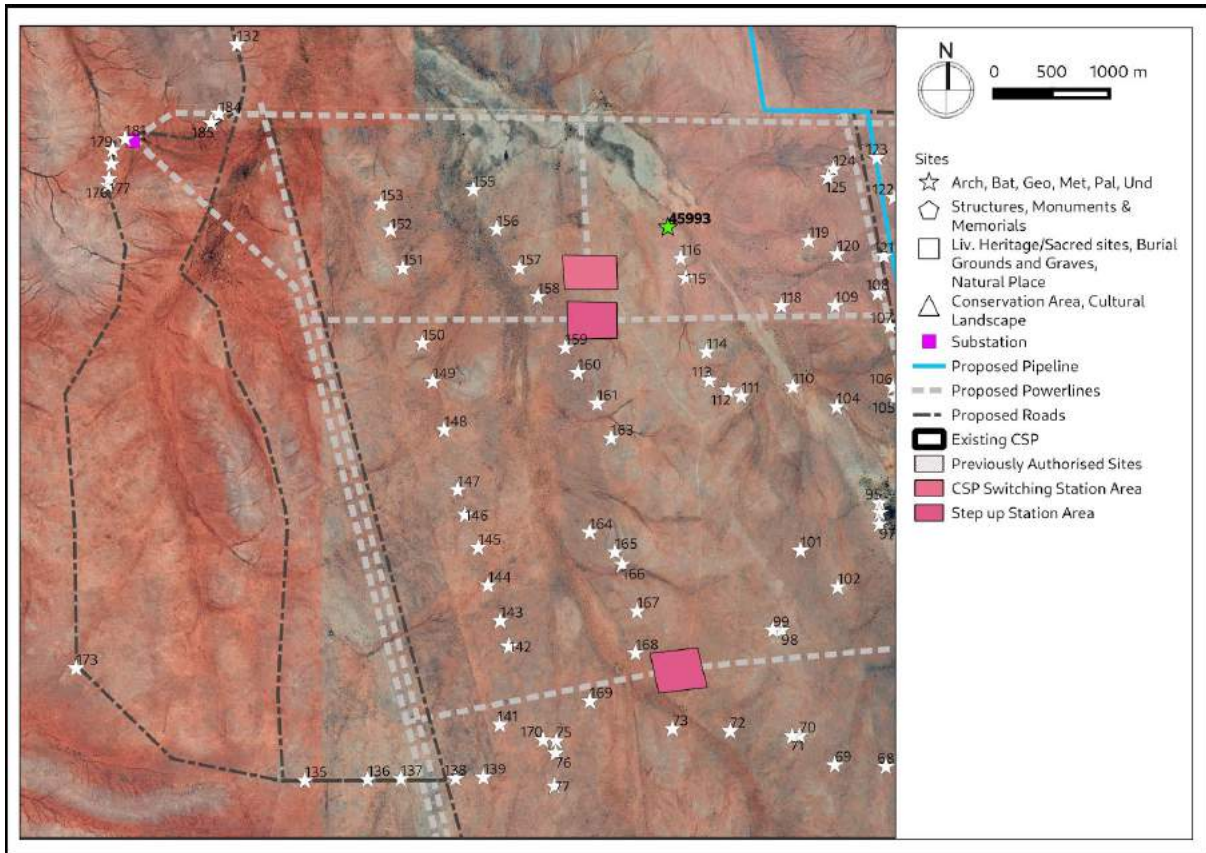


Figure 7.6: Map of heritage resources within the proposed road and powerlines



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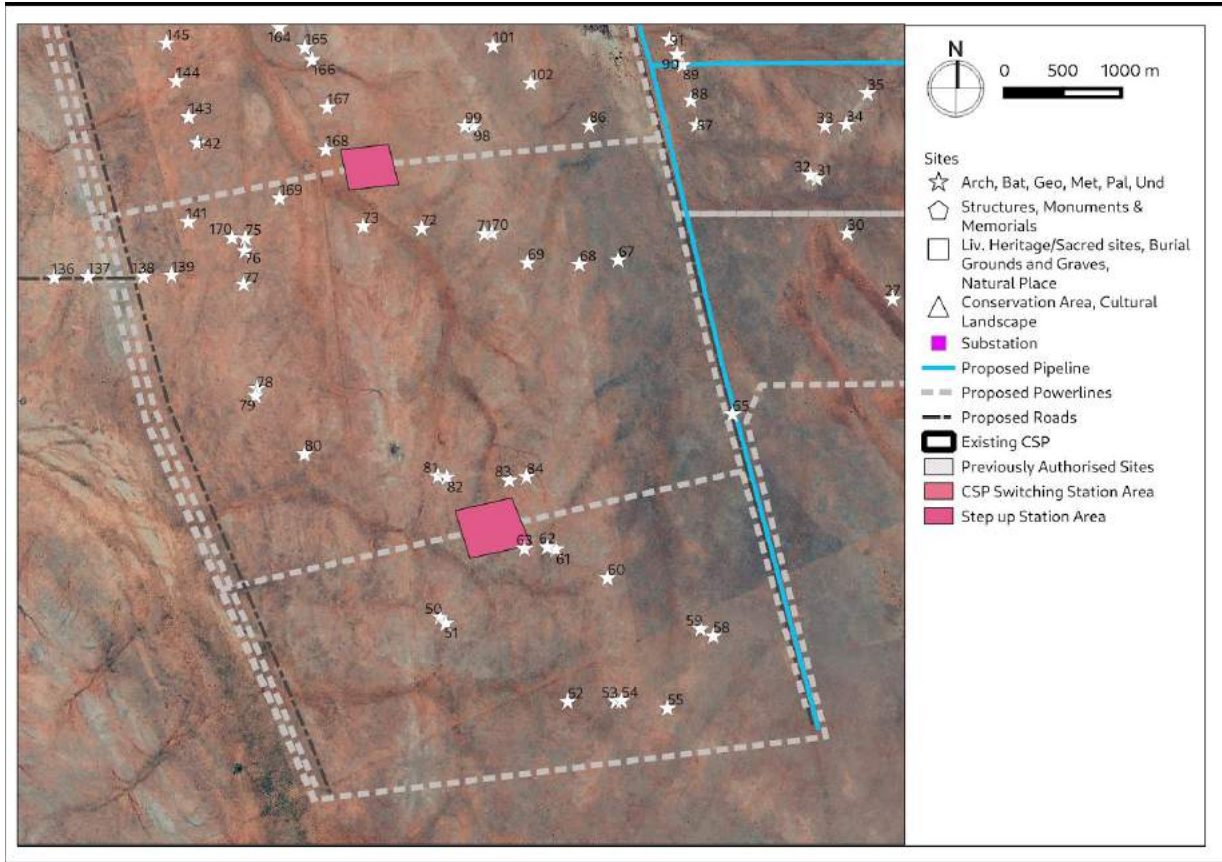


Figure 7.6: Map of heritage resources within the proposed roads, powerlines and pipelines

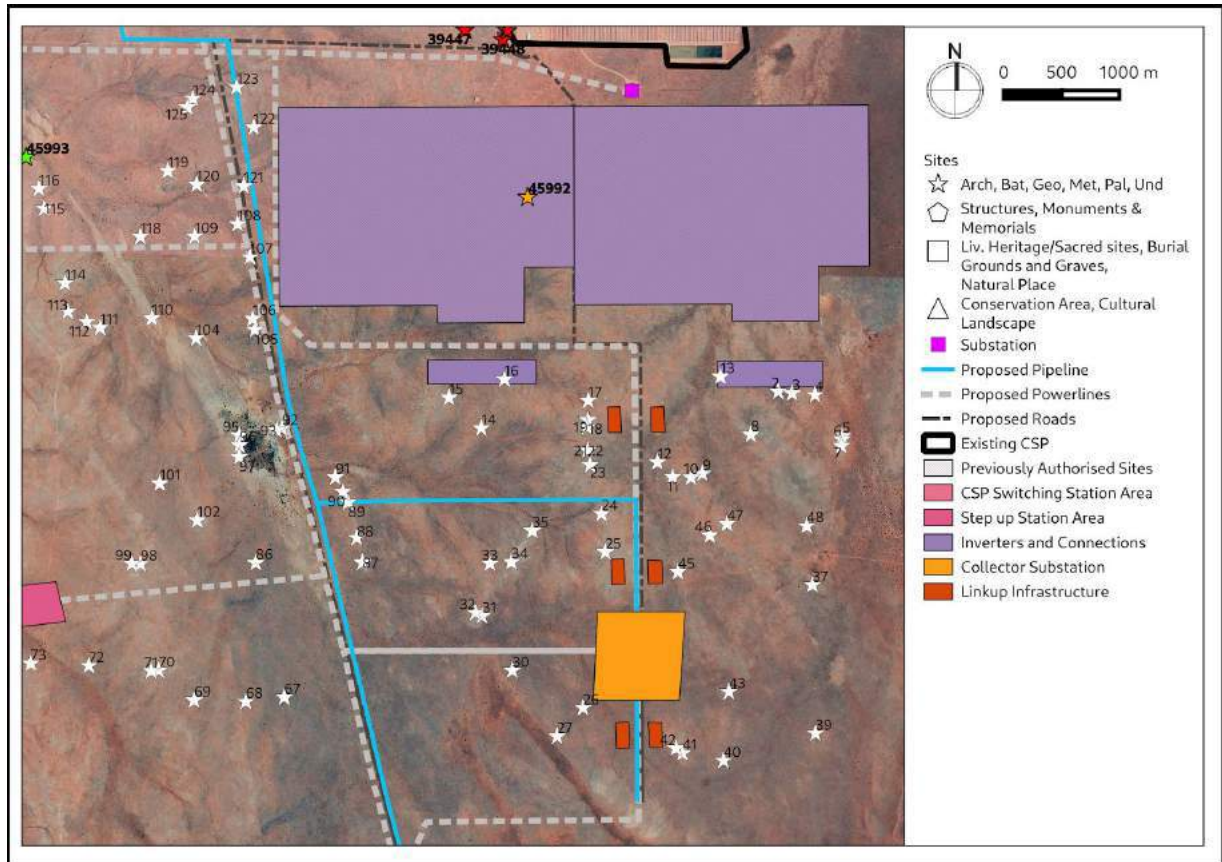


Figure 7.7: Map of heritage resources within the proposed roads, powerlines and pipelines



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6. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the assessment of the potential impact of the development on the identified heritage, the following recommendations are made, taking into consideration any existing or potential sustainable social and economic benefits.

- No mitigation is required for archaeological material recorded in the footprint areas of the proposed 350MW and 100MW solar PV facilities, or the 350MW CSP, or the proposed powerline, access roads and pipeline. Despite the high number of observations of artefacts, the grading was not conservation worthy as they are common and representative of similar scatters across widespread areas of the Northern Cape.
- The westernmost access route option is not the preferred option as it does not follow an existing jeep track. If possible, the access route about 1.5km east of the westernmost route should be used as it follows an already impacted road.
- Although all possible care has been taken to identify sites of cultural importance during the investigation of the study area, it is always possible that hidden or subsurface sites could be overlooked during the assessment. If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted.
- If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. A professional archaeologist must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. A Phase 2 rescue excavation operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA



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APPENDIX 1: Heritage Screening Assessment (March 2019)



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APPENDIX 2: Palaeontological Assessment



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APPENDIX 3: Heritage Screening Assessment



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CTS Reference Number:	CTS19_058
SAHRA Ref:	
Client:	Savannah
Date:	September 2019
Title:	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF 3 X 350MW AND 6 x100MW PV FACILITIES WITHOUT BATTERY STORAGE AND AN EIA FOR 1 X 350MW CSP FACILITY (TOWER), NEAR UPINGTON, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE (Savannah Ref No.: SE2391)

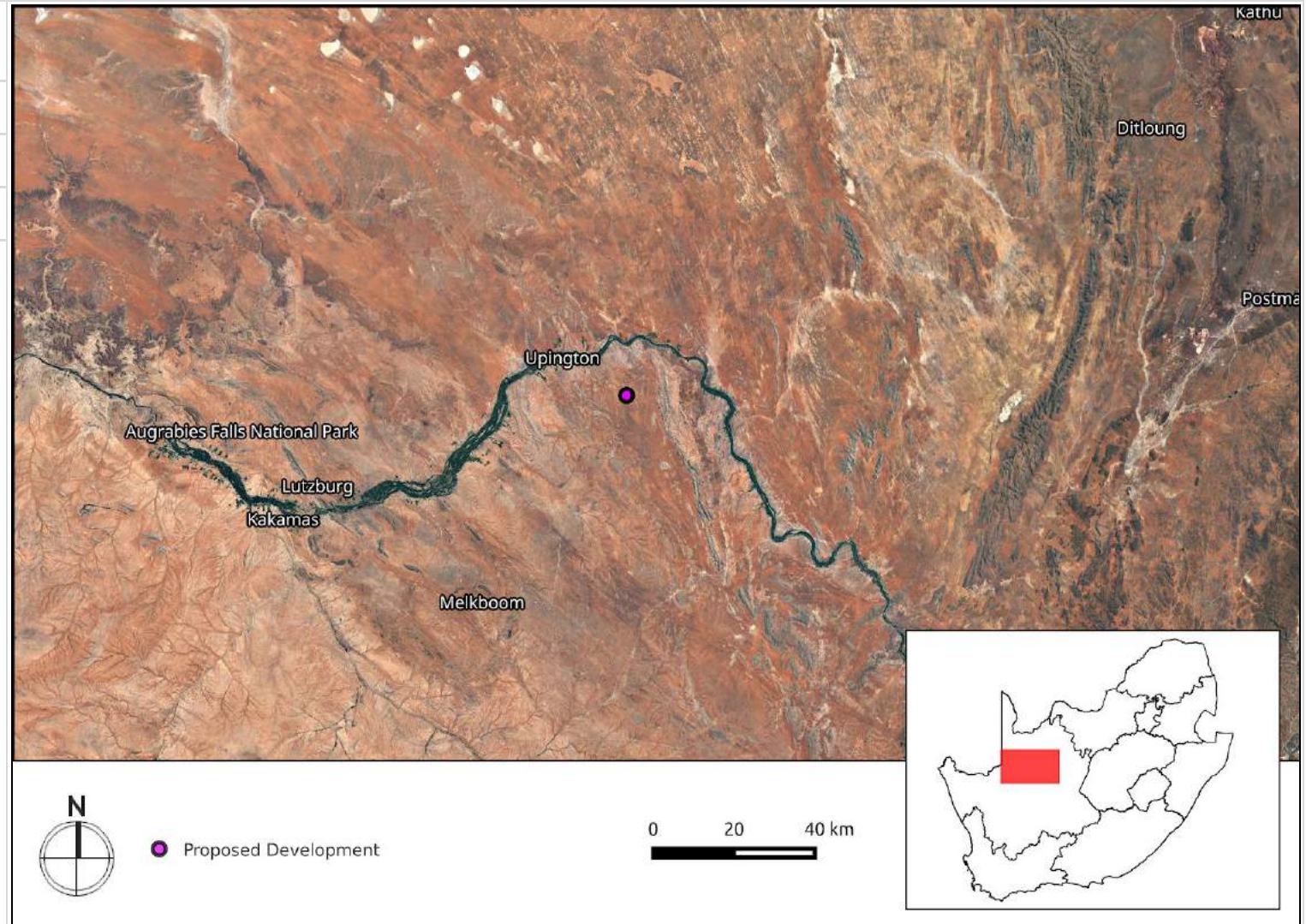


Figure 1a. Satellite map indicating the location of the proposed development in the Northern Cape Province

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1. Proposed Development Summary

Emvelo Capital Projects has appointed Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd to undertake Basic Assessment processes for 3 X 350MW and 6 X100MV PV Facilities Without Battery Storage and EIA for 1 X 350MW CSP Facility (Tower), Near Upington, Northern Cape Province. It is understood that each facility would include the following infrastructure:

1. Power line of up to 15 km
2. Pipeline of up to 20 km
3. Access road of up to 15 km in length.

The location of the project site within a REDZ and Power Corridor makes it possible to undertake Basic Assessment (BAR) processes for the projects in support of the application for authorisation. Separate applications for Authorisation are to be made for each solar energy facility.

2. Application References

Name of relevant heritage authority(s)	SAHRA
Name of decision making authority(s)	DEA

3. Property Information

Latitude / Longitude	28°31'02.66"S, 21°30'23.34"E
Erf number / Farm number	Farm 2/41, Farm 72/41
Local Municipality	Dawid Kruiper
District Municipality	Z F Mgcawu
Province	Northern Cape
Current Use	Agriculture
Current Zoning	Agriculture

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4. Nature of the Proposed Development

Total Surface Area of development	TBA
Depth of excavation (m)	TBA
Height of development (m)	TBA

5. Category of Development

x	Triggers: Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act
	Triggers: Section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act
	1. Construction of a road, wall, powerline, pipeline, canal or other similar form of linear development or barrier over 300m in length.
	2. Construction of a bridge or similar structure exceeding 50m in length.
	3. Any development or activity that will change the character of a site-
x	a) exceeding 5 000m ² in extent
	b) involving three or more existing erven or subdivisions thereof
	c) involving three or more erven or divisions thereof which have been consolidated within the past five years
	4. Rezoning of a site exceeding 10 000m ²
	5. Other (state):

6. Additional Infrastructure Required for this Development

Roads and powerlines as per the description

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7. Mapping (please see Appendix 3 and 4 for a full description of our methodology and map legends)

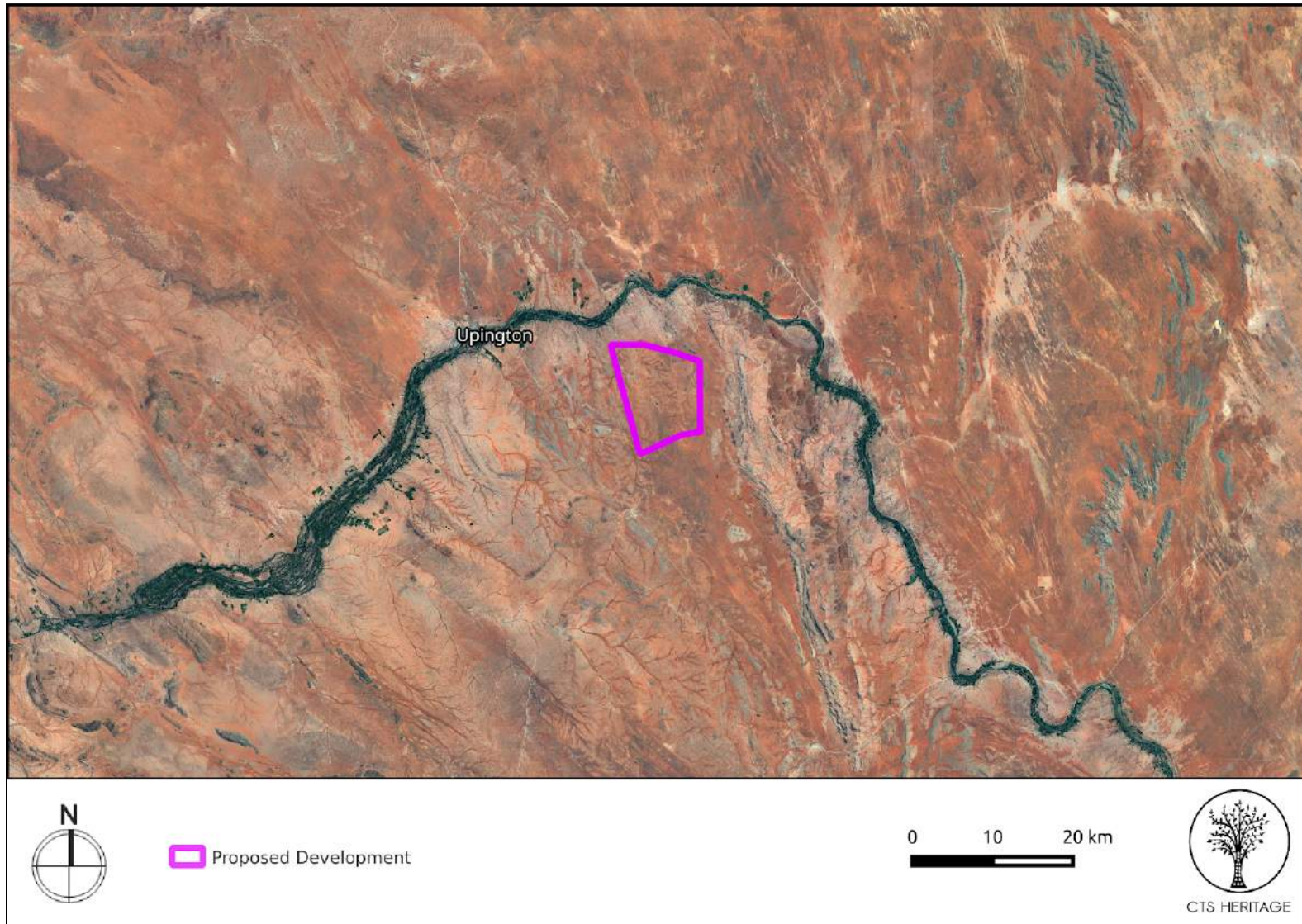


Figure 1b Overview Map. Satellite image (2019) indicating the proposed development area at closer range.

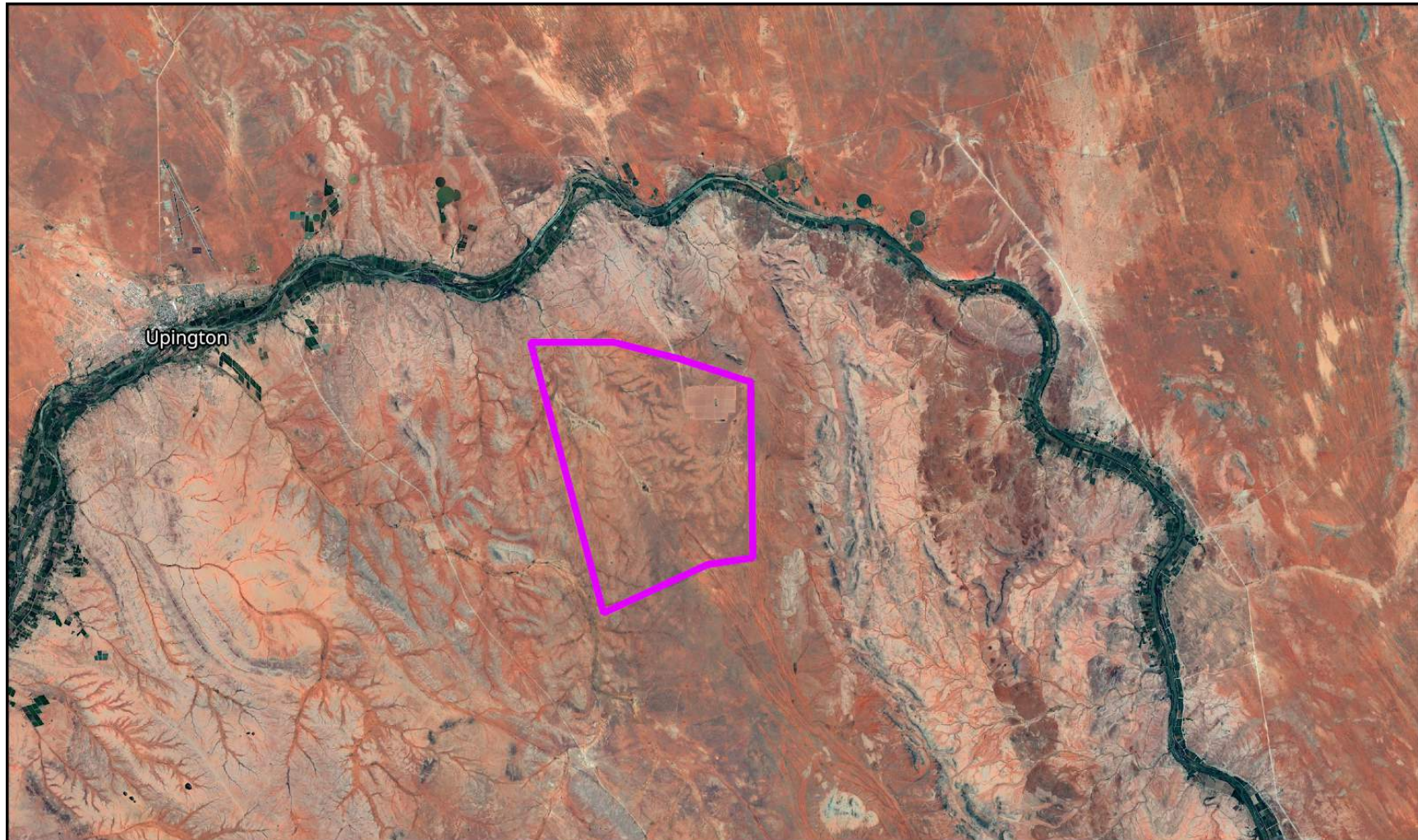
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Figure 1c. Overview Map. Satellite image (2019) indicating the proposed development area at closer range.

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Figure 1d. Overview Map. Satellite image (2019) indicating the proposed development area at closer range



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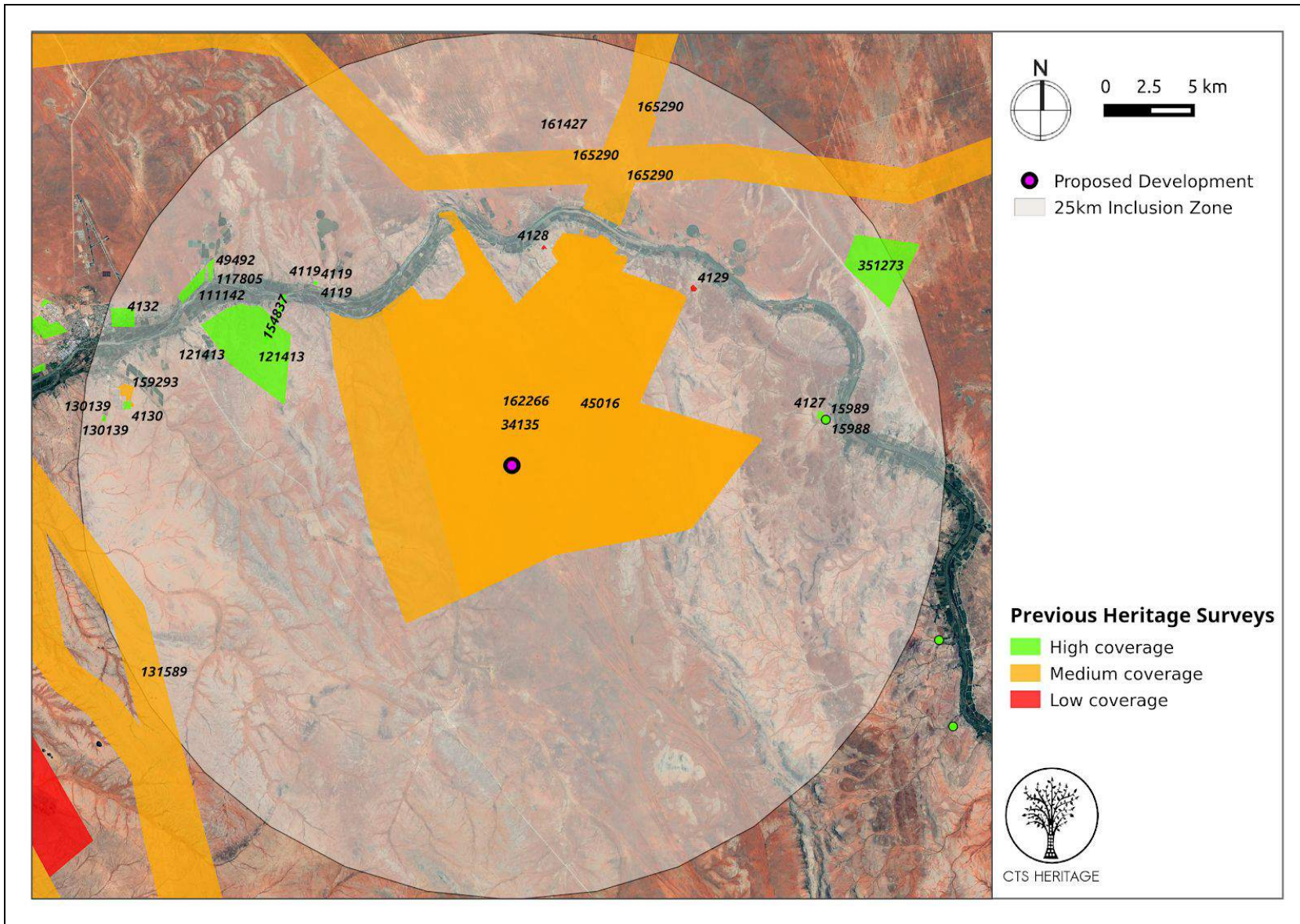


Figure 2. Previous HIAs Map. Previous Heritage Impact Assessments surrounding the proposed development area within 25km, with SAHRIS NIDS indicated. Please see Appendix 2 for full reference list.

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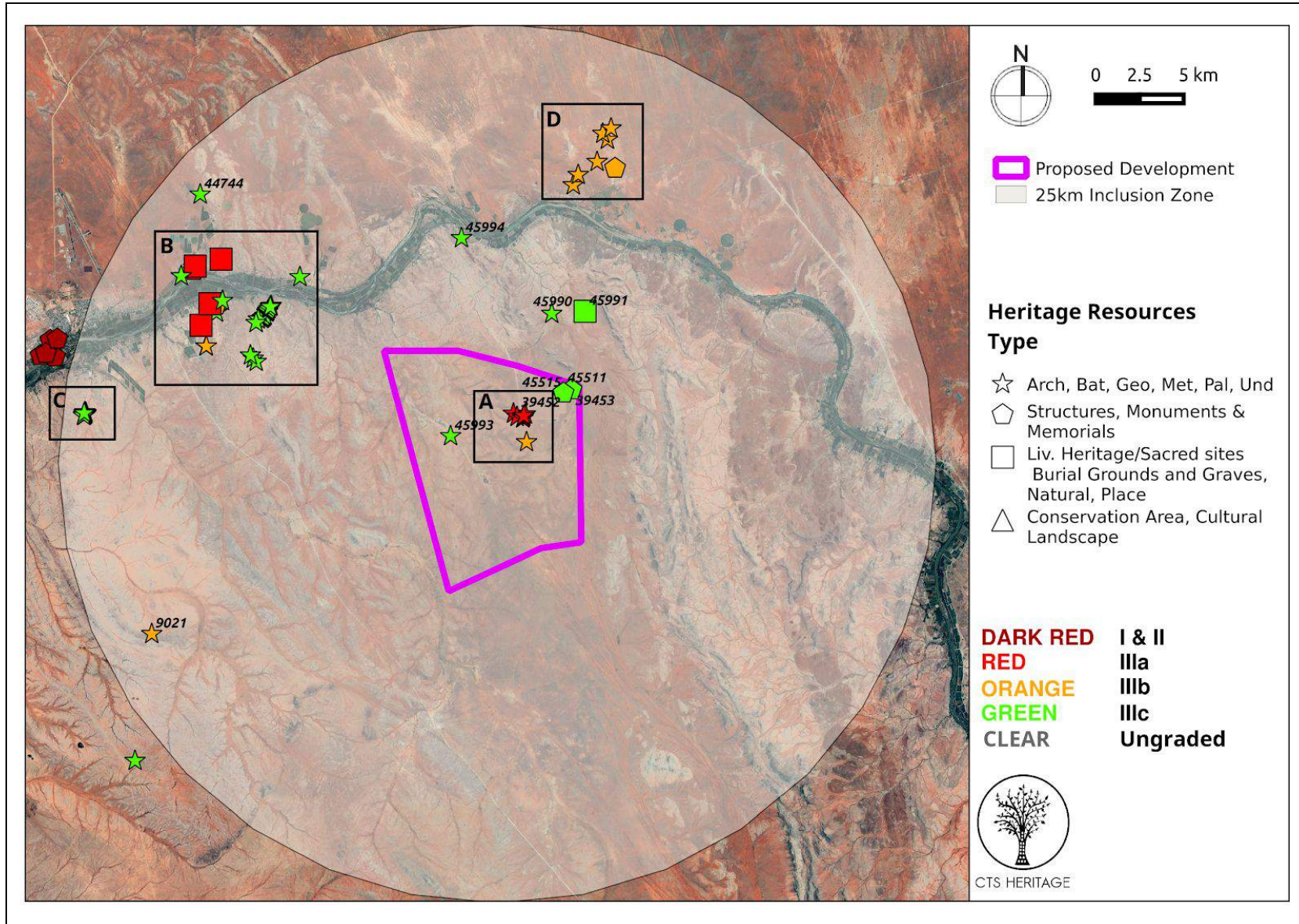


Figure 3a. Heritage Resources Map. Heritage Resources previously identified in and near the study area, with SAHRIS Site IDs indicated. Please See Appendix 4 for full description of heritage resource types.

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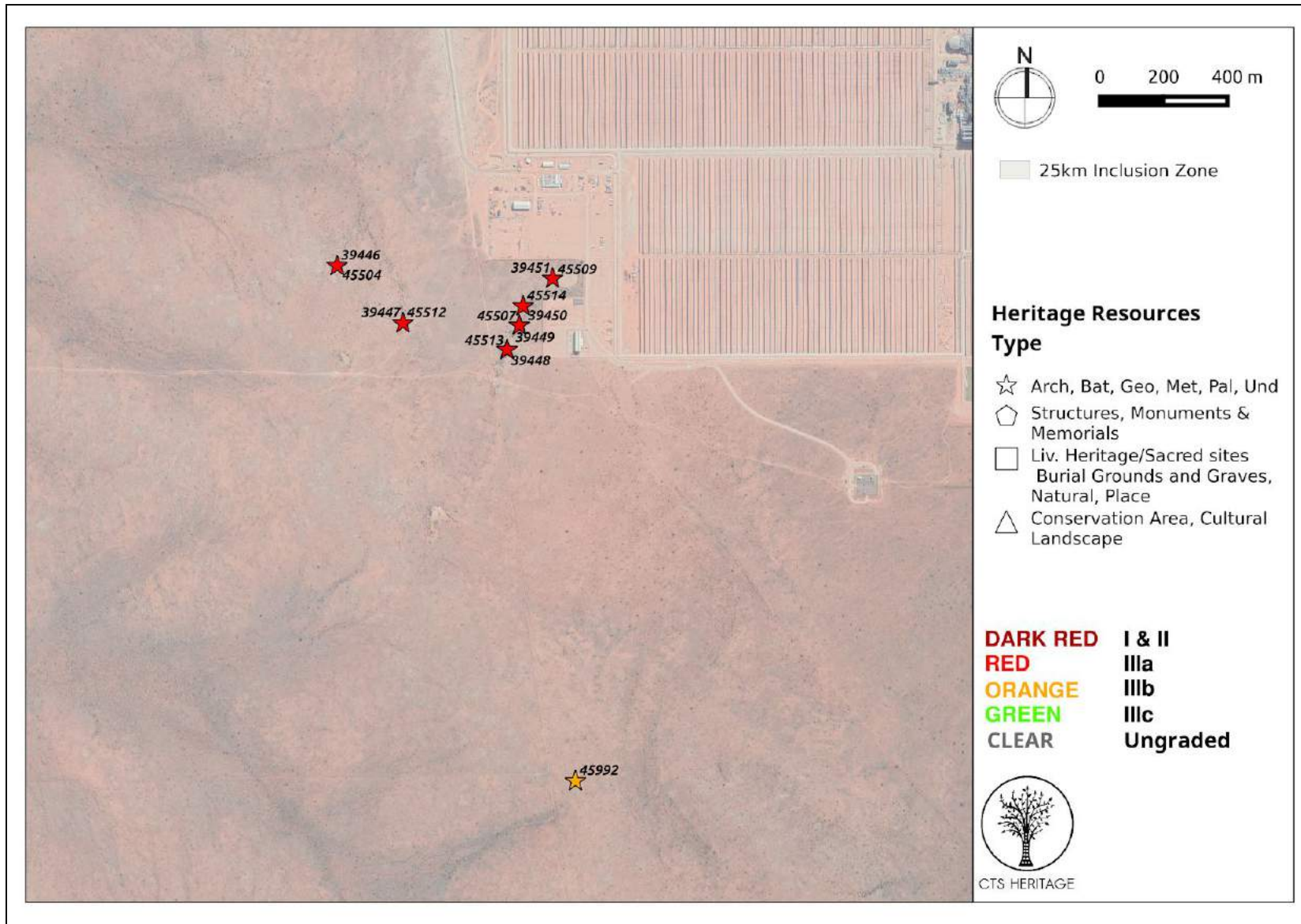


Figure 3b. Heritage Resources Map. Heritage Resources Inset A

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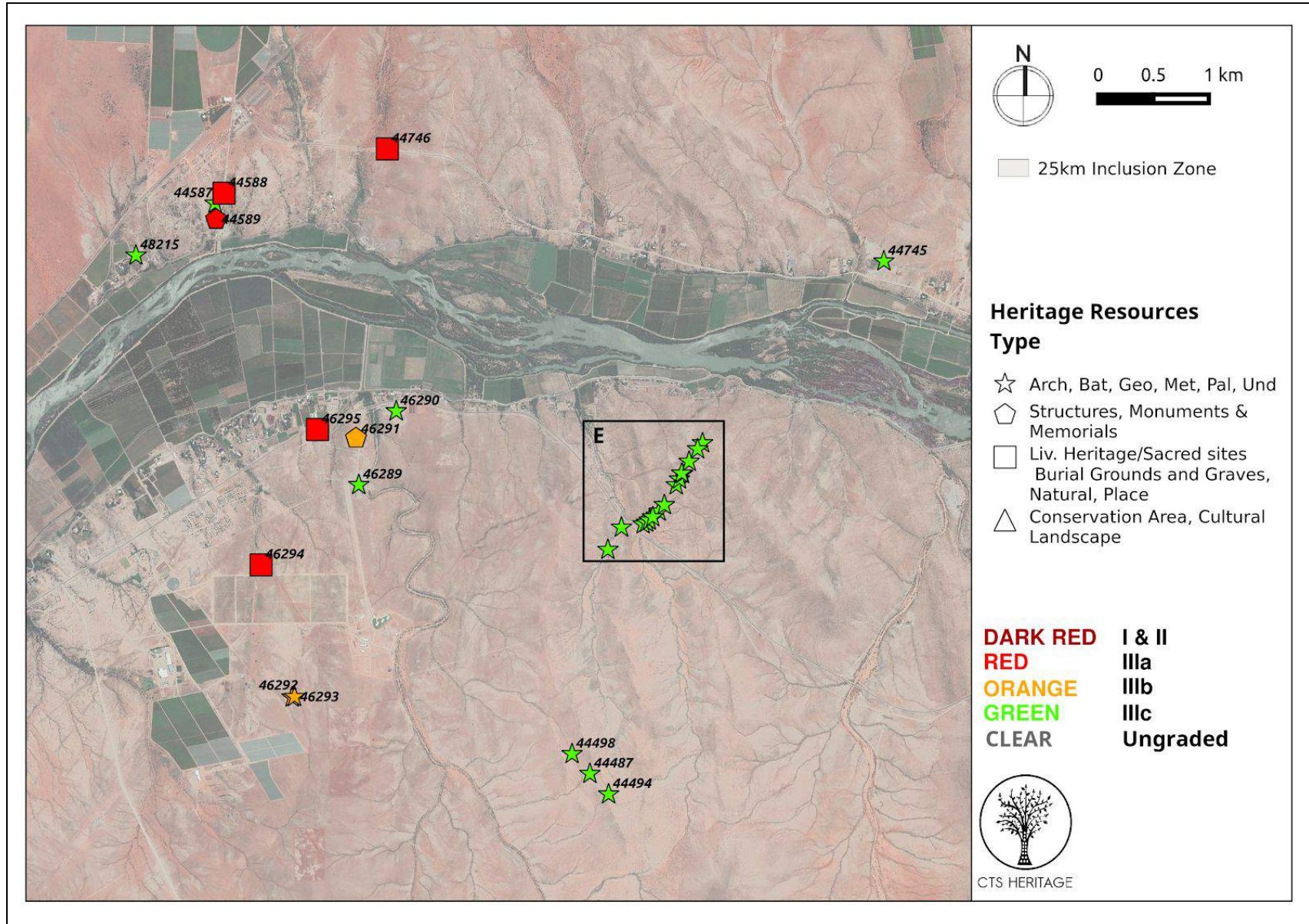


Figure 3c. Heritage Resources Map. Heritage Resources Inset B

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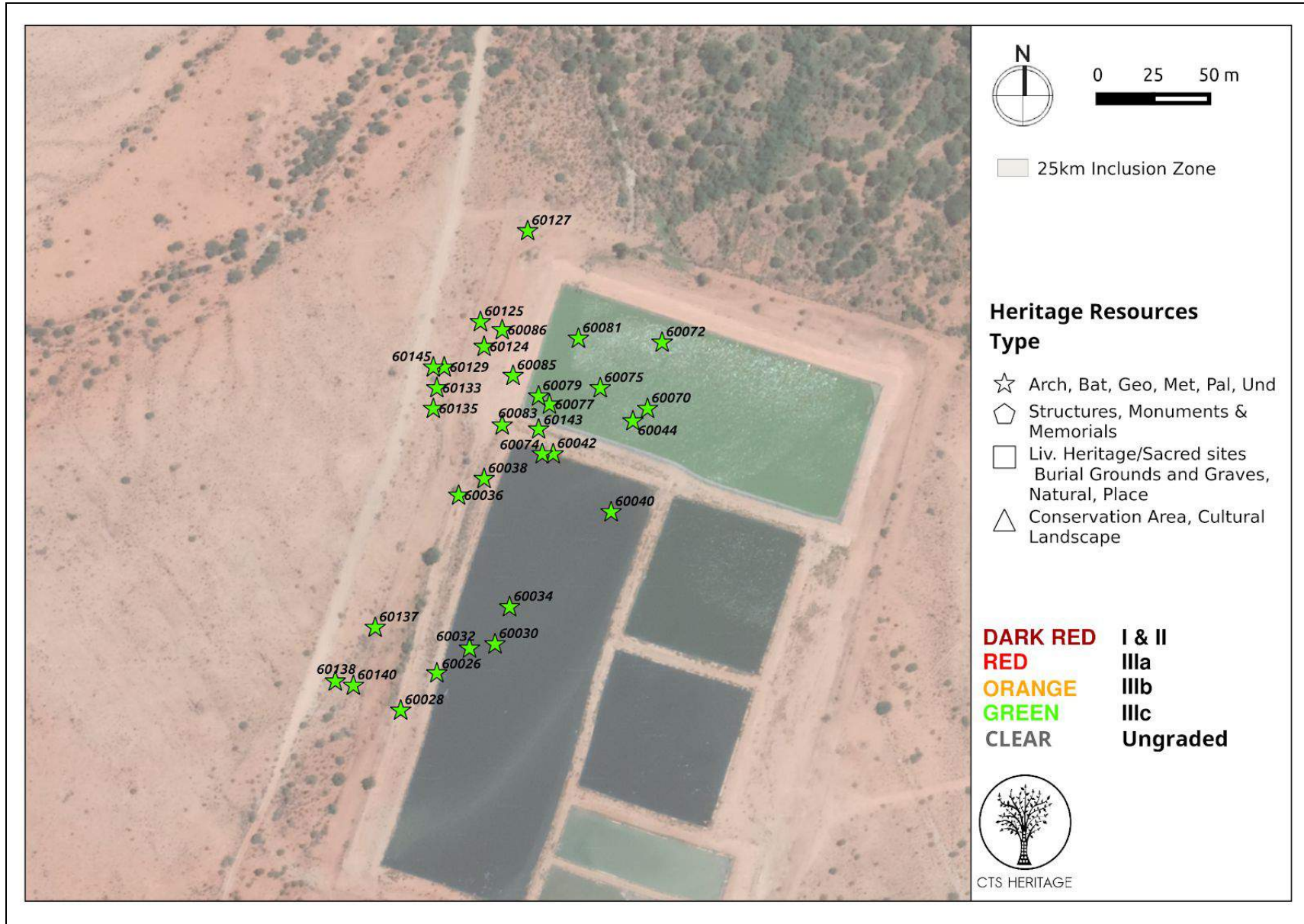


Figure 3d. Heritage Resources Map. Heritage Resources Inset C

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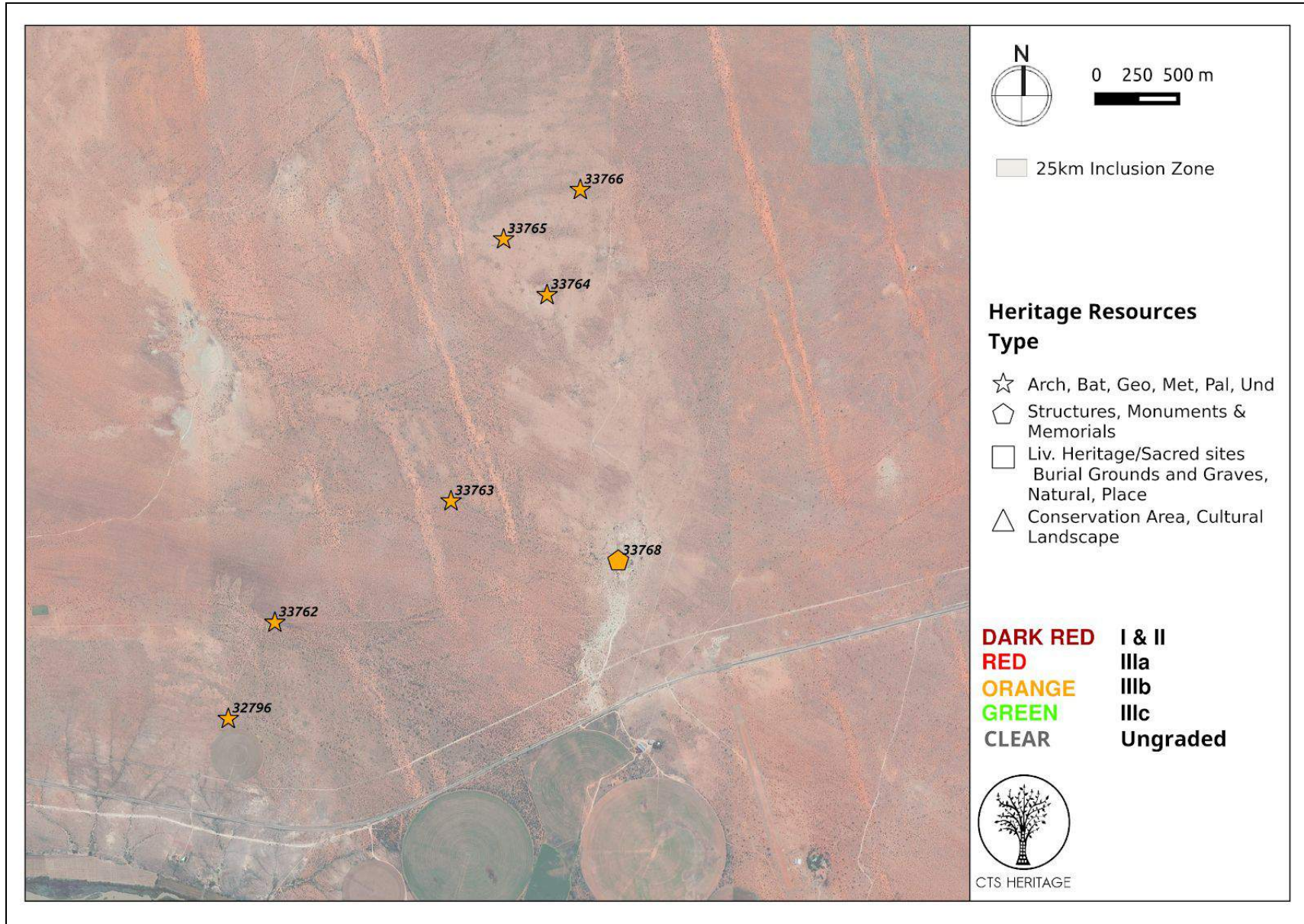


Figure 3e. Heritage Resources Map. Heritage Resources Inset D

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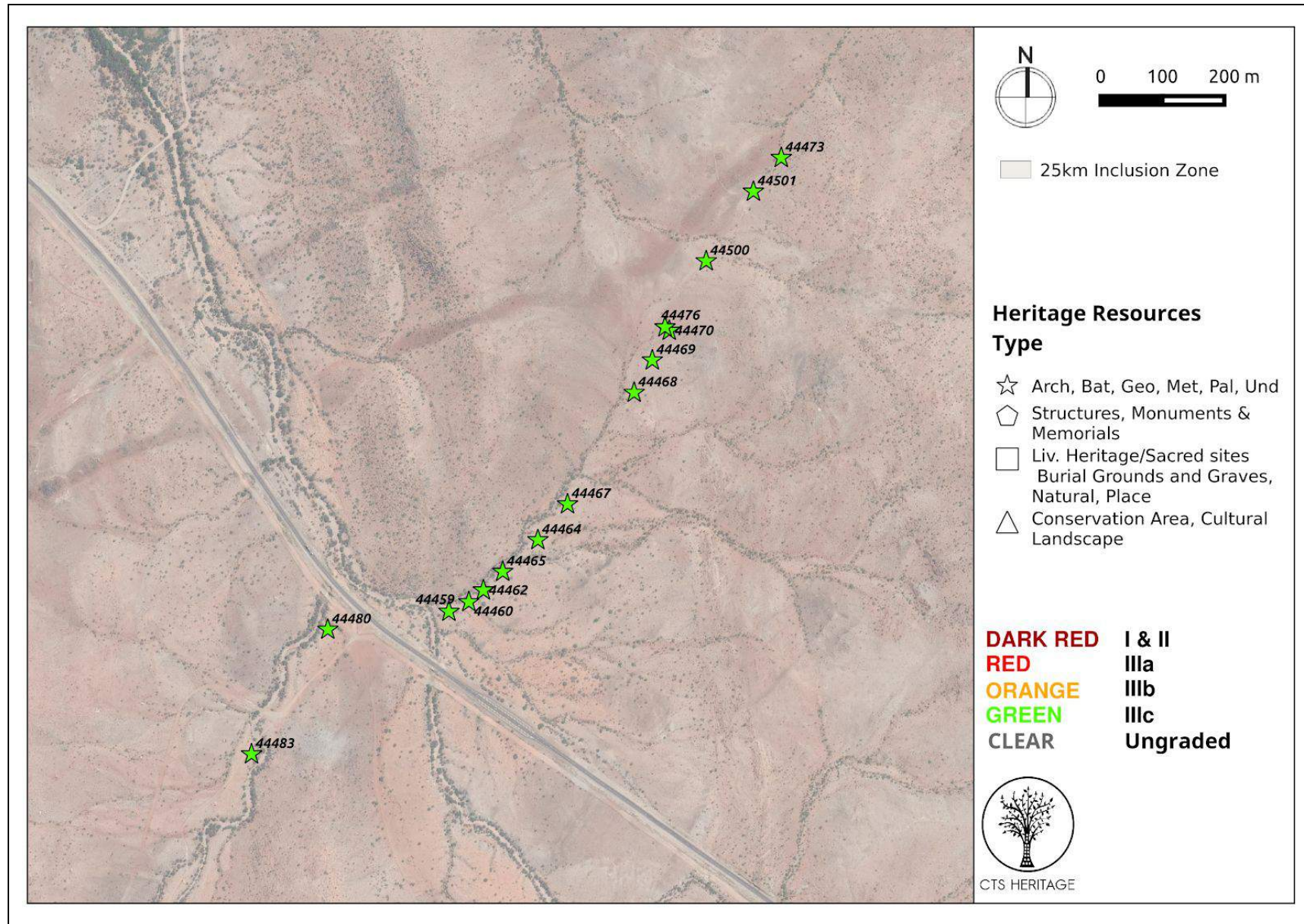


Figure 3f. Heritage Resources Map. Heritage Resources Inset E

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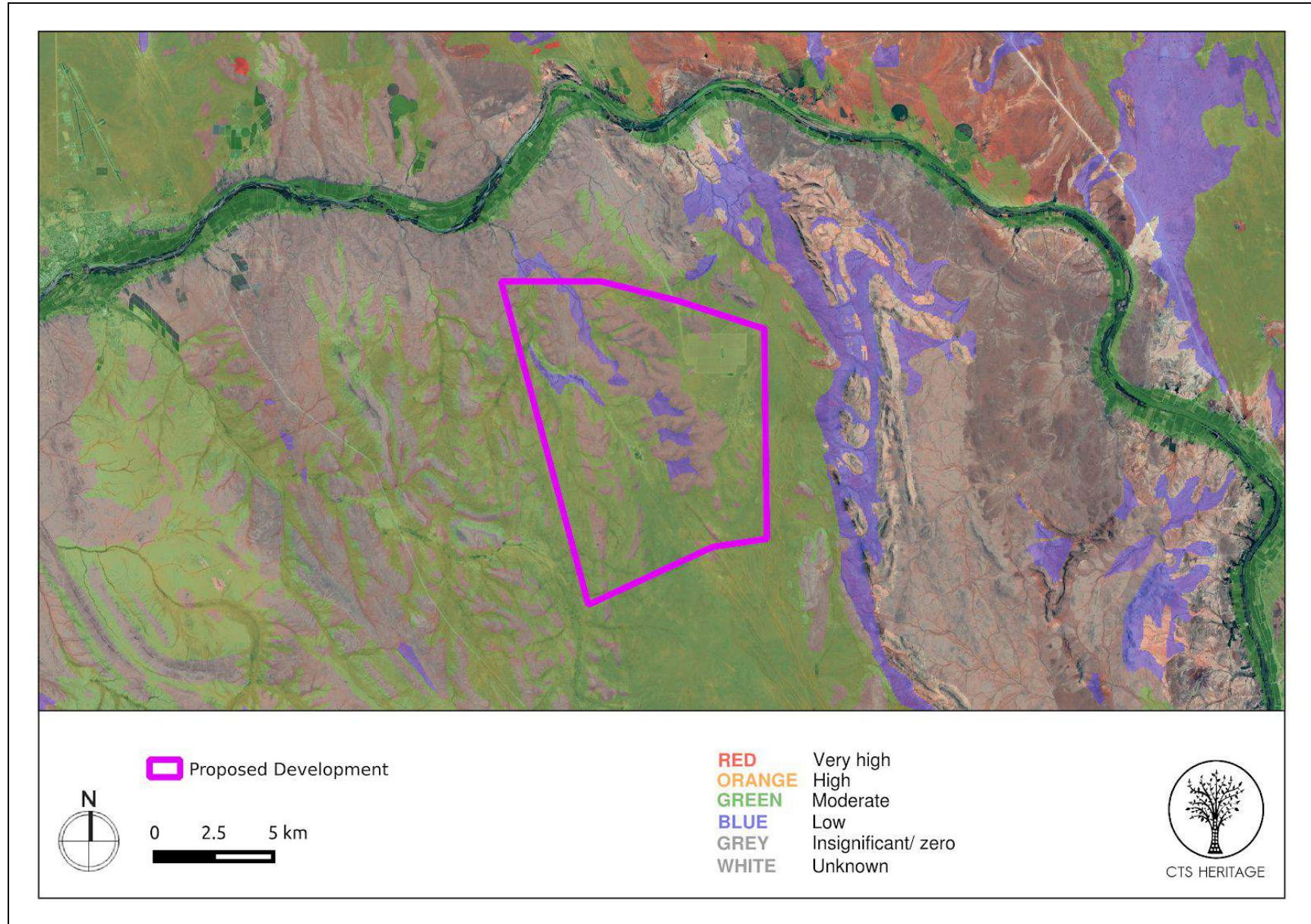


Figure 4. Palaeosensitivity Map. Indicating Moderate and Very High fossil sensitivity underlying the study area. Please See Appendix 3 for full guide to the legend.

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8. Heritage statement and character of the area

The area proposed for development is located approximately 20km east of Upington. Upington originated as a mission station established along the banks of the Orange River in 1871 and run by Reverend Christiaan Schröder, and was founded as a town in 1873. According to Gaigher (2012, SAHRIS ID 34135), prior to colonial settlement, this area was occupied by the Korana who had been forced to the outskirts of the Cape Colony along the Gariiep River. When this area was eventually settled by colonists, war broke out between the colonial settlers and the Korana, who were then dispersed upon their defeat. Upington has been noted as being the sunniest location on the planet for three months of the year, from November through to January, which is likely why this area has been earmarked for the development of renewable energy facilities as part of the Karoshoek Solar Valley development. The geomorphology of the area has been described by Van Schalkwyk (2011, SAHRIS ID 162266) as irregular plains with hills occurring to the south. The vegetation is described as Orange River Nama Karoo. Van Schalkwyk (2011) further notes that the area proposed for development were used for grazing purposes and no farmsteads were constructed this far from the Orange River.

Numerous Renewable Energy developments have been proposed for this area as part of the Karoshoek Solar Valley development and each of these proposed developments have undergone assessments for impacts to archaeological resources (Figure 2). Areas located to the south-east of the study area were surveyed by Sampson (1985), revealing a number of Karoo stone age sites, however similar densities of stone age sites are not known from the proposed development area. In his assessment, Van Schalkwyk (2011) identified a number of Later Stone Age artefacts associated with a non-perennial stream that traverses the development area, as well as along the outer edges of a pan (graded III). He also identified two small historic structures in the study area made of clay bricks of low heritage significance. Gaigher (2012, SAHRIS ID 34135) also assessed this area for impacts to archaeological resources. Gaigher identified “limited scatterings of Middle to Later Stone Age tools found in various areas”. He notes that these finds in themselves do not constitute sites, but do indicate the possible occurrence of such sites. The heritage resources identified in these reports have been extracted and mapped in Figures 3a to 3f. Further archaeological impact assessment work has been completed in this area by Van der Walt (2015 and 2016 - see Appendix 2). Van der Walt notes that the various assessments conducted in this area provide a robust baseline for the archaeology expected in this area. “These studies show that almost no significant archaeological sites occur within the immediate vicinity of the Ilanga Solar Facility. Although artefacts dating to the Early, Middle and Later Stone Age were recorded in the larger area, they occur as isolated finds that are temporally mixed, in deflated and un-stratified contexts without organic remains and other cultural materials. As a result, the archaeological record of the larger area is considered to be of low significance.”

According to Almond’s Desktop PIA for the proposed additional CSP sites within the Karoshoek Solar Valley (November 2015, SAHRIS ID 344305), which covers this area proposed for this development, the development area is underlain by PreCambrian basement rocks as well as late Cenozoic superficial sediments. Almond (2015) further notes that “The Precambrian igneous and metamorphic basement rocks underlying the entire study area at depth are entirely **unfossiliferous**. The fossil record of the Pleistocene to Recent Kalahari Group is generally sparse and low in diversity. The Gordonia Formation dune sands were mainly active during cold, drier intervals of the Pleistocene Epoch that were inimical to most forms of life, apart from hardy, desert-adapted species. **Porous dune sands are not generally conducive to fossil preservation**. However, mummification of soft tissues may play a role here and migrating lime-rich groundwaters derived from the underlying bedrocks (including, for example, dolerite) may lead to the rapid calcretisation of organic structures such as burrows and root casts. Occasional terrestrial fossil remains that might be expected within this unit include calcretized rhizoliths (root casts) and termitaria (e.g. *Hodotermes*, the harvester termite), ostrich egg shells (*Struthio*) and shells of land snails (e.g. *Trigonephrus*) (Almond 2008, Almond & Pether 2008). Other fossil groups such as freshwater bivalves and gastropods (e.g. *Corbula*, *Unio*) and snails, ostracods (seed shrimps), charophytes (stonewort algae), diatoms (microscopic algae within siliceous shells) and stromatolites (laminated microbial limestones) are associated with local watercourses and pans. Microfossils such as diatoms may be blown by wind into nearby dune sands. These Kalahari fossils (or subfossils) can be expected to occur sporadically but widely, and **the overall palaeontological sensitivity of the Gordonia Formation is therefore considered to be low**. Underlying calcretes of the Mokolanen Formation might also contain trace fossils such as rhizoliths, termite and other insect burrows, or even mammalian trackways. It is noted that potentially fossiliferous alluvial gravels of Neogene or Quaternary age (“High Level Gravels”) associated with the Orange River are *not* mapped within the present study area.”

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List of heritage resources within the 25km Inclusion Zone from SAHRIS

Site ID	Site no	Full Site Name	Site Type	Grading
9021	2832CB 032		Artefacts	Grade IIIb
32796	AVSA01	Avondale 1	Artefacts	Grade IIIb
33762	AVSA02	Avondale 2	Artefacts	Grade IIIb
33763	AVSA03	Avondale 3	Artefacts	Grade IIIb
33764	AVSA04	Avondale 4	Artefacts	Grade IIIb
33765	AVSA05	Avondale 5	Artefacts	Grade IIIb
33766	AVSA06	Avondale 6	Artefacts	Grade IIIb
33768	AVSA07	Avondale 7	Building	Grade IIIb
39446	KHARA001	Khara Hais 001	Artefacts	Grade IIIa
39447	KHARA002	Khara Hais 002	Artefacts	Grade IIIa
39448	KHARA003	Khara Hais 003	Artefacts	Grade IIIa
39449	KHARA004	Khara Hais 004	Artefacts	Grade IIIa
39450	KHARA005	Khara Hais 005	Artefacts	Grade IIIa
39451	KHARA006	Khara Hais 006	Artefacts	Grade IIIa
39452	KHARA007	Khara Hais 007	Building	Grade IIIc
39453	KHARA008	Khara Hais 008	Structures	Grade IIIc
44459	VKPS01	Vaalkoppies 01	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
44460	VKPS02	Vaalkoppies 02	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
44462	VKPS03	Vaalkoppies 03	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
44464	VKPS05	Vaalkoppies 05	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
44465	VKPS04	Vaalkoppies 04	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
44467	VKPS06	Vaalkoppies 06	Artefacts	Grade IIIc

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44468	VKPS07	Vaalkoppies 07	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
44469	VKPS08	Vaalkoppies 08	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
44470	VKPS09	Vaalkoppies 09	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
44473	VKPS11	Vaalkoppies 11	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
44476	VKPS13	Vaalkoppies 13	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
44480	VKPS14	Vaalkoppies 14	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
44483	VKPS15	Vaalkoppies 15	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
44487	VKPS17	Vaalkoppies 17	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
44494	VKPS18	Vaalkoppies 18	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
44498	VKPS16	Vaalkoppies 16	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
44500	VKPS10	Vaalkoppies 10	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
44501	VKPS12	Vaalkoppies 12	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
44587	MKSTM01	Melkstroom 563 01	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
44588	MKSTM02	Melkstroom 563 02	Burial Grounds & Graves	Grade IIIa
44589	MKSTM03	Melkstroom 563 03	Building	Grade IIIa
44744	DR3321 UAP 01	DR3321 UAP 01-Northern Cape	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
44745	DR3321 UAP 02	DR3321 UAP 02-Northern Cape	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
44746	DR3321 UAP 03	DR3321 UAP 03-Northern Cape	Burial Grounds & Graves	Grade IIIa
45504	UPING01	Upington 01	Artefacts	Grade IIIa
45507	UPING04	Upington 04	Artefacts	
45509	UPING06	Upington 06	Artefacts	Grade IIIa
45511	UPING08	Upington 08	Structures	Grade IIIc
45512	UPING02	Upington 02	Artefacts	Grade IIIa
45513	UPING03	Upington 03	Artefacts	

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45514	UPING05	Upington 05	Artefacts	Grade IIIa
45515	UPING07	Upington 07	Structures	Grade IIIc
45990	KARO001	Karoshhoek 001	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
45991	KARO002	Karoshhoek 002	Living Heritage/Sacred sites	Grade IIIc
45992	KARO003	Karoshhoek 003	Artefacts	Grade IIIb
45993	KARO004	Karoshhoek 004	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
45994	KARO005	Karoshhoek 005	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
46289	VKPS19	Vaalkoppies 19	Archaeological	Grade IIIc
46290	VKPS20	Vaalkoppies 20	Archaeological	Grade IIIc
46291	VKPS21	Vaalkoppies 21	Monuments & Memorials	Grade IIIb
46292	VKPS22	Vaalkoppies 22	Artefacts	Grade IIIb
46293	VKPS23	Vaalkoppies 23	Artefacts	Grade IIIb
46294	VKPS24	Vaalkoppies 24	Burial Grounds & Graves	Grade IIIa
46295	VKPS25	Vaalkoppies 25	Burial Grounds & Graves	Grade IIIa
48215	MLKST001	Melkstroom 001	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60026	LOUI01	Louisevale 01	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60028	LOUI02	Louisevale 02	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60030	LOUI03	Louisevale 03	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60032	LOUI04	Louisevale 04	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60034	LOUI05	Louisevale 05	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60036	LOUI06	Louisevale 06	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60038	LOUI07	Louisevale 07	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60040	LOUI08	Louisevale 08	Artefacts	Grade IIIc

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60042	LOUI09	Louisevale 09	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60044	LOUI10	Louisevale 10	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60070	LOUI11	Louisevale 11	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60072	LOUI12	Louisevale 12	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60074	LOUI13	Louisevale 13	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60075	LOUI14	Louisevale 14	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60077	LOUI15	Louisevale 15	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60079	LOUI16	Louisevale 16	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60081	LOUI17	Louisevale 17	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60083	LOUI18	Louisevale 18	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60085	LOUI19	Louisevale 19	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60086	LOUI20	Louisevale 20	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60124	LOUI21	Louisevale 21	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60125	LOUI22	Louisevale 22	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60127	LOUI23	Louisevale 23	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60129	LOUI24	Louisevale 24	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60133	LOUI25	Louisevale 25	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60135	LOUI26	Louisevale 26	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60137	LOUI27	Louisevale 27	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60138	LOUI28	Louisevale 28	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60140	LOUI29	Louisevale 29	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60143	LOUI31	Louisevale 31	Artefacts	Grade IIIc
60145	LOUI30	Louisevale 30	Artefacts	Grade IIIc

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Reference List from SAHRIS

Heritage Impact Assessments				
Nid	Report Type	Author/s	Date	Title
4119	AIA Phase 1	Jonathan Kaplan	01/08/2008	An Archaeological Assessment of Two Borrow Pits Alongside DR 3321 Uap, Northern Cape Province
4127	AIA Phase 1	Peter Beaumont	15/08/2006	On a Planned Extension of the Lambrechtsdrift Township, Siyanda District Municipality, Northern Cape
4128	AIA Phase 1	Peter Beaumont	16/08/2006	On a Planned Extension of the Leerkrantz Township, Siyanda District Municipality, Northern Cape
4129	AIA Phase 1	Peter Beaumont	16/08/2006	On a Planned Extension of the Karos Township, Siyanda District Municipality, Northern Cape
4130	AIA Phase 1	Peter Beaumont	16/08/2006	Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment Report on a Planned Extension of the Louisvaleweg Township, //Khara Hais Municipality, Northern Cape Province
4132	AIA Phase 1	Peter Beaumont	18/08/2006	Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment Report on a Planned Extension Flanking Rondonstraat, //Khara Hais Municipality, Northern Cape Province
15988	Heritage Statement	Johnny Van Schalkwyk	01/04/2012	DOCUMENTATION OF FOUR BRIDGES ON THE N10 NATIONAL ROAD BETWEEN UPINGTON AND GROBLERSHOOP, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE
15989	Palaeontological Specialist Reports	John E Almond	01/03/2012	RECOMMENDED EXEMPTION FROM FURTHER PALAEOLOGICAL STUDIES & MITIGATION: PROPOSED UPGRADING OF FOUR ROAD BRIDGES ALONG THE N10 BETWEEN GROBLERSHOOP & LAMBRECHTSDRIFT, NORTHERN CAPE
34135	HIA Phase 1	Stephan Gaigher	30/04/2012	Heritage Impact Assessment Report EIA Phase: Proposed Establishment of the Karoshoek Valley Solar Park Components on Sites 1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 2, 3, 4 & 5 on Sites Located South and East of Upington, Northern Cape Province
45016	HIA Phase 1	Johnny Van Schalkwyk	01/05/2011	Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Establishment of the Ilanga Solar Thermal Power Plant near Upington, Northern Cape
49492	HIA Phase 1	Cobus Dreyer	09/09/2011	FIRST PHASE ARCHAEOLOGICAL & HERITAGE ASSESSMENT OF THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS AT MELKSTROOM 563, UPINGTON, NORTHERN CAPE
108359	HIA Phase 1	Cobus Dreyer	01/09/2011	FIRST PHASE ARCHAEOLOGICAL & HERITAGE ASSESSMENT OF THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS AT MELKSTROOM 563, UPINGTON, NORTHERN CAPE
111142	HIA Phase 1	Johnny Van Schalkwyk	01/03/2012	Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Development of an Agri-estate on the Farm Melkstroom East of Upington,

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117805	AIA Phase 1	Cobus Dreyer	18/04/2013	FIRST PHASE ARCHAEOLOGICAL & HERITAGE ASSESSMENT OF THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS AT MELKSTROOM 563, UPINGTON, NORTHERN CAPE
121280	HIA Phase 1	Robert de Jong	05/11/2010	FINAL HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT: PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEO GLORIA OLIVE ESTATE ON PORTION 67 AND THE REMAINDER OF THE FARM VAALKOPPIES 40 NEAR UPINGTON, KAI! GARIB MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE
121413	AIA Phase 1	Johnny Van Schalkwyk	01/08/2010	Archaeological impact survey report for THE LAND USE CHANGE ON SECTIONS OF THE FARM VAALKOPPIES 40, GORDONIA DISTRICT, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE
121413	AIA Phase 1	Johnny Van Schalkwyk	01/08/2010	Archaeological impact survey report for THE LAND USE CHANGE ON SECTIONS OF THE FARM VAALKOPPIES 40, GORDONIA DISTRICT, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE
130139	Archaeological Specialist Reports	Jonathan Kaplan	01/02/2013	ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT THE PROPOSED UPGRADING OF THE LOUISEVALE ROAD WASTE WATER TREATMENT WORKS IN LOUISVALE
131589	Heritage Impact Assessment Specialist Reports	Stephan Gaigher	22/02/2013	Proposed Establishment of Several Electricity Distribution Lines within the Northern Cape Province
154837	AIA Phase 1	Peter Nilssen	06/12/2012	AIA - Proposed Deo Gloria Bulk Water Supply Line & Reservoir
154839		John E Almond	31/03/2013	Letter of Exemption
159293	HIA Phase 1	Johnny Van Schalkwyk	12/03/2014	Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment for proposed township development, Louisvaleweg, UPINGTON
161427	HIA Phase 1	Stephan Gaigher	15/04/2014	Proposed Establishment of Several Electricity Distribution Lines within the Northern Cape Province
162266	Heritage Impact Assessment Specialist Reports	Johnny Van Schalkwyk	31/05/2011	Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Establishment of the Ilanga Solar Thermal Power Plant near Upington, Northern Cape Province
165290	AIA Phase 1	Neels Kruger	01/04/2015	ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (AIA) OF A DEMARCATED SURFACE PORTION ON THE FARM AVONDALE 410 FOR THE PROPOSED AVONDALE 1 PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER PLANT & 132KV POWER LINES

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				DEVELOPMENT, //KHARA HAIS LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, ZF MGCAWU DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, NORTHE
254926	PIA Desktop	Barry Millstead	10/02/2015	Full Palaeontological Heritage Impact Assessment Report on the Site of Proposed Solra Energy Generation Facilities (Grootdrink Solar Projects 1 and 2) to be located on the farm Albany 405 near Karos, Northern Cape Province
254927	Heritage Scoping	Jaco van der Walt	10/02/2015	Heritage Scoping Report for the Proposed Grootdrink Solar (PV) Energy Facility East of Upington
266098	Archaeological Specialist Reports	Jaco van der Walt	13/03/2015	Archaeological Impact Assessment for the Proposed Realignment of the N10 to Facilitate Access to the Ilanga CSP Facility Site, East of Upington, NC Province
341377	HIA Phase 1	Jayson Orton	22/06/2015	
344305	PIA Desktop	John E Almond	13/11/2015	Palaeontological Heritage Assessment Desktop Study for the Additional CSP Facilities Associated with the Authorized CSP Sites (1.3, 1.4, 3, 4 & 5) within the Karoshoek Solar Valley Development near Upington, ZK Mgcawu Distrcitu, NC Province
344306	Heritage Scoping	Jaco van der Walt	13/11/2015	Archeological Scoping Report for the Additional CSP Facilities Associated with the Authorized CSP Sites (1.3, 1.4, 3, 4 & 5) within the Karoshoek Solar Valley Development near Upington, ZK Mgcawu Distrcitu, NC Province
351273	Palaeontological Specialist Reports	Barry Millstead		FULL PALAEONTOLOGICAL HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSEMENT REPORT ON THE SITE OF PROPOSED SOLAR ENERGY GENERATION FACILITIES (TEWA ISITHA SOLAR 1 AND 2) TO BE LOCATED ON THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM ALBANY 405 NEAR KAROS, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE
351279	Archaeological Specialist Reports	Jaco van der Walt	02/12/2015	Archaeological Impact Assessment for the proposed Tewa Isitha Solar 1 PV Facility East Of Upington, Northern Cape Province.
351311	Archaeological Specialist Reports	Jaco van der Walt	02/12/2015	Archaeological Impact Assessment for the proposed Tewa Isitha Solar 2 PV Facility East Of Upington, Northern Cape Province.
354735	PIA Desktop	John Almond	16/11/2015	Palaeontological Heritage Assessment: Desktop Study for the Proposed Ilanga CSP 7, 8 & 9 facilities and associated infrastructure within the Karoshoek Solar Valley Development near Upington, NC Province
354736	Archaeological Specialist Reports	Jaco van der Walt	16/11/2015	Archaeological Scoping Report for the Ilanga CSP 9 facility and associated infrastructure within the Karoshoek Solar Development near Upington, NC Province

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354743	Archaeological Specialist Reports	Jaco van der Walt	16/11/2015	Archaeological Scoping Report for the Ilanga CSP 7 & 8 facilities and associated infrastructure within the Karoshoek Solar Development near Upington, NC Province
361653	Heritage Impact Assessment Specialist Reports	Jaco van der Walt	18/04/2016	Archaeological Impact Assessment Report for the Proposed Establishment of the Ilanga CSP 2 Project, near Upington, Northern Cape Province
361654	Heritage Impact Assessment Specialist Reports	Jaco van der Walt	13/04/2016	Archaeological Impact Assessment Report for the Proposed Establishment of the Ilanga Tower 1 Project, near Upington, NC Province
363353	Archaeological Specialist Reports	Jaco van der Walt	12/04/2016	Archaeological Impact Assessment Report for the Ilanga CSP 3 Project, near Upington, Northern Cape Province
363356	Archaeological Specialist Reports	Jaco van der Walt	11/04/2016	Archaeological Impact Assessment Report for the Proposed Establishment of the Ilanga CSP 5 Project, near Upington, Northern Cape Province
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365243	Archaeological Specialist Reports	Jaco van der Walt	20/06/2016	AIA for the proposed Ilanga Tower 1 project, near Upington, NC Province
365251	Archaeological Specialist Reports	Jaco van der Walt	20/06/2016	AIA for the proposed establishment of the Ilanga CSP 3 project, near Upington, NC Province
365252	Archaeological Specialist Reports	Jaco van der Walt	20/06/2016	AIA for the proposed Ilanga CSP 5
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365875	Archaeological Specialist Reports	Jaco van der Walt	14/06/2016	Ilanga CSP9 and Associated Infrastructure Within Karoshoek Solar Valley Development Near Upington, Northern Cape Province
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APPENDIX 3 - Keys/Guides

Key/Guide to Acronyms

AIA	Archaeological Impact Assessment
DARD	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (KwaZulu-Natal)
DEA	Department of Environmental Affairs (National)
DEADP	Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (Western Cape)
DEDEAT	Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (Eastern Cape)
DEDECT	Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (North West)
DEDT	Department of Economic Development and Tourism (Mpumalanga)
DEDTEA	Department of economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (Free State)
DENC	Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (Northern Cape)
DMR	Department of Mineral Resources (National)
GDARD	Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (Gauteng)
HIA	Heritage Impact Assessment
LEDET	Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (Limpopo)
MPRDA	Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, no 28 of 2002
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998
NHRA	National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999
PIA	Palaeontological Impact Assessment
SAHRA	South African Heritage Resources Agency
SAHRIS	South African Heritage Resources Information System
VIA	Visual Impact Assessment

Full guide to Palaeosensitivity Map legend

	RED:	VERY HIGH - field assessment and protocol for finds is required
	ORANGE/YELLOW:	HIGH - desktop study is required and based on the outcome of the desktop study, a field assessment is likely
	GREEN:	MODERATE - desktop study is required
	BLUE/PURPLE:	LOW - no palaeontological studies are required however a protocol for chance finds is required
	GREY:	INSIGNIFICANT/ZERO - no palaeontological studies are required
	WHITE/CLEAR:	UNKNOWN - these areas will require a minimum of a desktop study.

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APPENDIX 4 - Methodology

The Heritage Screener summarises the heritage impact assessments and studies previously undertaken within the area of the proposed development and its surroundings. Heritage resources identified in these reports are assessed by our team during the screening process.

The heritage resources will be described both in terms of **type**:

- Group 1: Archaeological, Underwater, Palaeontological and Geological sites, Meteorites, and Battlefields
- Group 2: Structures, Monuments and Memorials
- Group 3: Burial Grounds and Graves, Living Heritage, Sacred and Natural sites
- Group 4: Cultural Landscapes, Conservation Areas and Scenic routes

and **significance** (Grade I, II, IIIa, b or c, ungraded), as determined by the author of the original heritage impact assessment report or by formal grading and/or protection by the heritage authorities.

Sites identified and mapped during research projects will also be considered.

DETERMINATION OF THE EXTENT OF THE INCLUSION ZONE TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION

The extent of the inclusion zone to be considered for the Heritage Screener will be determined by CTS based on:

- the size of the development,
- the number and outcome of previous surveys existing in the area
- the potential cumulative impact of the application.

The inclusion zone will be considered as the region within a maximum distance of 50 km from the boundary of the proposed development.

DETERMINATION OF THE PALAEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITY

The possible impact of the proposed development on palaeontological resources is gauged by:

- reviewing the fossil sensitivity maps available on the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS)
- considering the nature of the proposed development
- when available, taking information provided by the applicant related to the geological background of the area into account

DETERMINATION OF THE COVERAGE RATING ASCRIBED TO A REPORT POLYGON



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Each report assessed for the compilation of the Heritage Screener is colour-coded according to the level of coverage accomplished. The extent of the surveyed coverage is labeled in three categories, namely low, medium and high. In most instances the extent of the map corresponds to the extent of the development for which the specific report was undertaken.

Low coverage will be used for:

- desktop studies where no field assessment of the area was undertaken;
- reports where the sites are listed and described but no GPS coordinates were provided.
- older reports with GPS coordinates with low accuracy ratings;
- reports where the entire property was mapped, but only a small/limited area was surveyed.
- uploads on the National Inventory which are not properly mapped.

Medium coverage will be used for

- reports for which a field survey was undertaken but the area was not extensively covered. This may apply to instances where some impediments did not allow for full coverage such as thick vegetation, etc.
- reports for which the entire property was mapped, but only a specific area was surveyed thoroughly. This is differentiated from low ratings listed above when these surveys cover up to around 50% of the property.

High coverage will be used for

- reports where the area highlighted in the map was extensively surveyed as shown by the GPS track coordinates. This category will also apply to permit reports.

RECOMMENDATION GUIDE

The Heritage Screener includes a set of recommendations to the applicant based on whether an impact on heritage resources is anticipated. One of three possible recommendations is formulated:

(1) The heritage resources in the area proposed for development are sufficiently recorded - The surveys undertaken in the area adequately captured the heritage resources. There are no known sites which require mitigation or management plans. No further heritage work is recommended for the proposed development.

This recommendation is made when:

- enough work has been undertaken in the area
- it is the professional opinion of CTS that the area has already been assessed adequately from a heritage perspective for the type of development proposed

(2) The heritage resources and the area proposed for development are only partially recorded - The surveys undertaken in the area have not adequately captured the heritage resources and/or there are sites which require mitigation or management plans. Further specific heritage work is recommended for the proposed development.

This recommendation is made in instances in which there are already some studies undertaken in the area and/or in the adjacent area for the proposed development. Further studies in a limited HIA may include:

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- improvement on some components of the heritage assessments already undertaken, for instance with a renewed field survey and/or with a specific specialist for the type of heritage resources expected in the area
- compilation of a report for a component of a heritage impact assessment not already undertaken in the area
- undertaking mitigation measures requested in previous assessments/records of decision.

(3) The heritage resources within the area proposed for the development have not been adequately surveyed yet - Few or no surveys have been undertaken in the area proposed for development. A full Heritage Impact Assessment with a detailed field component is recommended for the proposed development.

Note:

The responsibility for generating a response detailing the requirements for the development lies with the heritage authority. However, since the methodology utilised for the compilation of the Heritage Screeners is thorough and consistent, contradictory outcomes to the recommendations made by CTS should rarely occur. Should a discrepancy arise, CTS will immediately take up the matter with the heritage authority to clarify the dispute.

The compilation of the Heritage Screener will not include any field assessment. The Heritage Screener will be submitted to the applicant within 24 hours from receipt of full payment. **If the 24-hour deadline is not met by CTS, the applicant will be refunded in full.**

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APPENDIX 4: Specialist CVs and Declaration of Independence