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**BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME REPORT FOR THE
PROSPECTING RIGHTS APPLICATION IN VARIOUS
PORTIONS OF FARM TURFBULT ALIAS KANAAN 10 JP,
SITUATED IN RAMOTSHERE MOILOA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY,
ZEERUST, NORTH WEST PROVINCE.**

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1. LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS, ACRONYMS AND KEY TERMS

Abbreviation/Acronym	Full term	Explanation
1. EA	Environmental Authorisation	The authorisation by a competent authority of a listed activity or specified activity in terms NEMA.
2. EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment	A systematic process that recognises and analyses the environmental concerns and impacts due to development activities and evaluate the impacts before an authorisation is considered.
3. EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner	Is an individual responsible for the planning, management, coordination or review of environmental impact assessments, strategic environmental assessments and environmental management programmes.
4. I&APs	Interested and Affected Parties	Any person, group of people or organizations interested in or affected by an activity; those people who have a concern about a development, project, policy or action and who need to be consulted.
5. PPP	Public Participation Process	Means a process in which the public, including interested and affected parties, are given an opportunity to comment on, or raise issues relevant to, specific matters.
6. EMPr/EMP	Environmental Management Programme Report/ Environmental Management Plan	Is an environmental management tool used to ensure that undue or reasonably avoidable adverse impacts of the construction, operation and decommissioning specific to a project are prevented; and that the positive benefits of the project are enhanced.
7. BID	Background Information Document	Is to provide a brief description of the project and EIA process that will be followed, and to obtain initial comments and contributions from Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) on the issues relating to the proposed development.
8. PR	Prospecting Right	Is a permit which allows you or your company to survey or investigate an area of land for the purpose of

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		identifying an actual or probable mineral deposit.
9. BAR	Basic Assessment Report	Is a standard report that may be required by a competent authority in terms of the EIA Regulations 2006, it enables a consolidated process to be conducted and facilitates the assessment of the cumulative impacts of the development.
10. IDP	Integrated Development Plan	Is a super plan for an area that gives an overall framework for development. It aims to coordinate the work of local and other spheres of government in a coherent plan to improve the quality of life for all the people living in an area.
11. Rehabilitation	Rehabilitation	Is the process of repairing the damage done by prospecting activities, the restoration of the post drilling landscape.
12. PA	Proposed Activity	Means any activity or any major change to an activity subject to a decision of a competent.
13. BH	Borehole	A deep, narrow hole made in the ground, especially to locate and sample minerals.
14. NEMA	National Environmental Management Act	Is the statutory framework to enforce Section 24 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa 1998. The NEMA is intended to promote co-operative governance and ensure that the rights of people are upheld, but also recognising the necessity of economic development.
15. NEMAQA	National Environmental Management Air Quality Act	NEMAQA 39 of 2004 intends to reform the law regulating air quality in order to protect the environment by providing reasonable measures for the prevention of pollution and ecological degradation and for securing ecologically sustainable development while promoting justifiable economic and social development, to provide for national norms and standards regulating air quality monitoring, management and control by all

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		spheres of government; for specific air quality measures.
16. MPRDA	Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act	MPRDA 28 of 2002 intends to make provision for equitable access to and sustainable development of the nation's mineral and petroleum resources and to provide for matters connected.
17. GN	Government Notice	An announcement not of a legislative character made by or with the authority of the Governor in the Gazette.
18. GIS	Geographical Information System	A computer system for capturing, storing, checking, and displaying data related to positions on Earth's surface.
19. HA	Hectare	A metric unit of square measure, equal to 100 ares.
20. CA	Competent Authority	Is any person or organization that has the legally delegated or invested authority, capacity, or power to perform a designated function.
21. SAMRAD	South African Mineral Resources Administration	Is the South African Mineral Resources Administration System where the general public can view the locality of applications, rights and permits made or held in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act 28 of 2002), (The MPRDA), and where applications in terms thereof can be submitted electronically.
22. SAHRA	South African Heritage Resources Agency	Is a statutory organisation established under the National Heritage Resources Act, No 25 of 1999, as the national administrative body responsible for the protection of South Africa's cultural heritage.
23. SANBI	South African National Biodiversity Institute	Contributes to South Africa's sustainable development by facilitating access to biodiversity data, generating information and knowledge, building capacity, providing policy advice, showcasing and conserving biodiversity in its national botanical and zoological gardens.
24. NWA	National Water Act	The National Water Act 36 of 1998 intends to provide for fundamental

Abbreviation/Acronym	Full term	Explanation
		reform of the law relating to water resources; to repeal certain laws; and to provide for matters connected therewith.
25. NEMWA	National Environmental Management Waste Act	National Environmental Management: Waste Act 59 of 2008 aims to reform the law regulating waste management in order to protect health and the environment by providing reasonable measures for the prevention of pollution and ecological degradation and for securing ecologically sustainable development;
26. NEMPAA	National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003)	Provide for the recognition of the private nature reserves as bona fide protected areas In terms of the Act

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Isago Multi Projects (Pty) is applying for a Prospecting right of rare earths on portion of portion 2 and 8 of the Farm TurfBult Alias Kanaan 10 JP (**Proposed site 1**). The application was accepted on the and bears the following reference number, **NW 30/5/1/1/2/12988 PR**.

Oraodira Trading (Pty) Ltd is applying for a Prospecting right of rare earths ore, cobalt, copper ore, gold ore, nickel ore, platinum group metals, silver ore, Sulphur and Vanadium ore on portion of portions 2 and 3 of the Farm TurfBult Alias Kanaan 10 JP (**Proposed site 2**). The application was accepted on the 7 July 2021 and bears the following reference number, **NW30/5/1/1/2/13130 PR**.

Both applications are situated in Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality under the District of Ngaka Modiri Molema Municipality. These projects shares the same borders and farm. Hence one draft documents has been created, to save time of the readers (I&AP's and stakeholder) and resources. Remember a precious tree was cut in order to make this papers.

Prospecting is the first stage of the geological analysis in search for mineral deposits, especially by drilling. Drilling rig machines are used to create a small hole of about 20 cm in diameter to the depth of 200 m in the earth's subsurface to obtain a mineral sample.

The commencement of the proposed prospecting project will result in the undertaking of activities that are considered as listed activities in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) as amended. The proposed activities trigger Government Notice 327 of 7 April 2017 (Listing notice 1; Activity 20) which requires a Basic Assessment to be conducted as part of the prospecting right application.

Oraodira Trading (Pty) Ltd and Isago Multi Projects (Pty) have appointed Basia Environmental Consultants (BEC) as the independent Environmental Assessment

Practitioner (EAP) to facilitate the environmental authorization process for their proposed prospecting right application. Basia Environmental Consultants has undertaken site assessment and public participation process, together with associated stakeholders and landowner's engagement as well as to develop and provide environmental documentation.

This document provides a basic assessment study with identified environmental impacts, mitigation measures and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the proposed prospecting rights application for rare earths. This document which concerns the assessment of environmental impacts and a programme for the management of impacts of the proposed activities at the prospecting project, was compiled in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2017.

Before an EAP submits a final report they must have given registered I&APs access to, and an opportunity to comment on the report prior to the submission of the final report to the competent authority for approval. I&AP's and stakeholders were therefore invited to participate in the public review period of the Draft BAR and EMP, which is available to I&AP's as well as stakeholders for a period of 30 days. The review period is from the **02nd of September 2021 to 03rd of October 2021**. The consultation meeting will be announced to registered I&AP's as well as adhering to the Disaster management regulations. The comments received will be incorporated in the final BAR and EMP.

This document intends to supply the identified stakeholders and I&AP's with with required information, an insight of the proposed project. In order for them to advice on necessary measures that need to be undertaken. This will enhance the decision that will be taken by the by the competent authority.

This document focuses on the assessment of potential environmental impacts and a programme for the management of impacts of the proposed activities, and it was compiled in terms of Appendix 1 of the EIA Regulations 326 of 2017. A biodiversity study will be conducted and shared with all registered I&AP's for comments. The EAP recommends that the application be granted with strict condition in respect to biodiversity, wildlife and water resources. As the impact assessment protocol has

shown that the proposed activities will pose posed low impact on the natural environment.

PART A: BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

3. OBJECTIVE OF THE BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The objective of the basic assessment process is to, through a consultative process;

- a. determine the policy and legislative context within which the proposed activity is located and how the activity complies with and responds to the policy and legislative context;
- b. identify the alternatives considered, including the activity, location, and technology alternatives;
- c. describe the need and desirability of the proposed alternatives,
- d. through the undertaking of an impact and risk assessment process inclusive of cumulative impacts which focused on determining the geographical, physical, biological, social, economic, heritage, and cultural sensitivity of the sites and locations within sites and the risk of impact of the proposed activity and technology alternatives on the these aspects to determine:
 - i. the nature, significance, consequence, extent, duration, and probability of the impacts occurring to; and
 - ii. the degree to which these impacts— (aa) can be reversed;(bb) may cause irreplaceable loss of resources; and
(cc) can be managed, avoided or mitigated;
- e. through a ranking of the site sensitivities and possible impacts the activity and technology alternatives will impose on the sites and location identified through the life of the activity to—
 - (i) identify and motivate a preferred site, activity and technology alternative;
 - (ii) identify suitable measures to manage, avoid or mitigate identified impacts;

and

- (iii) identify residual risks that need to be managed and monitored.

4. DETAILS OF THE APPLICANTS AND EAP's

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Expertise of the EAP

The qualifications of the EAP

1) He hold M.Tech in Environmental Management from Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) which was completed in 2016. His research project was titled “Determination of mercury and its fractionation products in gold mine tailings dams and their surrounding areas in Gauteng. He was able to publish two scientific papers in reputable journals from this project and co-authored two scientific publication. He is registered as a Professional Natural Scientist with SACNASP in the field of Environmental Science (SACNASP: Reg no; 117391) and with Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa (EAPASA: Reg: 2020/1413).

2) Ms. S.Mahlangu holds a National Diploma in Environmental Sciences from Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) which was completed in 2019 and she is currently in pursuit of an Advanced Diploma qualification in the same field. She is a registered Candidate Natural Scientist with SACNASP in the field of Environmental Science (SACNASP: Reg no; 134515).

3) Ms. Nompumelelo Zungu is an Environmental Sciences student at the Tshwane University of Technology, done with her course work and doing her Work Integrated Learning which will be completed by October 2021.

Summary of the EAP's experience

1) Mr. Tshia Malehase is an Environmental Assessment Practitioner with extensive experience in a wide-range of environmental related projects, processes and Mining permit applications.

Mr. T. Malehase have been trained and worked in different Environmental Consulting Company for six (6) years, where he was groomed and exposed into different environmental applications, processes and documentation. This includes Environmental Impact Assessment, Basic assessment, Water Use Licences. He also had a privilege to work at the Department of Mineral resources where he worked with the applications for Mining permit, mining permit and mining rights applications including the contingency plans and rehabilitation strategies.

He has undertaken environmental compliance (including basic assessments, water use license applications, social and environmental management systems, mining permits and prospecting right applications) and public participation processes. Overall, he has been in the field of environmental science and management, environmental chemistry and mining for over twelve (12) years. Please refer to Appendix A for Malehase's CV which provides a detailed list of projects which illustrate Mr. Malehase's competence in carrying out the EIA process.

2) Ms. S Mahlangu is an Environmental Assessment Practitioner (Junior) with over one year experience in a wide-range of environmental related projects, processes and Mining permit applications. She has been training and working in an Environmental Consulting Company where she is being groomed and exposed into different environmental applications, processes and documentation. This includes Environmental Impact Assessment, Basic assessment and Water Use License.

As a student, Ms. Mahlangu was part of the green campus initiative team which was responsible for promoting green leadership on campus by raising environmental awareness and building sustainable living practices through advocating for water conservation, energy conservation and efficiency, recycling and waste reduction. She would attend Educational excursions which involved training on aspects of wetland and nature reserve science and the facilitation of wetland education.

3) Ms. Nompumelelo Zungu is an Environmental Science student, she is being trained and is working in an Environmental Consulting Company where she is being groomed and exposed into different environmental applications, processes and documentation.

5. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Location of the overall Activity

Table 1: *Location of overall activity*

(a) Location of the overall Activity

Table 1.1: *Location of overall activity on proposed site 1*

Farm Name	Portion of portions 2 &8 of the Farm TurfBult 10 JP.
Application area (Ha)	220. 217666
Magisterial district	Ngaka Modiri Molema
Distance and direction from nearest town	The site is situated at approximately 60 km North of Zeerust town. Access to the site is via R49 towards North of Zeerust, then take off-ramp to the left near the Nietverdiend road.
21 digit Surveyor General Code for each farm portion	T0JP000000000010000002 T0JP000000000010000008 T0JP000000000010000000

Table 2.2: *Location of overall activity on proposed site 2*

Farm Name	Portion of portions 2 & 3 of the Farm TurfBult 10 JP.
Application area (Ha)	200,559725 ha
Magisterial district	Ngaka Modiri Molema
Distance and direction from nearest town	The site is situated at approximately 60 km North of Zeerust town. Access to the site is via R49 towards North of Zeerust, then take off-ramp to the left near the Nietverdiend road.

21 digit Surveyor General Code for each farm portion	T0JP000000000010000002
	T0JP000000000010000003
	T0JP000000000010000000

Table 3.1: *Details of the farms on proposed site 1.*

An investigation is still underway on the details of the landowners, and the details will be updated as new information emerges. Particularly after the consultation process.

LIST OF LANDOWNERS AND CONTACT DETAILS of Proposed site 1				
FARM NAME	PORTION NUMBER	OWNER	DEEDS NUMBER	CONTACT PERSON
TurfBult Alias Kanaan 10 JP	2	Diphologolo Game & Stock Pty Ltd	T28322/2018	
TurfBult Alias Kanaan 10 JP	8	Diphologolo Game & Stock Pty Ltd	T28322/2018	

Table 4.2: *Details of the farms on proposed site 2.*

LIST OF LANDOWNERS AND CONTACT DETAILS of Proposed site 2				
FARM NAME	PORTION NUMBER	OWNER	DEEDS NUMBER	CONTACT PERSON
TurfBult Alias Kanaan 10 JP	2	Diphologolo Game & Stock Pty Ltd	T28322/2018	
TurfBult Alias Kanaan 10 JP	3	SJ Geldenhuys Pty Ltd	T6276/1973	

(b) Locality map

The proposed site is divided into two, proposed site 1 and proposed site 2 which are adjacent to each other. Proposed site 1 is located within portion of portion 2 & 8 of TurfBult Kanaan JP, 10 Farm and proposed site 2 is located on portion of portion 2 & 3 of TurfBult Kanaan JP, 10 Farm which is situated within the Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality. The Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality (previously Zeerust Local Municipality) is a Category B municipality located in the Northern part of the country, within the North West Province and the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality (NMMD). It is the largest municipality of the five that make up the district, accounting for a quarter of its geographical area. The municipality measures a total area of 719.6 square meters and it shares borders with Botswana in the North, Moses Kotane and Kgetleng Rivier Local Municipalities in the east and Ditsobotla and Mafikeng in the South Botswana. The geographical area of Ramotshere Moiloa is predominantly rural including considerable land under the traditional authorities. The vast majority of the population lives in a rural or peri-urban environment, which for most part is unplanned and poorly serviced. Development of Ramotshere Moiloa itself is constrained by prominent hills (mountainous) that run in east – west direction. The RMLM as part of the CDM is primarily characterized by turf thorn veldt and mixed bush veldt areas The Municipality is characterized by a few urban areas including Zeerust Town, Ikageleng, Henryville, Olienhout Park, Shalimar Park, Welbedacht (Lehurutshe Town) and Groot Marico. The rural part of the municipality is estimated at 70% with over 40 villages which stretches up to 120 km². It is the largest municipality of the five that make up the district, accounting for a quarter of its geographical area. The seat of the municipality is Zeerust.

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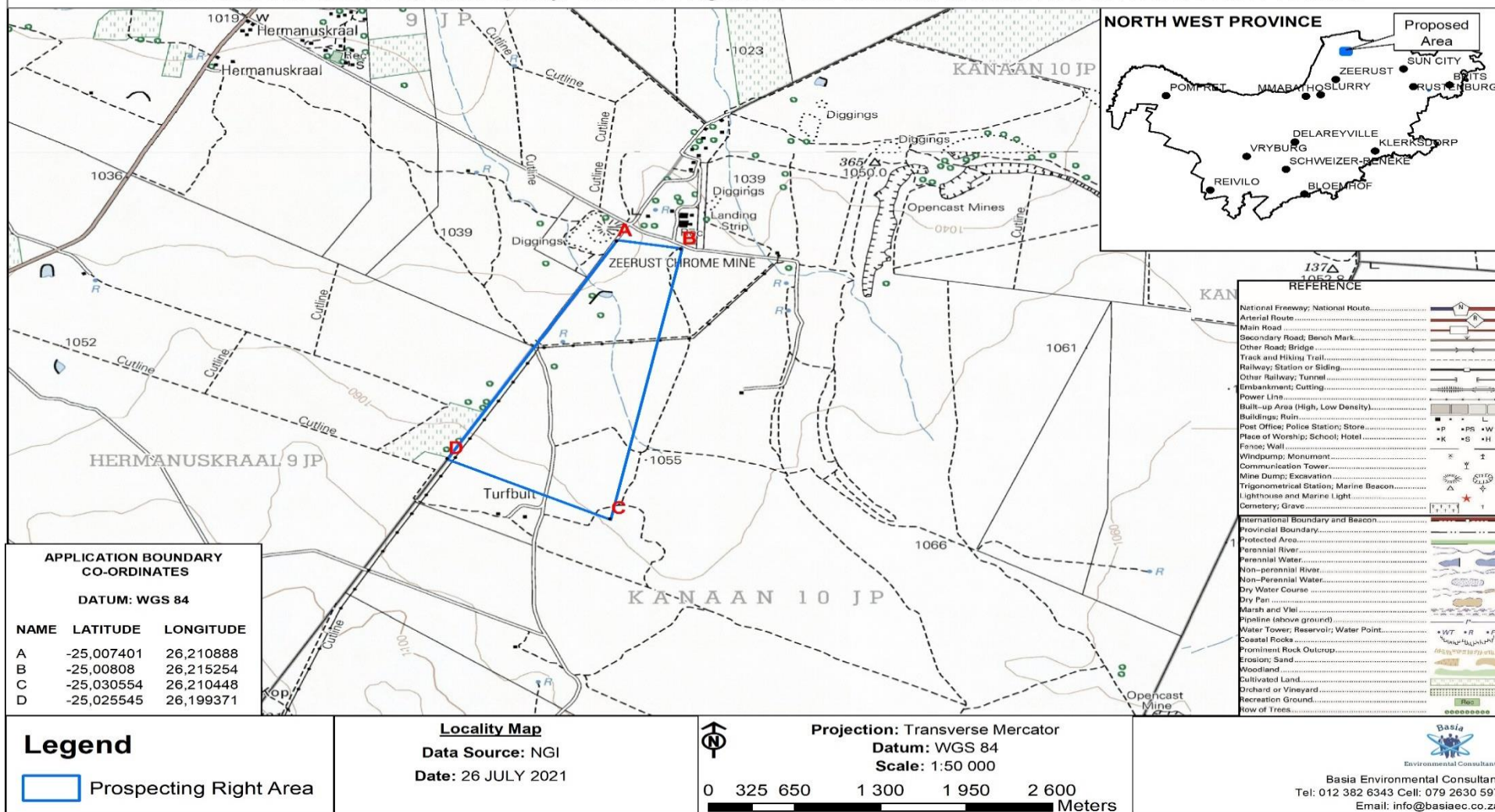


Figure 1.1: Locality Map of the proposed site 1.

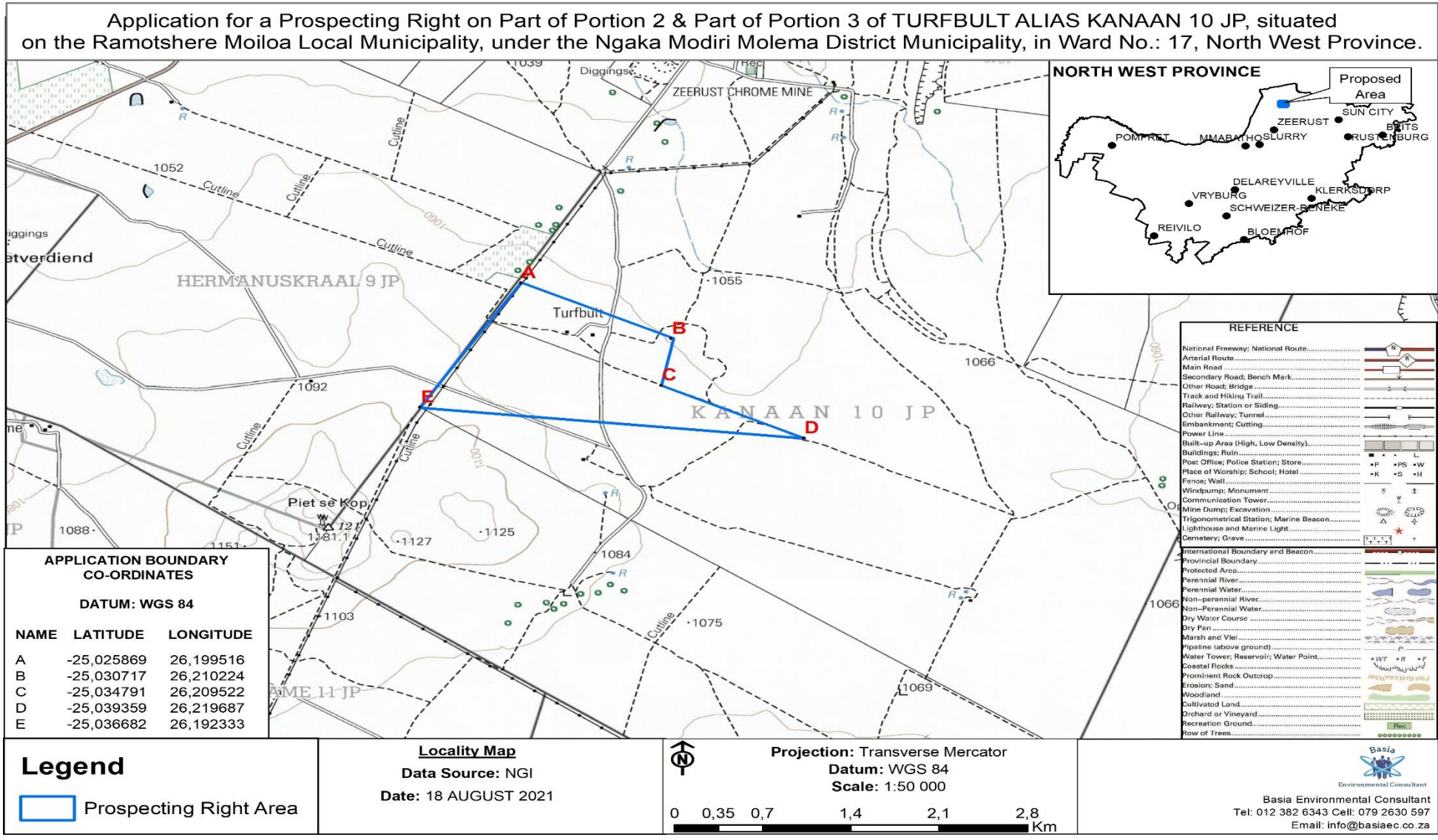


Figure 1.2: Locality Map of the proposed site 2.

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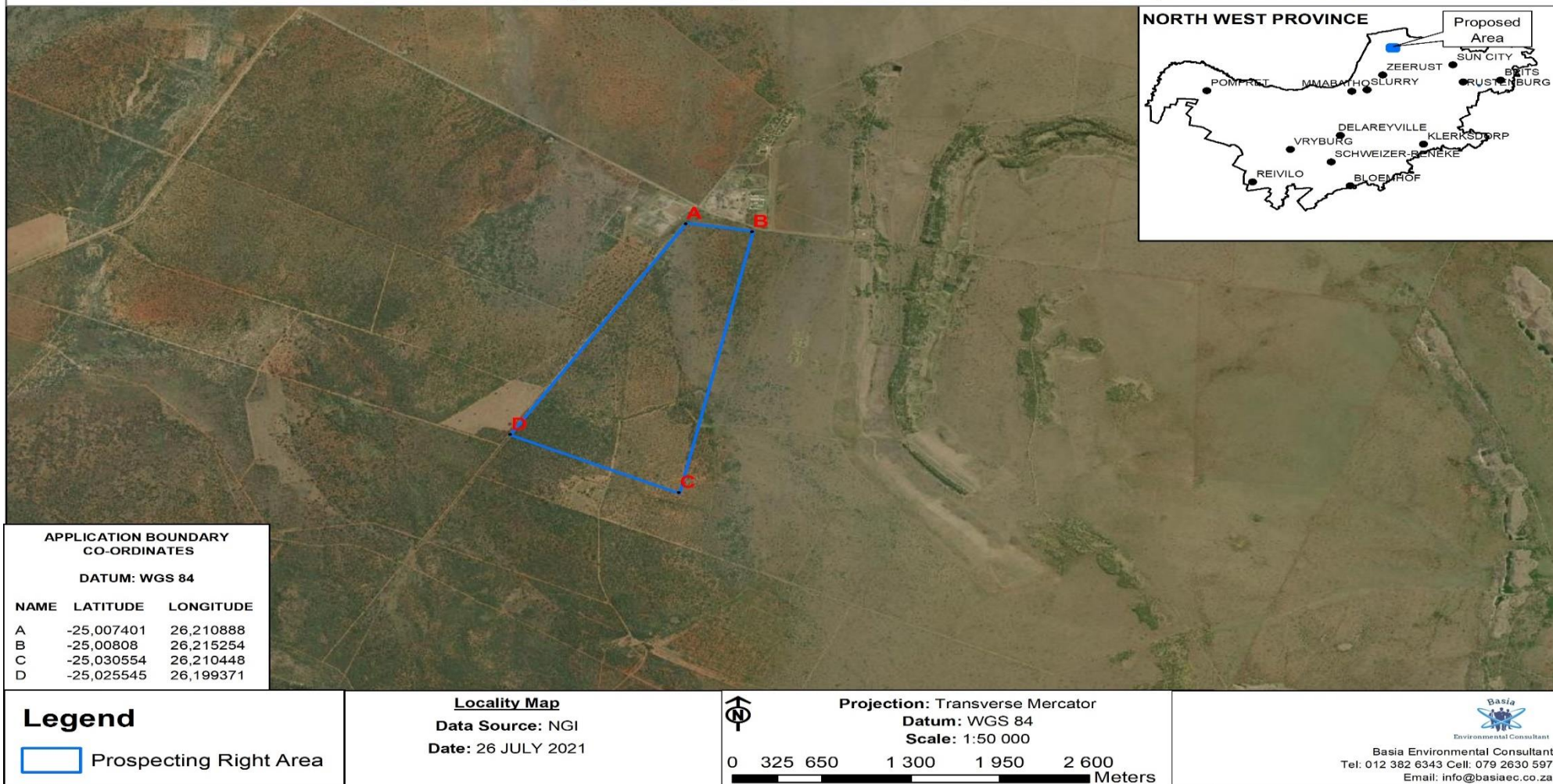


Figure 2.1: Google map view of the proposed site 1.

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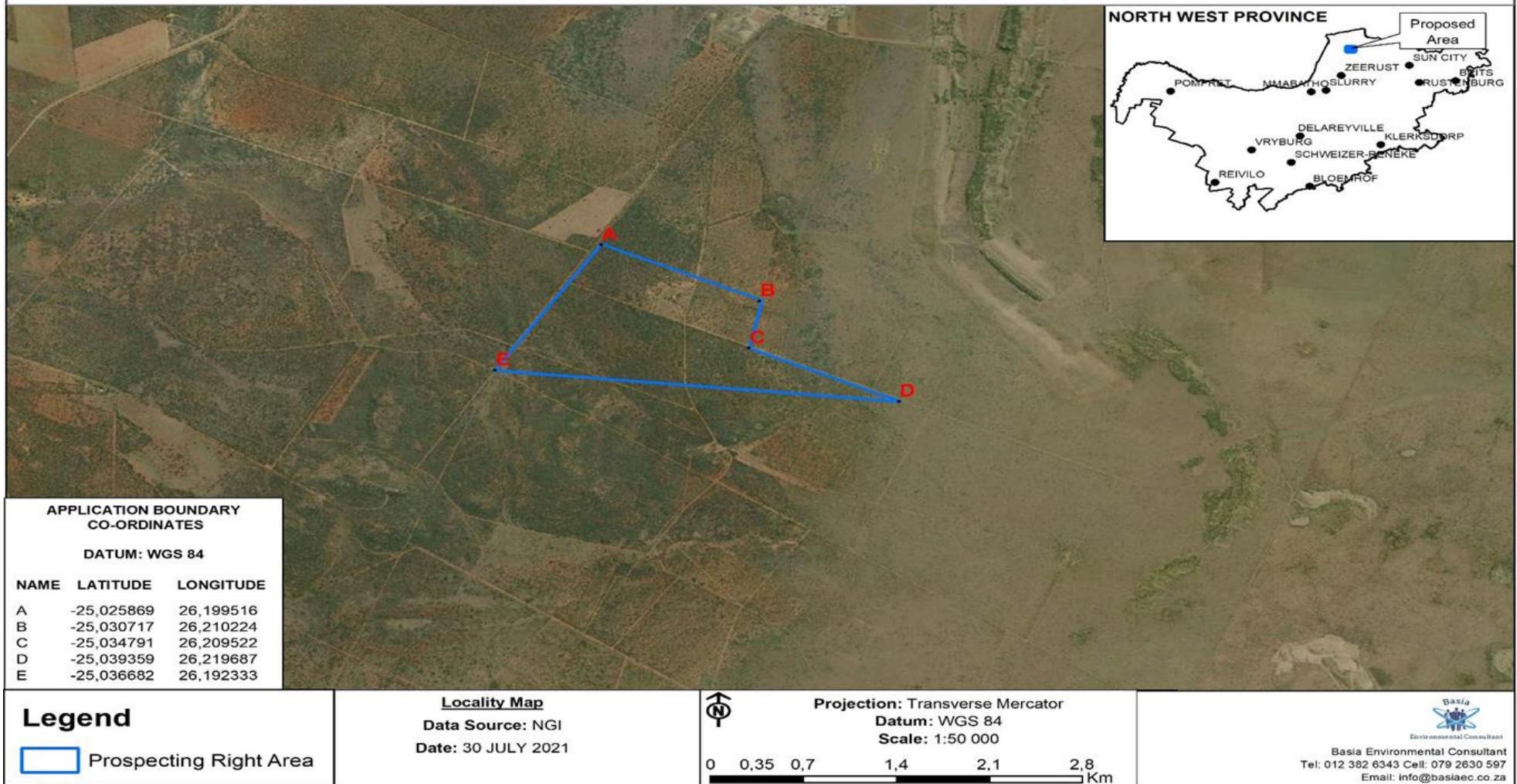


Figure 2.2: Google earth map view of the proposed site 2.

6. DESCRIPTION OF THE RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT AND REGIONAL SETTING

6.1. Baseline Environment

Locality

The proposed prospecting project is located about 60 km North of Zeerust town. Access to the site is via R49 towards North of Zeerust, then take off-ramp to the left near the Nietverdiend road. This off-ramp is about 1.6 km North from Nietverdiend road. The road is well maintained gravel road.

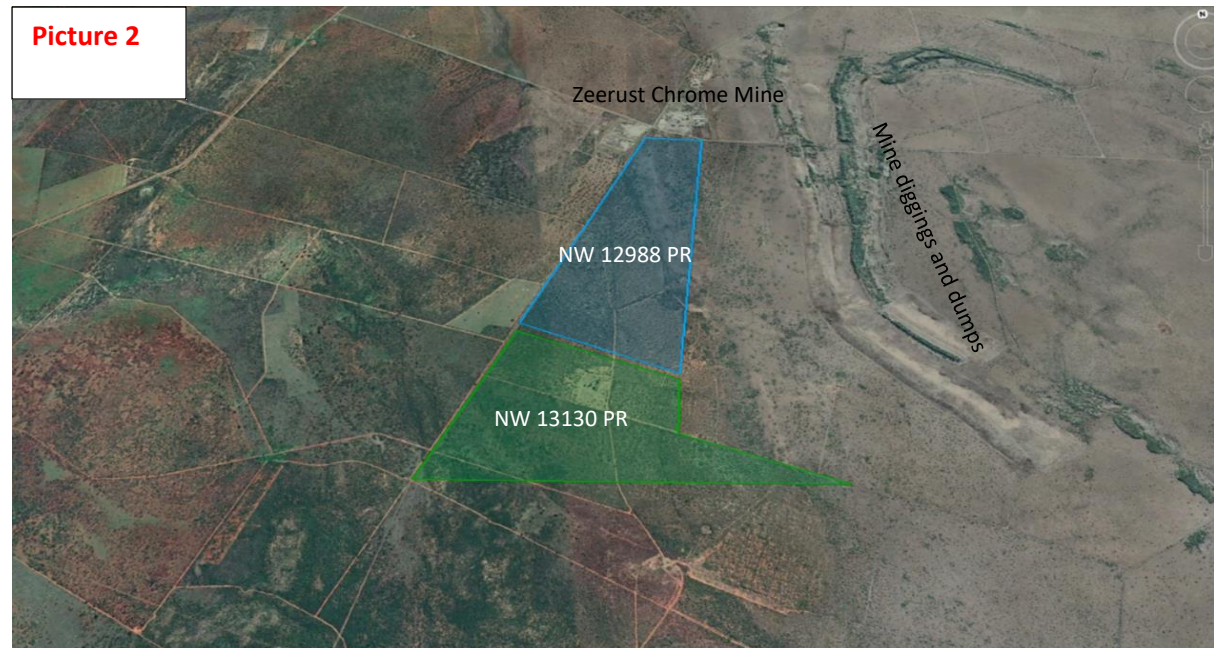
Picture 1



The larger village is about 9 km East from the proposed site which is Masebudule, which Maroelakop is about 6 km South East of the proposed site. However, access to the site from these two communities is limited, because there are no proper roads from the aforementioned communities. The land is generally used for cattle grazing and mining activities.

In particular, there are several mining operation, between the above mentioned communities and the proposed site. Moreover, the application shares a boudary with Zeerust mine which is currently non-operational. The area is generally characterised by illegal mining, which includes trenching of rare earths outcrops.

Land-use Activities



Picture 3 & 4 above show the trenches and dumps that are located towards the proposed site. These trenching activities are persuing a search for rare earths belt.

Picture 5



Picture 6



There are several well established mines in the surrounding area, Marico rare earths mine is about 1.5 km from the proposed site. The Zeerust Mine hostels are about 800m from the nearest boundary of the proposed sites, and other houses are over 3km. There is only one dwelling house within the borders of the proposed site.

Picture 7



Picture 8



It is notable that there is few activities taking place within the proposed site and the landowner seldom visits the farm. The farms are characterised by shrubs and grasslands which are good for animal grazing.

Picture 9



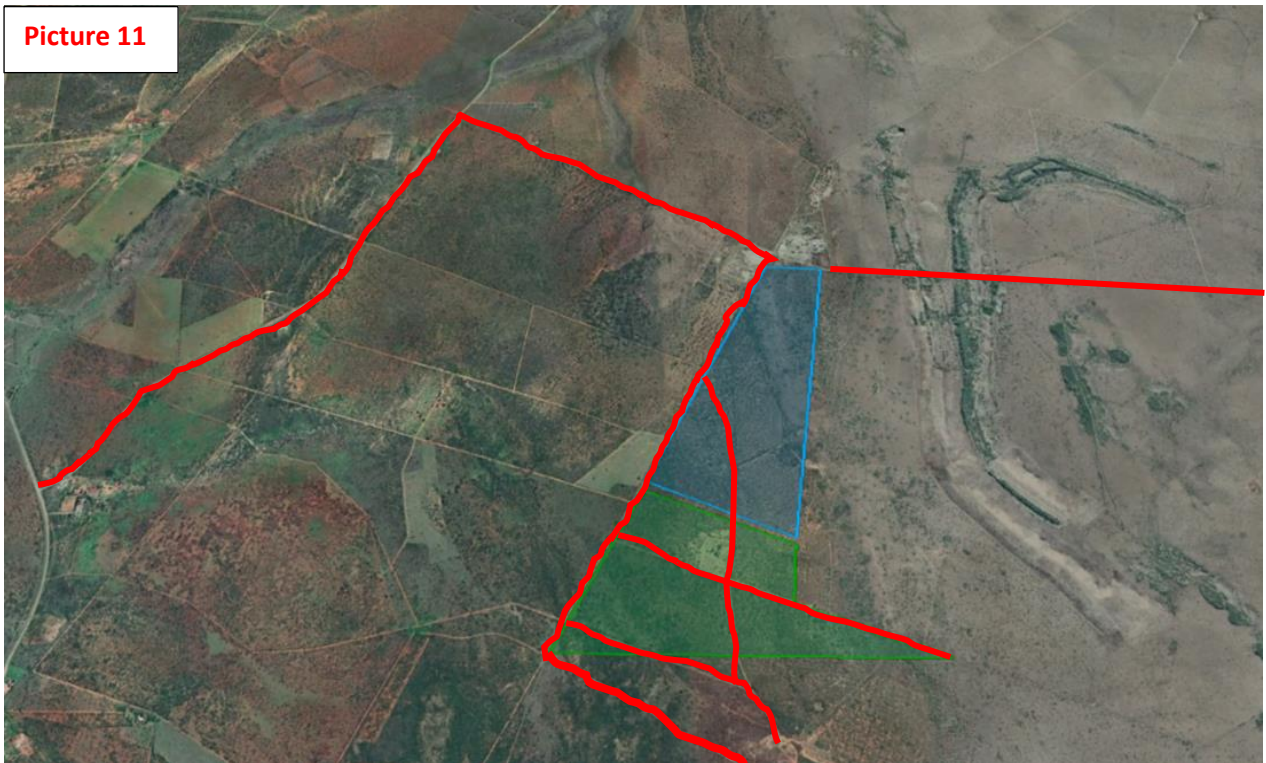
Picture 10



Access Roads

There are several road tracks that can be used to access different points of the proposed site. The map below shows alternative roads to the site, which require minor upgrade. Although, these roads will not be upgraded during the prospecting work. This will ensure minimal impact on biodiversity.

Picture 11



6.2. The type of environment affected by the proposed activity

(its current geographical, physical, biological, socio-economic, cultural character)

6.2.1. Environmental and Socio-economic conditions

The proposed site is earmarked as Private nature reserve. A biodiversity study will be conducted by a specialist to confirm the biodiversity of the area. However, on our assessment there are no wetlands seen to occur at vicinity of the development, the closest river stream is located 800m North the proposed site. Should any of the protected ecosystems be confirmed to occur, a lawful license will be required and should be applied for, from relevant competent authorities (Department of Water Affairs and also the Department of Agriculture and Forestry). There are also a few mine; tailings, and resource dumps and a few artificial flooded mine pits in the area.

The main positive impacts of the prospecting activities will be the temporary creation of jobs during the construction phase of the project. Minimise the illegal mining and irresponsible trenching in the area. The project may also result in a temporary boost in small local businesses in the area.

7. Description of the receiving Environment and Regional Setting

7.1. Current land use

The Prospecting Right area boundary is located on Open woodland which is characterized by having a lot of trees and lots of Safari Activities, this land cover extends to the western side of the proposed Prospecting Right area. A small portion located in the North Eastern side of the Prospecting Right area is covered by fallow land and old fields (grass). The Eastern side land from the Prospecting Right area is largely covered by Natural grassland. Next to the Prospecting Right boundary there is Commercial annual crops rain-fed/dry land. At the corner outside the boundary there is Residential formal (low veg/grass) land

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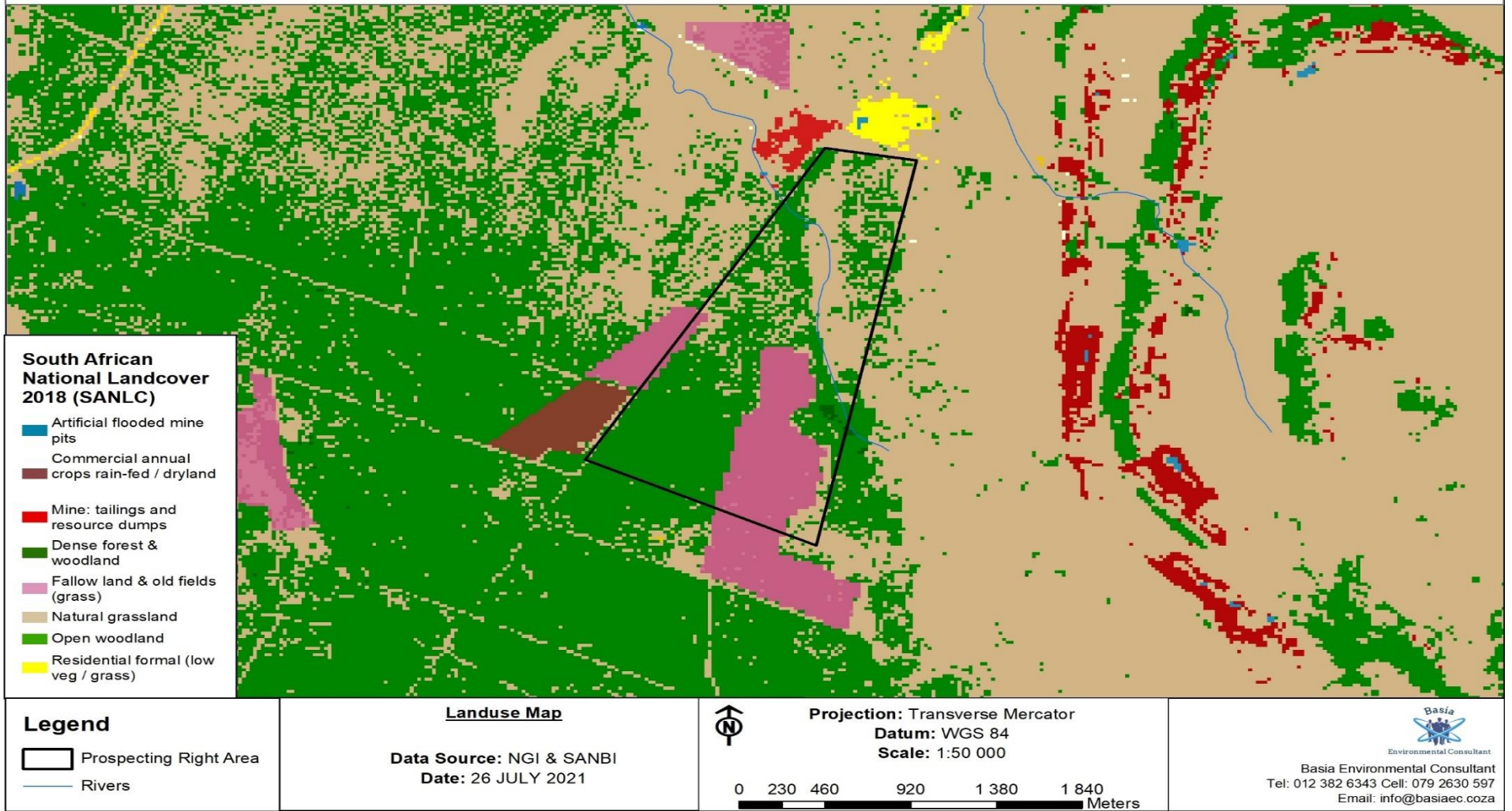


Figure 3.1: Land use map of the proposed site 1.

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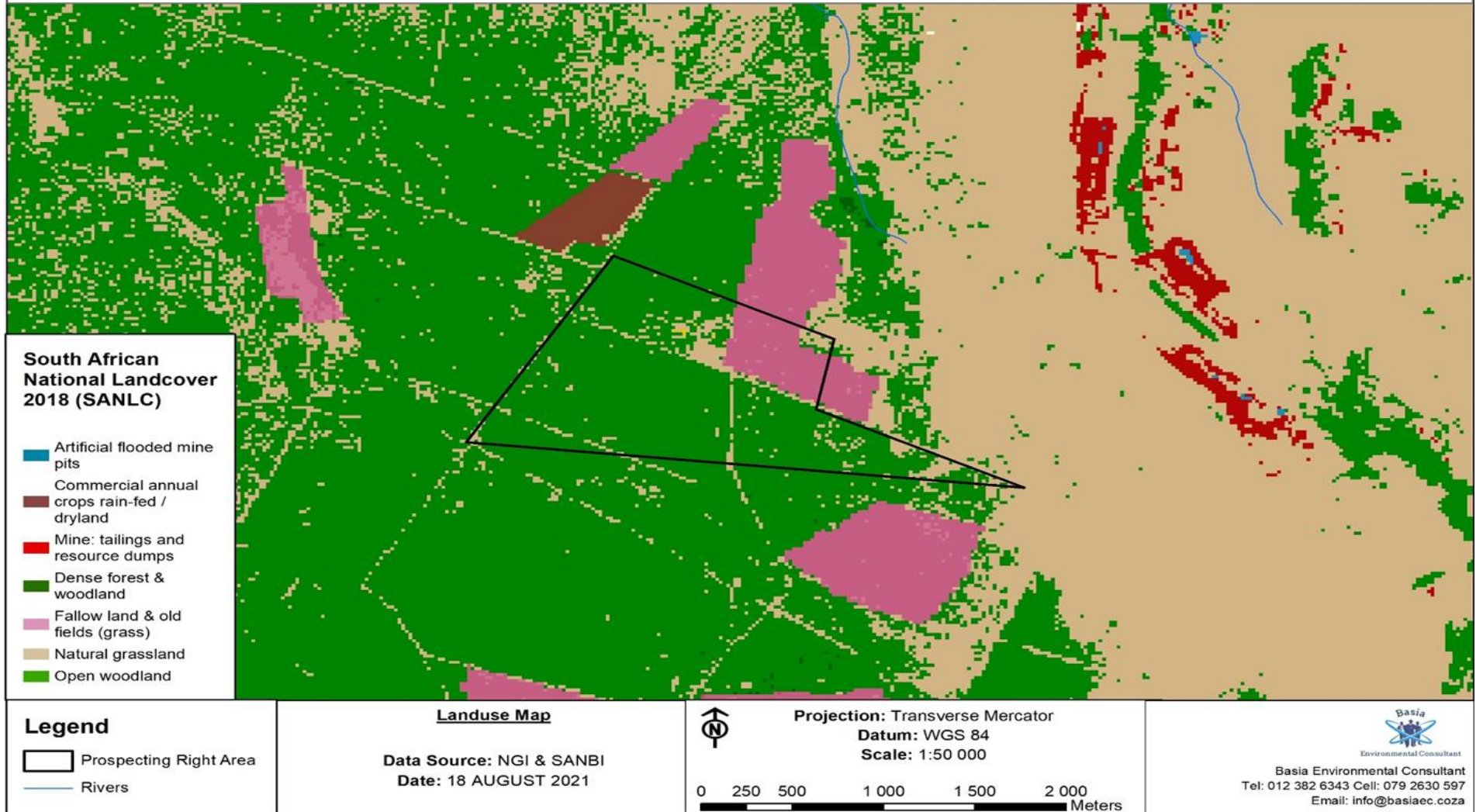


Figure 3.2: Land use map of the proposed site 2

7.2. Surface Water

The proposed Prospecting Right area is located within the Limpopo River Catchment Area. There is a river stream cutting through the proposed Prospecting Right area, the affected Quaternary Catchment is the A32C.

North West River originates at an altitude of about two thousand meters on the slopes of Mount Witwatersrand. This waterway flows through a mountainous terrain, jungles and savannahs, takes in several tributaries and flows into the Indian Ocean. The North West River is located in South-East Africa and flows through the territory of South Africa. She walks along the border with Botswana, enters Mozambique and flows through Zimbabwe.

This not very full river has a length of about 1600 kilometers and is a food source for many people. Its basin covers an area of 440 thousand square kilometers. In the middle and lower reaches, the North West River is navigable, people have made several reservoirs there for irrigation of fields. Before the confluence of this waterway into the ocean, it passes a huge 43-kilometer threshold. In the upper reaches, it is less abundant and in summer often dries up, because it feeds mainly on rainwater.

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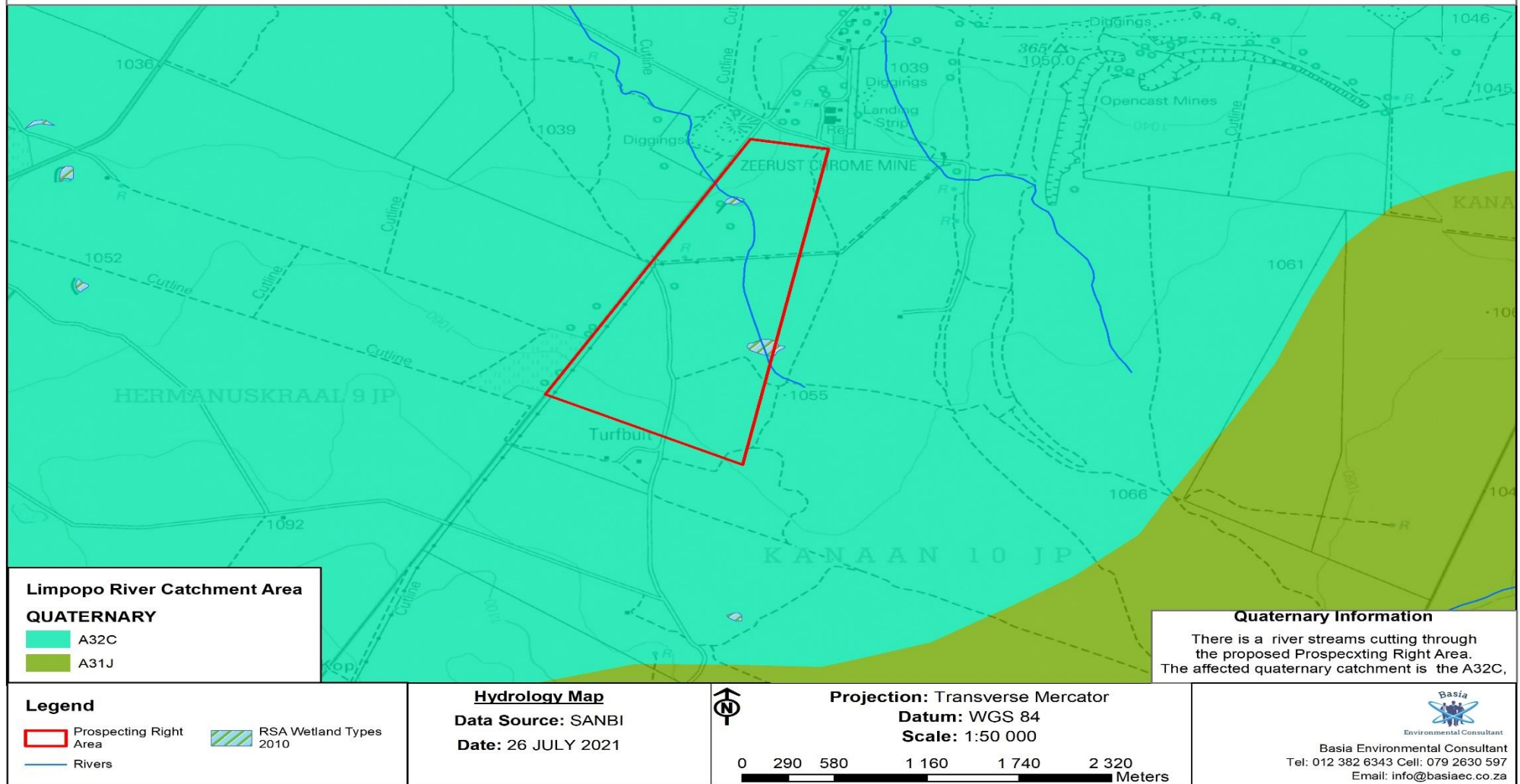


Figure 4.1: Hydrology of the proposed site 1.

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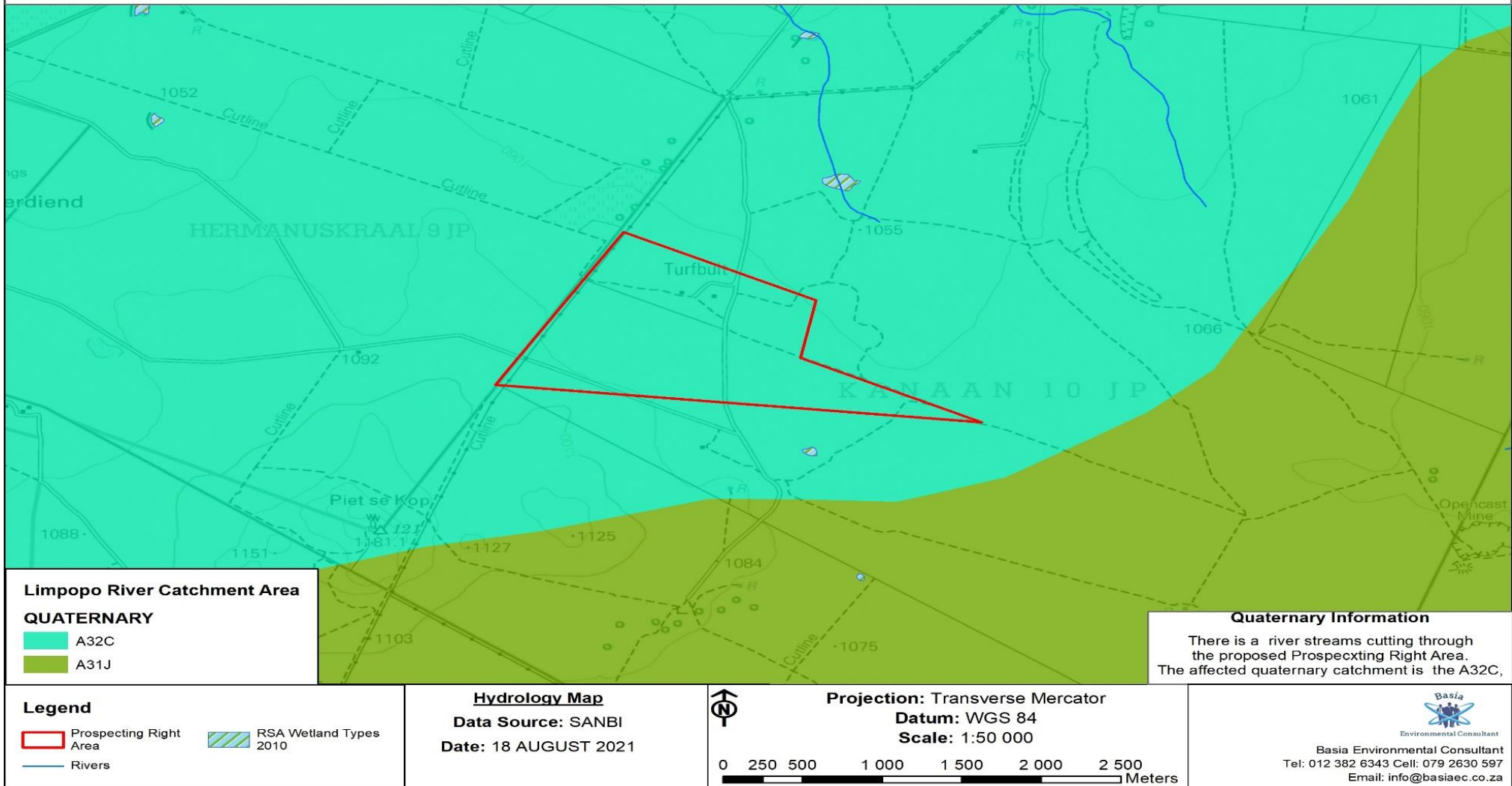


Figure 4.2: Hydrology of the proposed site 2.

7.3. Vegetation

The proposed Prospecting Right application is located within the Dwaalboom Thornveld of the Central Bushveld Bioregion of the Savanna Biome. The Savanna Biome is the largest Biome in southern Africa, occupying 46% of its area, and over one-third the area of South Africa. It is well developed over the lowveld and Kalahari region of South Africa and is also the dominant vegetation in Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe. It is characterized by a grassy ground layer and a distinct upper layer of woody plants. It is characterized by a grassy ground layer and a distinct upper layer of woody plants. Where this upper layer is near the ground the vegetation may be referred to as Shrubveld, where it is dense as Woodland, and the intermediate stages are locally known as Bushveld.

Important Taxa

Tall Tree: *Acacia erioloba*.

Small Trees: *Acacia erubescens* (d), *A. nilotica* (d), *A. tortilis* subsp. *heteracantha* (d), *A. fleckii*, *A. mellifera* subsp. *detinens*, *Combretum imberbe*, *Rhus lancea*, *Ziziphus mucronata*. **Tall Shrubs:** *Acacia hebeclada* subsp. *hebeclada*, *Combretum hereroense*, *Diospyros lycioides* subsp. *lycioides*, *Euclea undulata*, *Grewia flava*, *Tarchonanthus camphoratus*.

Low Shrubs: *Acacia tenuispina* (d), *Abutilon austro-africanum*, *Aptosimum elongatum*, *Hirpicium bechua-nense*, *Pavonia burchellii*, *Solanum delagoense*. **Succulent Shrubs:** *Kalanchoe rotundifolia*, *Talinum caffrum*. **Herbaceous Climber:** *Rhynchosia minima*. **Graminoids:** *Aristida bipartita* (d), *Bothriochloa insculpta* (d), *Digitaria eriantha* subsp. *eriantha* (d), *Ischaemum afrum* (d), *Panicum maximum* (d), *Cymbopogon pospischilii*, *Eragrostis curvula*, *Sehima galpinii*, *Setaria incrassata*. **Herbs:** *Heliotropium ciliatum*, *Kohautia caespitosa* subsp. *brachyloba*, *Nidorella hottentotica*.

Conservation Least threatened. Target 19%. Some 6% statutorily conserved, mostly within the Madikwe Game Reserve in the west. About 14% transformed mainly by cultivation. Erosion is very low to low. Main use is extensive cattle grazing.

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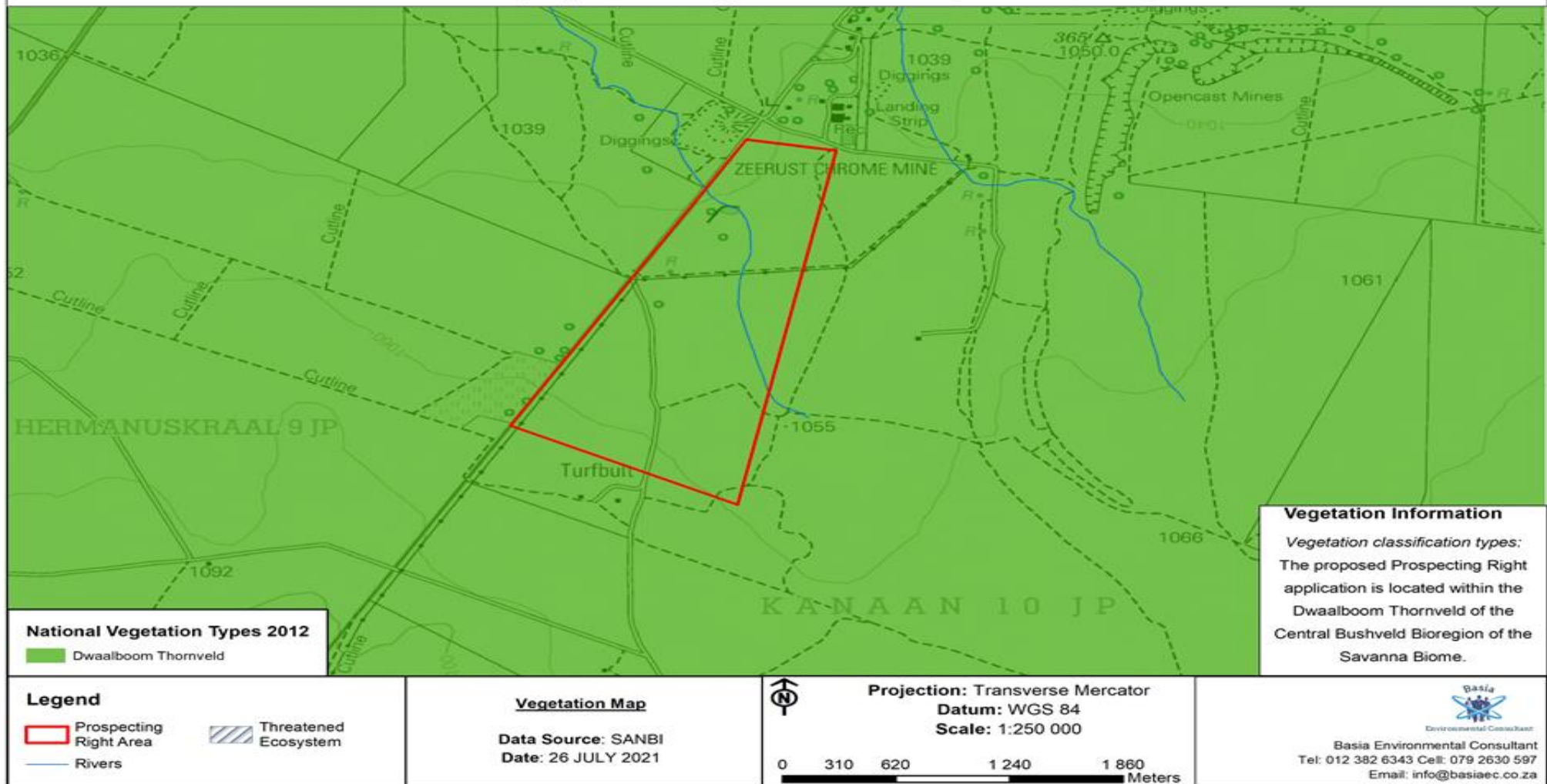


Figure 5.1: Vegetation map of the proposed area 1 .

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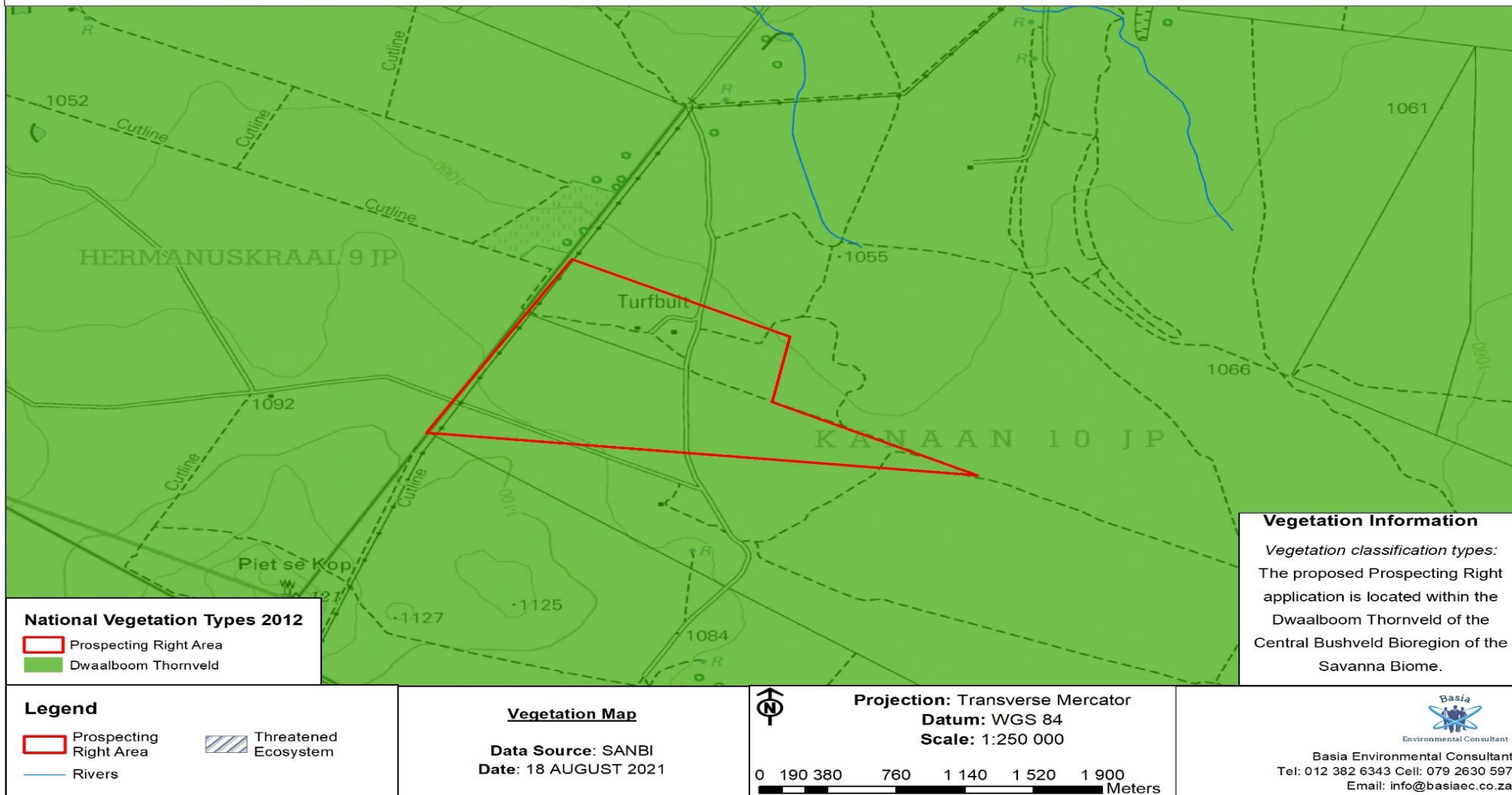


Figure 5.2: Vegetation map of the proposed area 2.

7.4. Biodiversity

The mining and biodiversity guideline were developed by the Department of Mineral resources, Chamber of Mines, South African National Biodiversity Institute and the South African Mining and Biodiversity Forum, with the intention to find balance between economic growth and environmental sustainability. The Guideline is envisioned as a tool to foster a strong relationship between biodiversity and mining which will eventually translate into best practice within the mining sector. In identifying biodiversity priority areas which have different levels of risk against mining, the Guidelines categorize biodiversity priority areas into 4 classes with the following levels of risk for mining attached to them.

- A. Legally protected areas, where mining is prohibited.
- B. Areas of highest biodiversity importance, which are at a highest risk for mining.
- C. Areas of high biodiversity importance, which are at a high risk for mining.
- D. Areas of moderate biodiversity importance, which are at a moderate risk for mining.

Proposed site 1, large part of the farm portions is classified as Category B which is characterized as Areas of highest biodiversity importance, and then only a small portion of land is classified as Category C which is characterized as Areas of high biodiversity importance

On Proposed site 2, a small portion on the North Eastern side of the boundary is classified as Category B which is characterized as Areas of highest biodiversity importance, which is at a high risk for mining.

Outside the boundary area in the south side and west side the land is classified as Category C which is characterized as Areas of high biodiversity importance, which are at a high risk mining.

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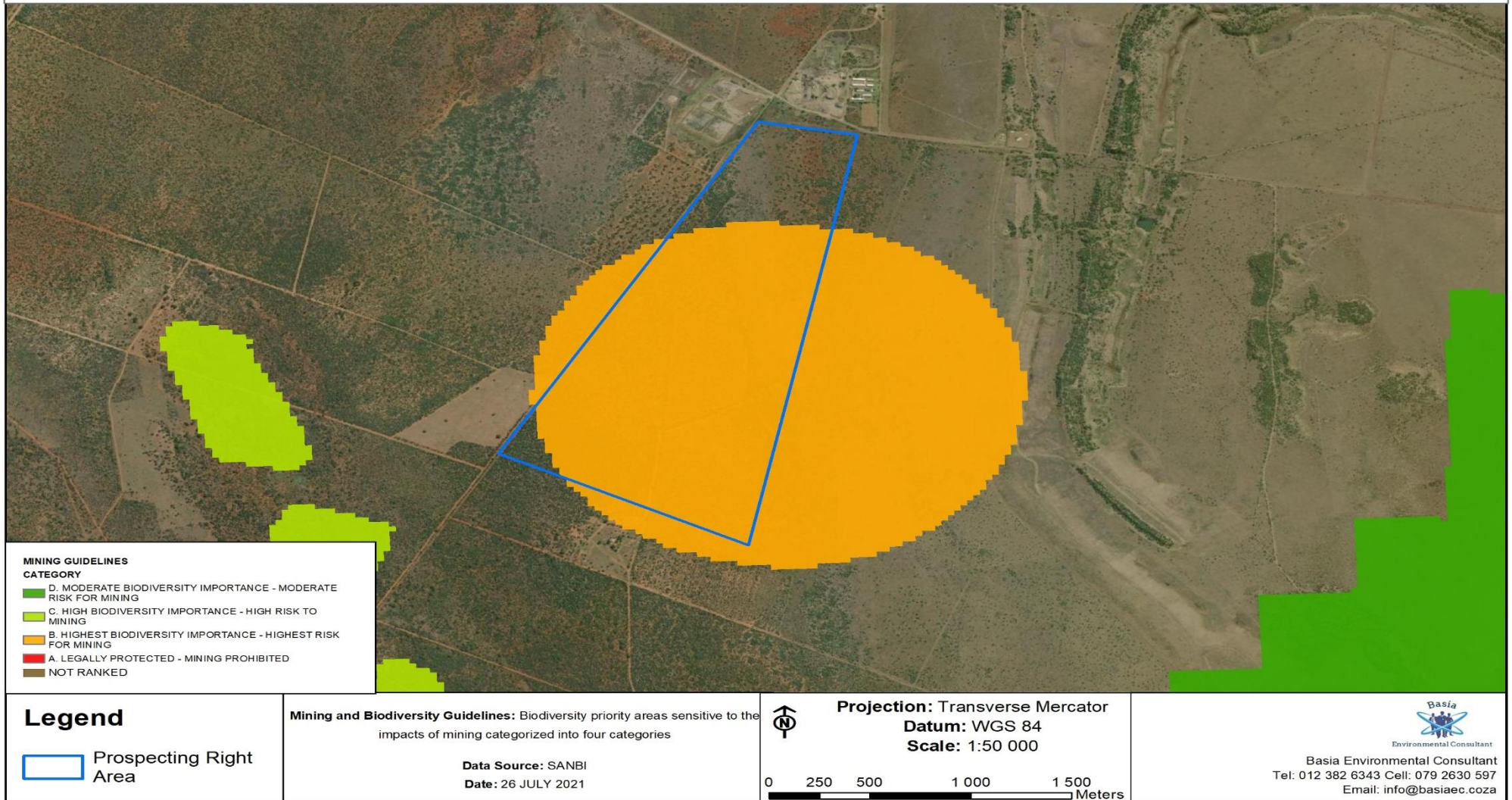


Figure 6.1: Biodiversity of the proposed site 1.

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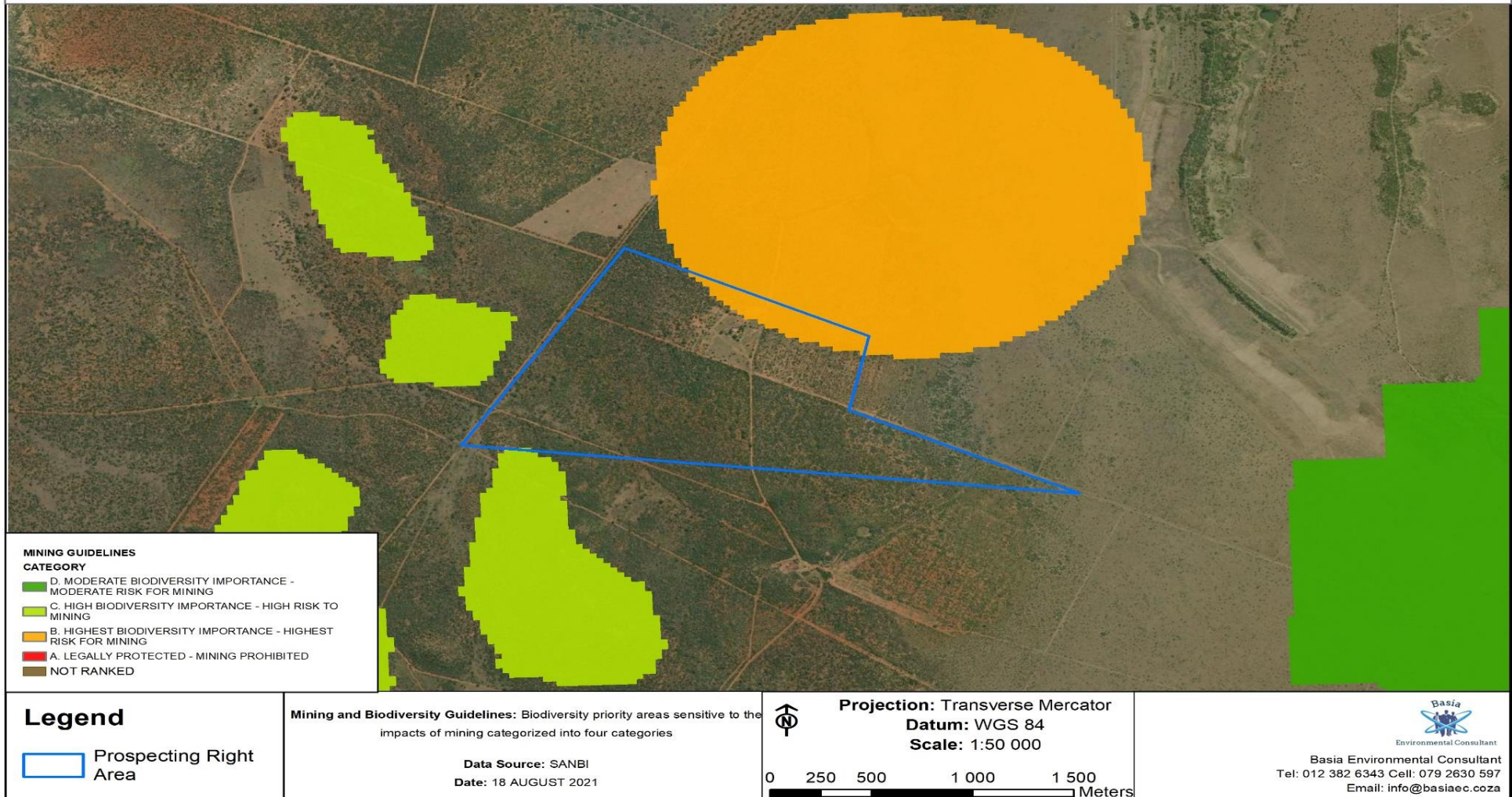


Figure 6.2: Biodiversity of the proposed site 2.

7.5. Climate and rainfall

The climate in Ramotshere Moiloa local municipality is referred to as a local steppe climate. There is little rainfall throughout the year. This climate is considered to be BSh according to the Köppen-Geiger climate classification. The average annual temperature is 21.1 °C | 70.0 °F in Ramotshere Moiloa local Municipality. The annual rainfall is 488 mm | 19.2 inch. The temperatures are highest on average in October, at around 27.8 °C | 82.1 °F. In July, the average temperature is 17.7 °C | 63.9 °F. It is the lowest average temperature of the whole year.

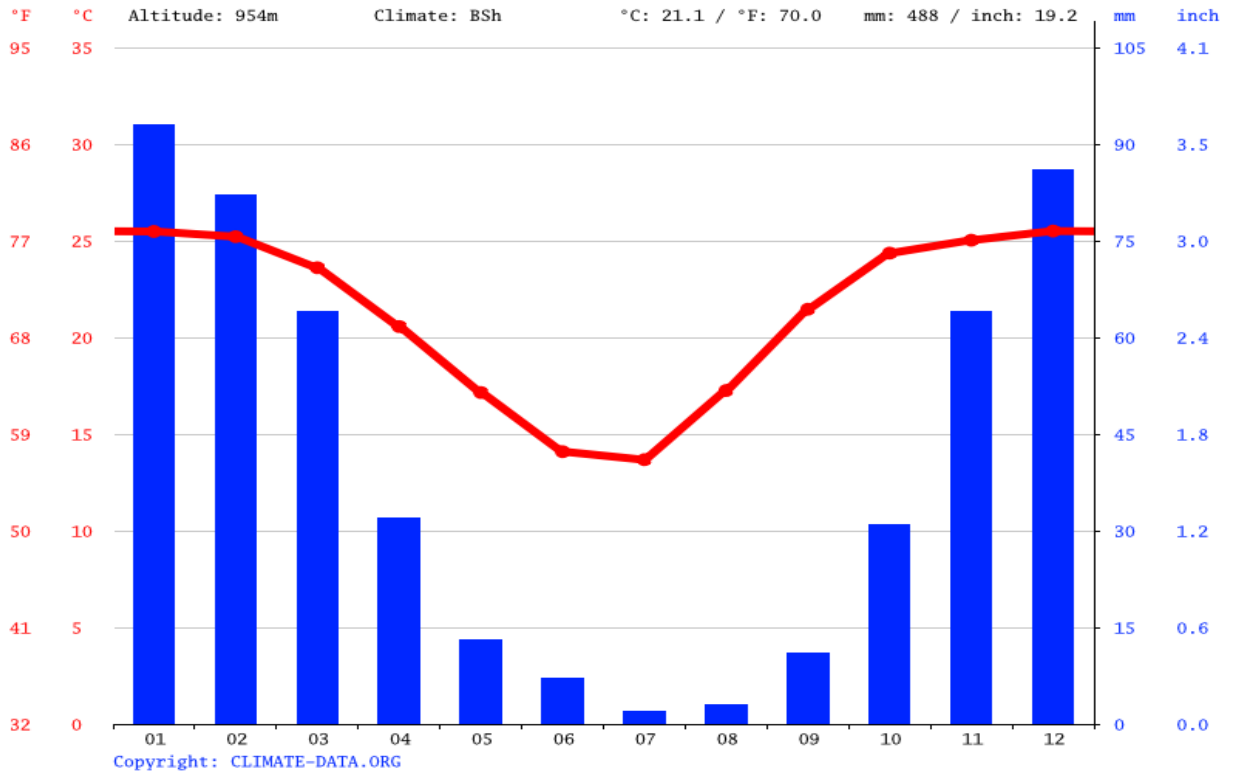


Figure 7.1: Monthly average temperature of the proposed area1&2.

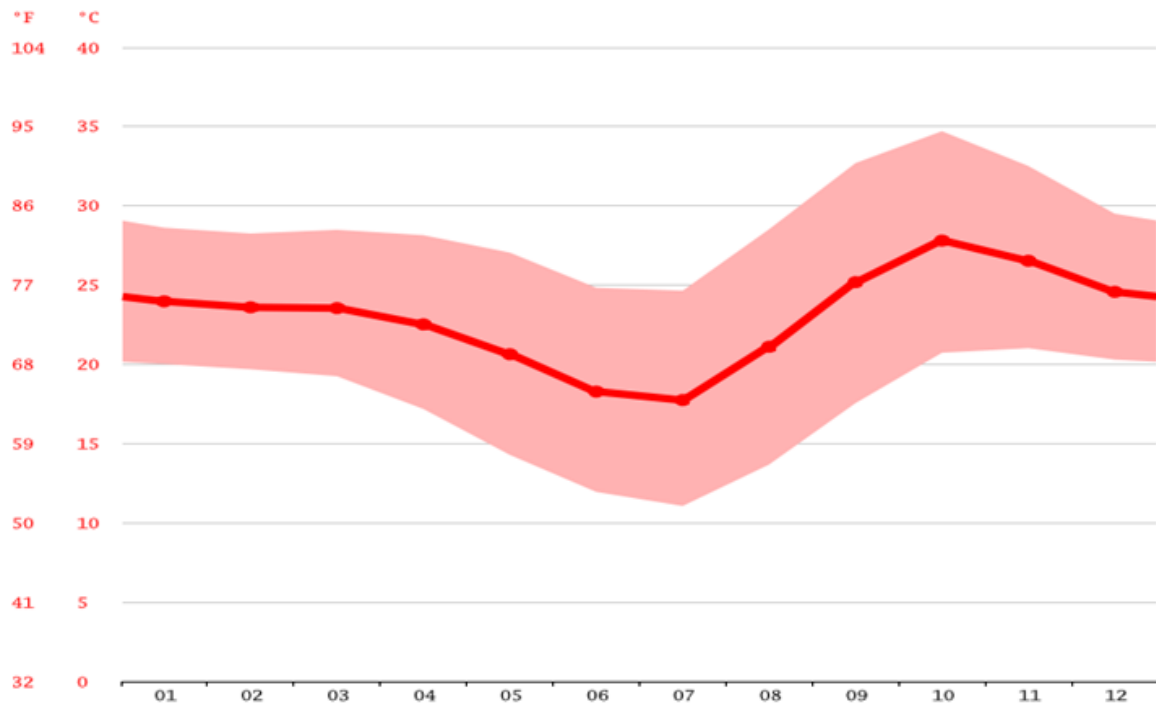


Figure 7.2: Monthly average temperature values

7.6. Geology

The geology of the proposed prospecting right application area is largely underlain by quaternary deposits and a small portion inside the boundary area is underlined by Vlakfontein - Pryroxenite. Quaternary deposits were characterized by age and depositional environment through the interpretation of historical topographic and coastal survey maps, aerial photography (both modern and historical) and published soil surveys. As Quaternary deposits are young, their geological, and hence engineering, character is controlled largely by the processes that brought about their formation and they have been less altered by processes that act over long periods of time, such as diagenesis. Consequently, climate has a significant influence on the nature of the material formed and its engineering characteristics. In cold climatic conditions processes of freeze and thaw have an effect on the way that materials behave, while in tropical climes rapid weathering with leaching has a major influence.

There is also Rayton formation which is characterized by; Quartzite, Shale, Subordinate sub greywacke, Outside the boundary area on the south west of the proposed Prospecting Right area.

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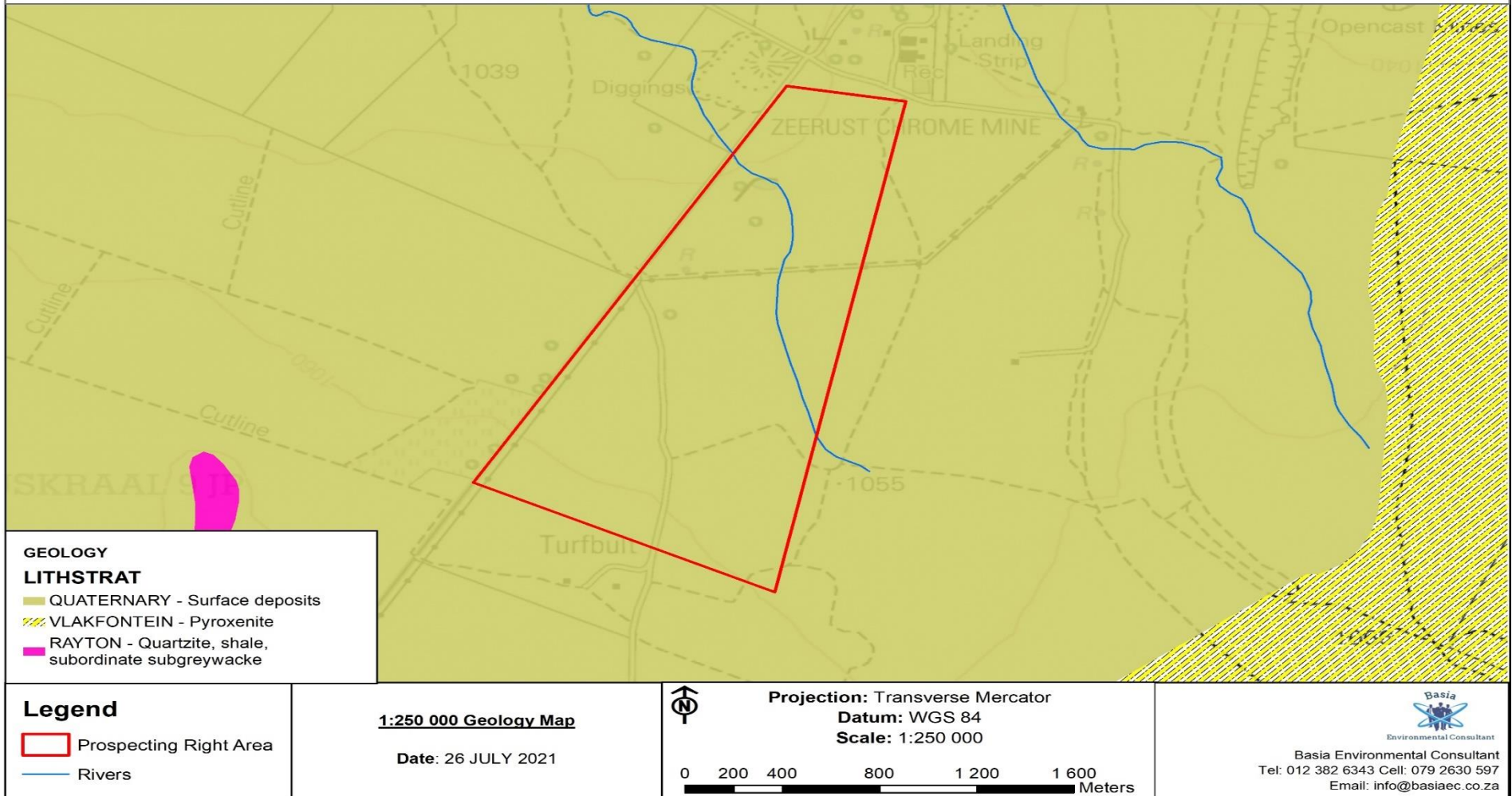


Figure 8.1: Geology map of the proposed site 1

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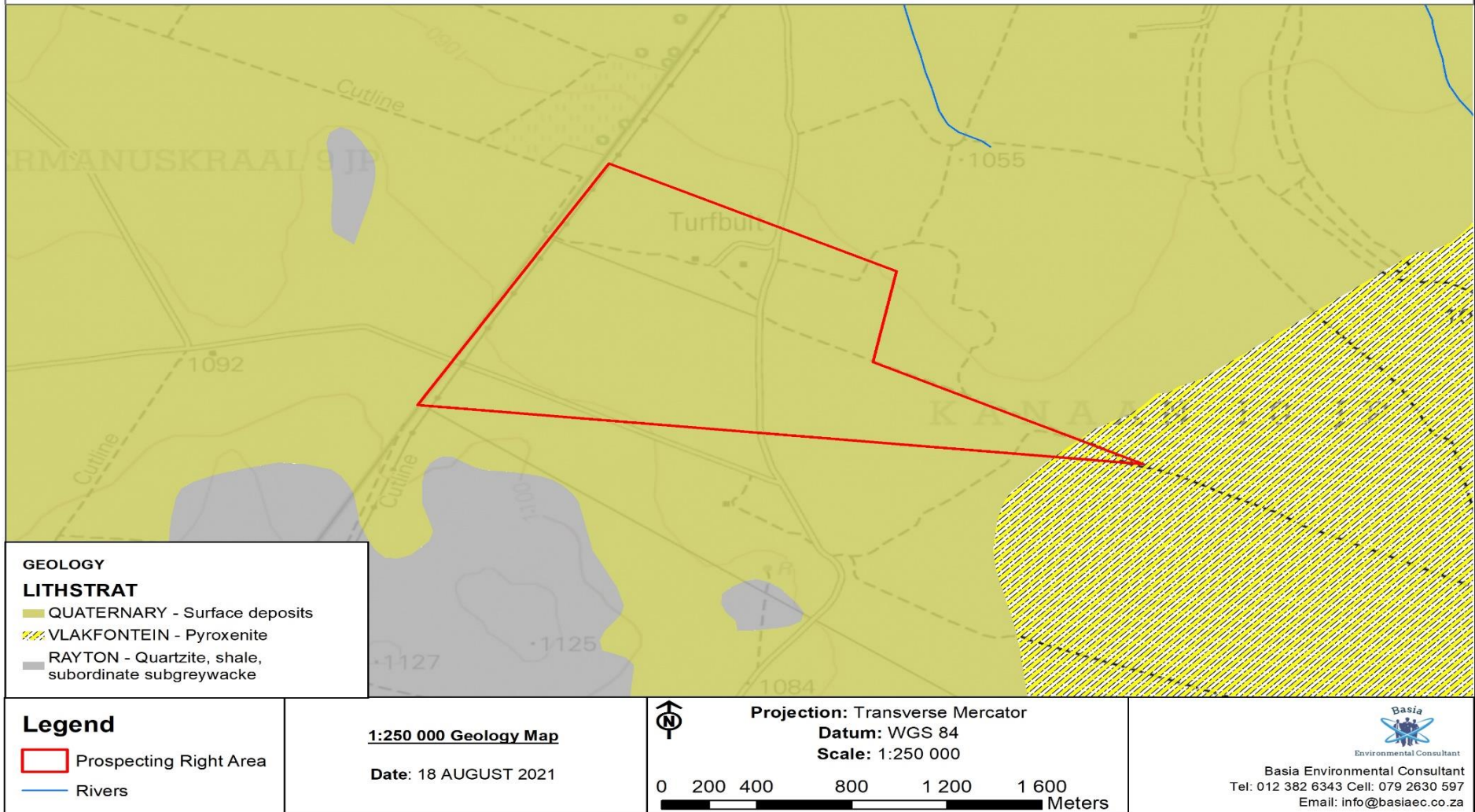


Figure 8.2: Geology map of the proposed site 2

7.7. Sensitivity

There is a river stream located 800m north the proposed Prospecting Right application area. The river buffer zone is 50m. There are no CBAs and ESAs that are located within the proposed area. The proposed Prospecting Right application area is located in Dwaalboom Thornveld of the central Bushveld Bioregion of the Savanna Biome. The proposed Prospecting Right application area is located within the Drie Annie's Private Nature Reserve which is listed as a protected area in South Africa.

NEMA: Protected Areas Act (57 of 2003) provide for the recognition of the private nature reserves as bona fide protected areas In terms of the Act

In terms of the Act, private nature reserve means a nature reserve;

- a) which is in communal ownership or privately owned by a single land owner or multiple land owners,
- b) that has been declared, or regarded as having been declared, in terms of section 12, 23 (3) and 23(5) of the Act as a nature reserve; and
- c) that is designated as a private nature reserve in terms of section 25 of the Act.

The main concern, is the unregulated diggings and trenching in the area. The area is known to be abounded by the rare earth resources of economical value. However, it can be regarded as no man's land, in the near future as digging continues.

Thus can also result in the selection and implementation a cleaner future mining methods .

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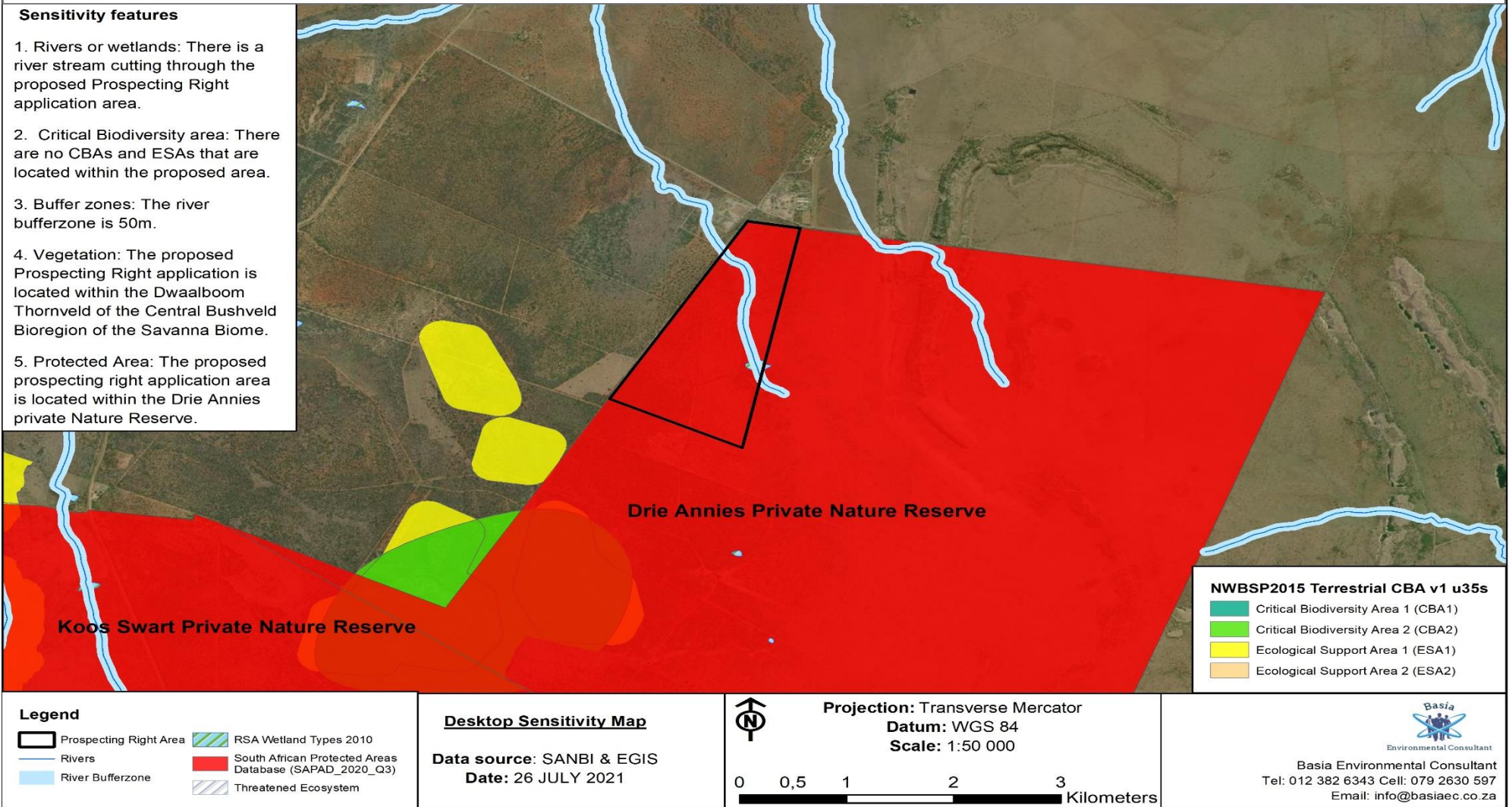


Figure 9.1: Sensitivity features of the proposed site 1

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- Sensitivity features**
1. Rivers or wetlands: There is a river stream located 800m north of the proposed Prospecting Right application area.
 2. Critical Biodiversity area: There are no CBAs and ESAs that are located within the proposed area.
 3. Buffer zones: The river bufferzone is 50m.
 4. Vegetation: The proposed Prospecting Right application is located within the Dwaalboom Thornveld of the Central Bushveld Bioregion of the Savanna Biome.
 5. Protected Area: The proposed prospecting right application area is located within the Drie Annies private Nature Reserve.

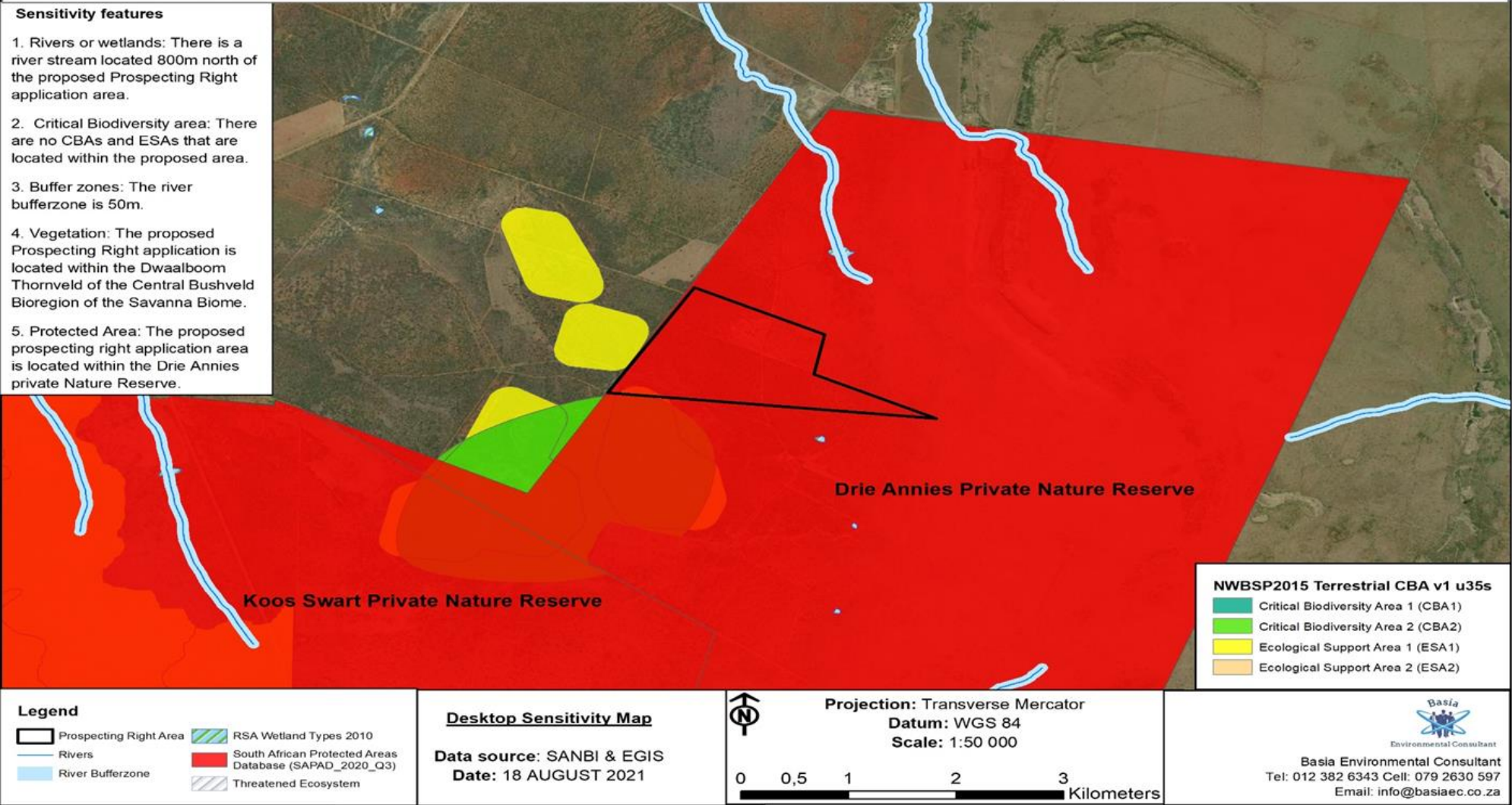


Figure 9.2: Sensitivity features of the proposed site 2

8. DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE PROPOSED OVERALL ACTIVITY

8.1. Prospecting work to be performed (Invasive)

- **Diamond/core drilling**

Diamond/core drilling operations will be carried out for the purpose of retrieving core samples and laboratory analyses will be performed on the core samples to establish the quality of rare earths and rock properties. No pits or trenches will be created during this activity. **Twelve (12)** exploration boreholes (on each project) which will be executed over the period of 2 years, however drilling will be done as quick as possible to avoid prolonged stay on the farms. Each borehole will be drilled up to a depth of approximately 200m for the current application. The rate per meter is R300 on average a borehole takes approximately one (1) to five (5) days to complete. There will be no additional drilling, exceeding the number stipulated above.

- **Required Equipment**

A truck mounted with a drill rig of about 4 tons will access the site and drive to the pre-determined position where drilling will be undertaken (see figure 9 for the positions of the boreholes). A bakkie will be used to collect and transport the samples to the laboratory. All equipment that are required for prospecting will cover only 0.06 ha. Drill rig of about 4 tons, water storage tank of about 160 liters, Equipment storage 50 m², Security offices 40 m², Ablution facilities 10 m² and Sample storage 40 m².

Table 4: Equipment's to be used or needed

Equipment and/or Technology to be used	1 drill rig mounted on a 10-tonne truck or trailer
	2X (4X4) Bakkies
Materials required	Diesel
	Grease
	Hydraulic Oil
	One 50 kg Bag of cement/ Expansion foam per borehole, 50m PVC pipes
	Picks, shovels,
Spillage control	Dip trays
Sanitation Facility	Chemical toilets

Waste Management	Waste skip and Bins
Safety	Safety Boards

Image 81



Image 82



Images showing typical activities during prospecting works, before rehabilitation.

- **Summary of precautions and measures taken;**

The proposed position of the boreholes will take into account the following aspects:

- Geology of the area “Vlarkfontein” preferred
- Sensitive area biophysical (such as watercourses and critical biodiversity)
- Sensitive areas will be determined by the Biodiversity specialist study. No borehole is positioned within 100m from the above sensitive areas. Where it cannot be avoided mitigation measures outlined in the EMP will be strictly adhered to.

Table 5: Estimated cost for prospecting 12 boreholes for each proposed site (1&2).

Activity	Year 1	Year 2
	Expenditure	Expenditure
Phase 1 (6 boreholes with the depth of 200m within 12 months)		
Drilling (diamond/core)	R 125 000	
Rehabilitation costs	R 25 000	
Analytical cost	R 10 000	
Site establishment-accessibility, landowner consultation, water-supply, setup of field camp and associated infrastructure.	R20 000	
Owner compensation	R 5 000	
Phase 2 (6 boreholes with the depth of 50m from 12-24 months)		
Drilling (diamond/core)		R 125 000
Rehabilitation costs		R 25 000
Analytical cost		R 10 000
Site establishment-accessibility, landowner consultation, water-supply, setup of field camp and associated infrastructure.		R 20 000
Owner compensation		R 5 000
Owner compensation		
Annual total	R 185 000	185 000
Grand total		R 370 000

9. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED NON-INVASIVE ACTIVITIES

9.1. Data collection methods

Several studies outlined below will be conducted to supported and inform the economic and environmental and economic feasibility of the proposed projects.

9.1.1. Laboratory analysis

Material obtained from drilling will be surveyed and sampled. Samples will be transported to an accredited laboratory for analysis of the quality of rare earths.

9.1.2. Geophysical survey work to be undertaken

Down-hole geophysical methods using wire-line geophysical instruments will be used to gather geological and rock quality information of boreholes. Ad hoc down-hole geophysical investigation will be timeously conducted to verify lithological and structural properties of the subsurface in relation to the rare earths reserve areas.

9.1.3. Geohydrological survey

The boreholes will also be used to gather geohydrological information with specific reference to aquifer yield testing and gathering of water samples for analytical purposes. Baseline preliminary conceptual groundwater flow models to estimate inflow rates into a probable underground mining operation using hydraulic aquifer parameters obtained during aquifer yield-testing will also be conducted in order to inform the type of mining to be applied for.

9.1.4. Rock distribution and reserve estimation

Rock distribution and reserve estimation relate to computerized desk studies which encompass the following main actions:

9.1.5. Data processing and validation

Data obtained during the drilling project needs to be processed and validated versus stratigraphic, structural and analytical data received and correlated with surrounding boreholes in the reserve area.

9.1.6. Lithofacies and rock quality modelling

Variations in a stratigraphic unit across the reserve area are illustrated by contoured maps showing lateral trends of most significant properties. This is done by the utilization of computerized geological software. Detailed in situ reserve and quality

determinations will then be possible through computer based modelling, and qualitative and quantitative calculations.

9.1.7. Consultation with landowners

The database of I&AP's collected during the consultation process will be used to inform parties about the activities that will be conducted prior to execution and the timeframes. This will be a responsibility of the Prospecting Rights Officer. All issues relating to the prospecting programme such as dates, access routes, availability of water, and rehabilitation of the drill sites and any other items of mutual concern. The discussion and agreement between the parties will be captured in writing.

Table 6: Proposed expertise, prospecting phases and time frames

Activity	Skill(s) required	Timeframe	Outcome	Timeframe for outcome	Technical expert to sign off on the outcome.
Invasive Prospecting works					
Diamond/core drilling (12 boreholes)	Geologist	1 Week to 1-36 months	Positions and depth of rare earths reserves. Positions and type of rock	Month 1-36	Geologist Engineering Laboratory analyst
Non-invasive Prospecting works					
Ecologist assessment	Ecologist	1 Week to 1-36 months	Assess, prevent and mitigate ecological risks	Month 1-36	Ecologist Environmentalist
Laboratory analysis	Analytical chemistry	1 Week to 1-36 months	Quality of rare earths reserves	Month 1-36	Geologist
Geophysical survey Rock distribution and reserve estimation Lithofacies and rock quality modelling	Geophysicist Geologist	1 Week to 1-36 months	Geological and structural formation of the proposed area	Month 1-2	Geophysicist
Geohydrological survey	Geohydrologist	1 Week to 1-36 months	Geohydrological data of the proposed area.	Month 1-12	Geohydrologist
Consultation with I&AP's and landowners	Environmentalist	1 Week to 1-36 months	Understanding and consensus between prospecting activities and affected parties.	1 Week to 1-36 months	

10. SITE LAYOUT

The main operational site layout will be established depending on the location of the boreholes and have to taken into account the sensitivity of the environment in the area and have to avoided impeding critical biodiversity and water resources in the area. This is where equipment's will and samples will be stored before transportation.

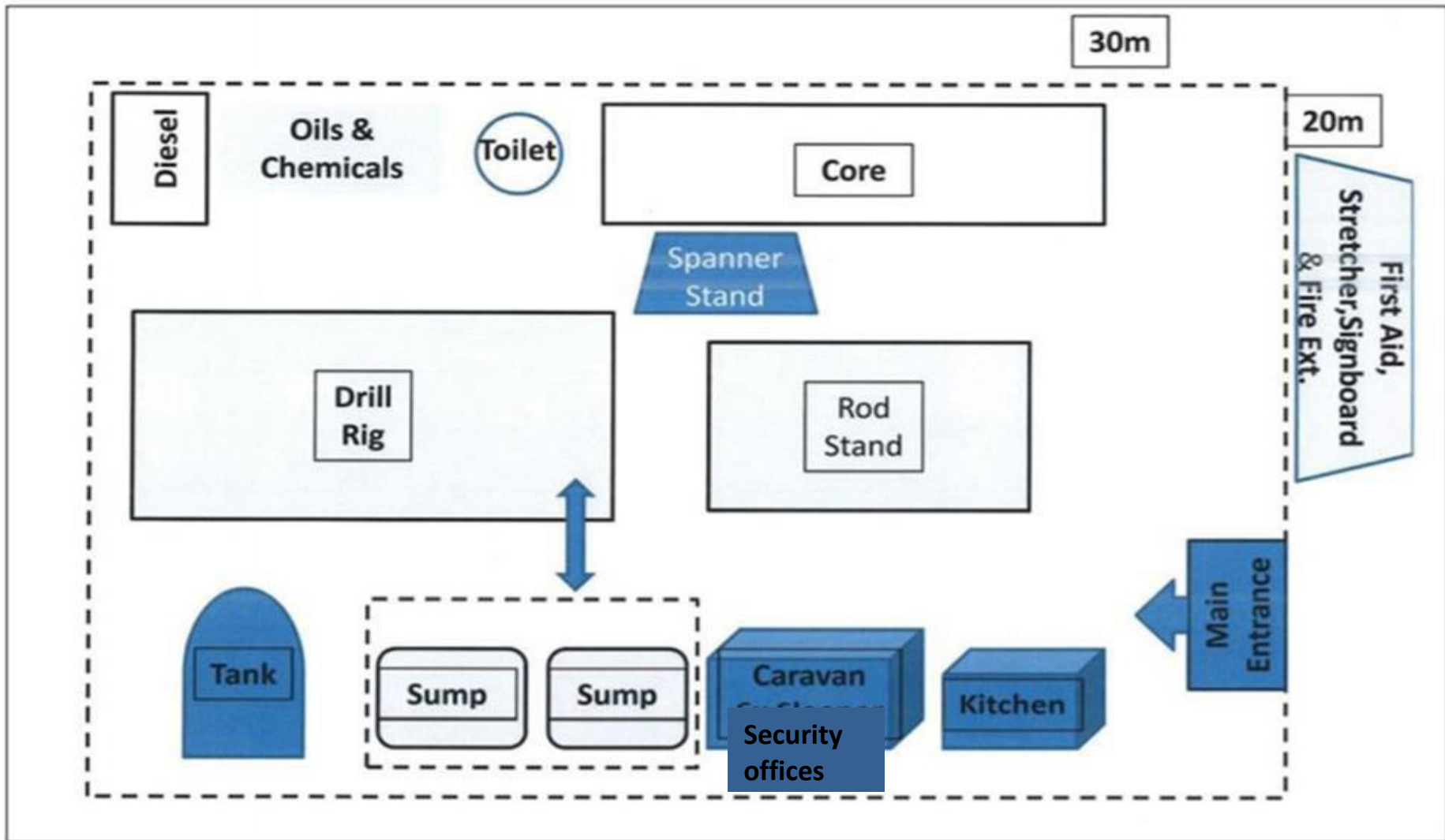


Figure 10.1: Layout plan showing the facilities to be placed on the proposed site

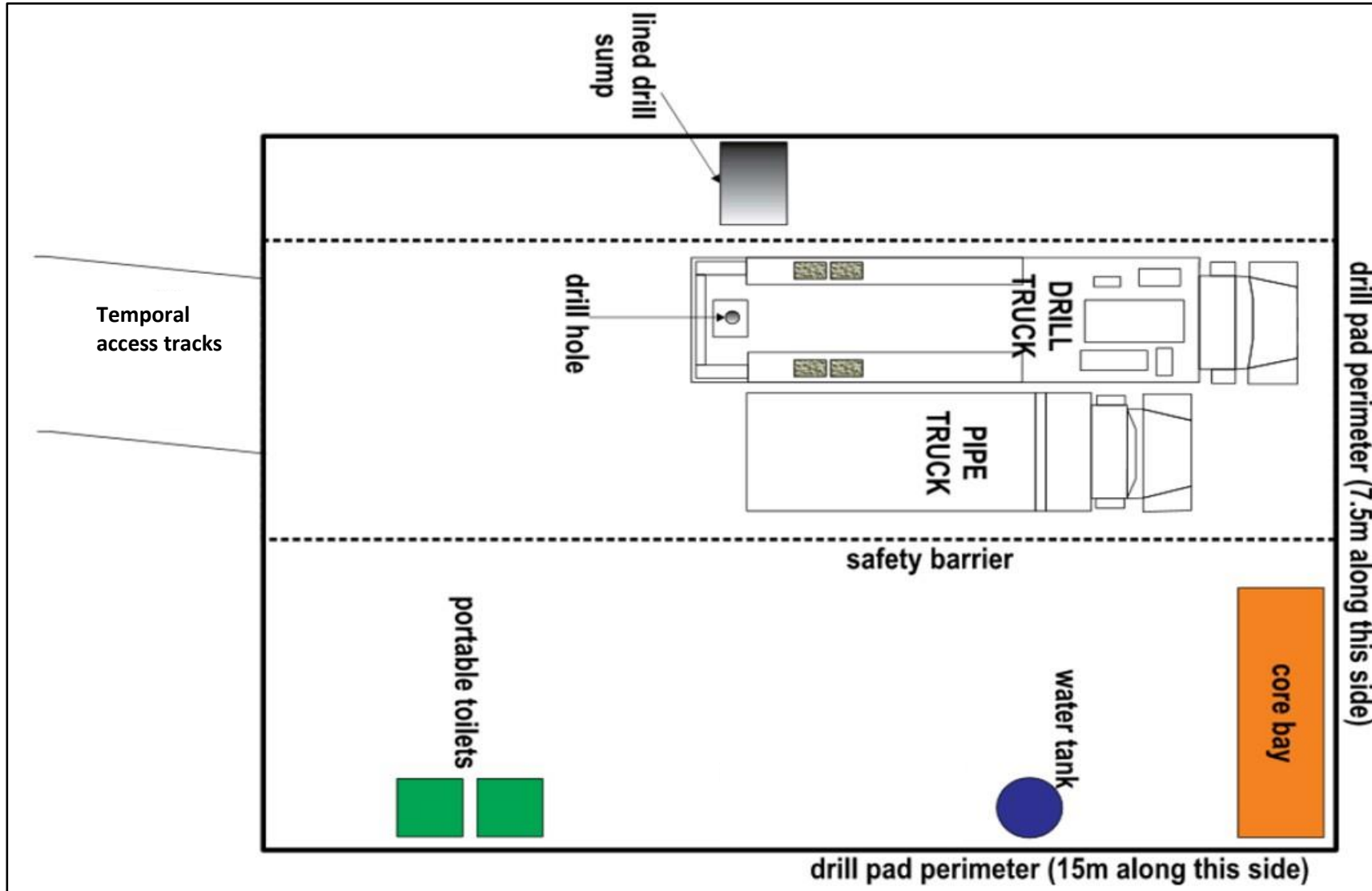


Figure 10.2: Showing equipment's and space that will be utilized on the drilling site



Figure 10.3: Shows a typical drilling site, drilling equipment's and personnel

11. LISTED AND SPECIFIED ACTIVITIES

The proposed prospecting activity triggers activities listed in NEMA: EIA Regulations 327 as amended in 2017 & 2020 (Listing Notice 1) which read as follows:

Activity 20: “Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a prospecting right in terms of Section 16 of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002), including associate infrastructure, structures and earthworks, directly related to prospecting of a mineral resource”.

The proposed activity are within a protected area in terms of Section 12 of NEMA: Protected Areas Act (57 of 2003). However, there is no other listing activity that is been triggered with regards to prospecting activities.

Table 7: Summary of NEMA listed activities being applied for

NAME OF ACTIVITY	AERIAL EXTENT OF THE ACTIVITY	LISTED ACTIVITY	APPLICABLE LISTING NOTICE
Area applied for	2022,1974293 ha	Activity 20	GNR 327 Listing Notice 1
Drilling area (boreholes)	0.002 Ha	Activity 20	GNR 327 Listing Notice 1
Security offices	40m ²	Activity 20	GNR 327 Listing Notice 1
Ablution facilities	10m ²	Activity 20	GNR 327 Listing Notice 1
Equipment storage	50m ²	Activity 20	GNR 327 Listing Notice 1
Sample storage	40m ²	Activity 20	GNR 327 Listing Notice 1
Access roads (tracks)	40m ²	Activity 20	GNR 327 Listing Notice 1

11.1. Required expertise

Engineering personnel: An engineer with at least 5 years of experience must be responsible to ensure that drilling and rehabilitation program is implemented as outlined. The engineer must also enforce the following;

- confirming that workers are trained and competent for the task undertaken
- providing clear work instructions
- inspecting and monitoring workplace conditions
- continuously evaluating worker performance and correcting unsafe acts
- reporting and rectifying hazards
- assuring implementation of the company's safety systems
- demanding compliance with safety rules and procedures
- conducting meaningful observations, consultation and interventions

Environmental, Health and safety personnel: with at least 5 years' experience in relevant fields of environmental assessment, monitoring and rehabilitation.

- Monitor and report the potential environmental, health and safety risk
- Identify priorities for replacing or modifying the rehabilitation plan.
- Develop an action plan with due dates and responsibilities for the rehabilitation process
- Conduct an audit of rehabilitation to ensure that all practical measures have been taken to control risk associated
- Produce an environmental, health and safety report monthly and quarterly

Geologist: with at least 5 years' experience on exploration of rare earths or relevant work.

- Will be responsible for identifying and assessing the location, quantity and quality of mineral deposits.
- Planning programmes for drilling and taking samples
- Collecting and recording samples and data from test sites
- Analysing geological data using specialist computer applications
- Produce a report on quantity, quality and depth of rare earths reserves

Ecologist: with at least 5 years minimum experience

- Responsible for assessing the site specific ecological risk by walking around the area to be prospected and ensure that plants and animals are not harmed or affected by the activities.
- Keep a register of identified species.
- Recommend alternatives and mitigation measures.

12. DESCRIPTION OF ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN

The following section presents detailed description of all the activities associated with the proposed prospecting application.

12.1. Temporal fencing the storage site

Temporally fencing of the storage site will be required as a means of ensuring safety and restricting trespassers. The fence will be 20 m², however will be ecologically sensitive to ensure that species habitat is not divided. Fences will be clearly demarcated and appropriate signage will be displayed, similar to the signs in the images below. The necessary signage will also be erected in the vicinity of the sites to ensure visibility, easy and safely access the premises.

12.2. Temporary security offices

The site security offices will consist of container-type offices that is commercially available as off the shelve products, as illustrated in the image below. This ensures minimal construction requirements on site and also minimal degradation footprint. Keeping the disturbance area minimal and ensuring ease of closure and rehabilitation after life of prospecting make the temporary offices ideal, especially considering the short duration of the proposed activities and requirement of these offices.

No housing facilities will be required as personnel will not be allowed to reside on site for the duration of the project but instead live off site from the area. The security will however be present 24 hours a day on the area for the duration of the project and even longer during the closure and rehabilitation period.



Image 1: A temporal security office

12.3. Temporary sanitation (Ablution facilities) and change house

Similar to the structure indicated in the section above, the temporal sanitation and change house will be a container type facilities which can easily be brought to site and also removed after life of prospecting. A two change rooms must be provided, one for designated for male and the other for females. Two temporal toilets must be provided, for females and for males. The prospecting area will not constitute or host more than 15 people/personnel at the same time. Temporal toilets will be supplied and serviced by an independent contractor whom will be responsible for the management and disposal of waste.

This ensures no major construction and approval is required for a full scale sewage treatment facility. Water requirements relating to ablutions and drinking water are expected to be minimal and will be brought to the site by a tanker. The current expectation is that 15 employees will require 45 liter per person per day (liter pp/day) amounting to 1350 liters per day.



Image 3: A temporal toilet

12.4. Drilling (Prospecting):

Please refer above section for a detailed description of the prospecting activities to be undertaken.

12.5. Access Roads

The site can be accessed via the R49 towards North of Zeerust, then take off-ramp to the left near the Nietverdiend road. This off-ramp is 1.6 km from Nietverdiend road. The road is well maintained gravel road. The proposed farm also consist of several track roads that will be used as much as possible.

Power

Diesel powered vehicles and machinery will be used for the proposed project.

12.6. Water Supply

The water will be purchased from local contractors and brought onto site by water tank (with the capacity of 500 gallon) truck to the identified drill sites. Portable on-site storage tanks (water bowsers) will be placed nearby for constant water supply.

Consumable waste for personnel will be purchased from local stores.

12.7. Volumes and rate of water use required for the operation

The rate of water use required for the operation is about 150 liters a day which is;

- 100 liters for drilling equipment's;
- 50 liters for drinking and sanitation.

Has a water use license has been applied for?

There will be no abstraction of water from the watercourses nor working on or near the river or wetland. No listed activity on Section 21 of the Water Act is been triggered by the proposed activities.

12.8. Waste management

The necessary waste receptacles will be in place for general domestic waste separation and management. Two mobile Waste Skips (one for petroleum waste and one for general waste) be clearly labeled and place in strategic area on site to ensure easy access. The diagram below show the mobile waste skips and waste bins.



Image 85: Wheelie waste bins

Waste will be generated from the start to the decommissioning of the project. It is proposed that the waste that would be generated on site would be managed by reducing, reusing and recycling as far as possible. A certified and approved external contractor will be responsible for the removal and disposal of the waste at a registered landfill. The overall aim of the project is to keep the carbon footprint of the entire project as small as possible. This will include the use of “green” products as far as possible.

Several waste streams are likely to originate from the activities associated with day to day activities in the workplace. Some of these waste streams are not be hazardous. In order to make informed decisions on determining the appropriate waste management options to handle, treat and dispose of waste, the different waste streams must be identified in terms of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes.

Waste streams can be categorised into 6 (six) different streams, based on similar health and environmental concerns namely:

- ***Inorganic wastes*** – acids, alkalis and other solid residues.

- **Oily wastes** – primarily from the processing, storage and use of mineral oils.
- **Organic wastes** – halogenated solvents residues, non-halogenated solvent residues, polycarbon based (PCB) wastes from paint and resin wastes.
- **Putrescible Organic Waste** – wastes from production of edible oils, slaughter houses, tanneries and other *animal based products*.
- **High Volume/Low Hazard Wastes** – waste based on their intrinsic properties present relatively low hazards but may pose problems due to high volumes such as plastics
- **Miscellaneous Wastes** – infectious waste from diseased human/animal tissue, redundant chemicals, laboratory wastes and explosive wastes from manufacturing operations or redundant munitions.

General waste to be generated from the proposed project area will include domestic waste which includes old food, polystyrene, old stationary, discarded Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and old clothing generated from the drilling and campsites. **Hazardous waste** hazardous waste to be generated includes mineral residue, hydrocarbon wastes (oil and liquid fuel wastes) and sewage waste. Mineral residue will include cores, muds and drilling chips generated during the drilling of the exploration boreholes. The mineral residue will be removed from the site and disposed of at a registered waste disposal site.

The following shall apply to the temporary storage of waste at source:

- The employer shall provide adequate and appropriate containers/receptacles for the temporary storage of waste at source;
- Adequate containers must be available to store different types of waste separately to allow for recycling and disposal according to the integrated waste management plan;
- Dedicated storage areas for various types of waste must be allocated and clearly demarcated;
- Waste collected at source shall be collected on a daily basis;

- Waste must be stored in such a manner that it can be safely accessed and loaded;
- Should waste be stored in containers, drums or skips care must be taken that:
 - Waste types (special vs. controlled vs. general waste) are not mixed.
 - Waste is not kept in a corroded or worn container.
 - The container is secure so as to prevent accidental spillage or leakage.
 - All waste skips and containers are labelled with their contents.
 - Skips or containers do not overflow.
 - Skips for special waste is always covered.
 - Skips for controlled waste is covered skips wherever possible.
- Waste must be kept in such a way as to prevent it falling while in storage or while it is being transported;
- Waste must be protected from scavenging by people and animals;
- Do not dispose of (burn, bury or treat) waste on site;
- Collection of waste must be scheduled and the site/location manager must be notified beforehand of collection times and type of waste to be collected; and
- Implement dust suppression measures, such as wetting of access routes and accumulated controller waste.

Mineral residue will include cores, muds and drilling chips generated during the drilling of the exploration boreholes. The mineral residue will be removed from the site and disposed of at a registered waste disposal site. During the drilling activities, limited quantities of diesel fuel, oil and lubricants will be stored on site. The only dangerous good that will be stored in any significant amount will be the diesel fuel. No more than 30 m³ will be stored above ground in diesel storage tank.

13. POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Table 8: *Policy and legislative context*

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION AND GUIDELINES USED TO COMPILE THE REPORT	REFERENCE WHERE APPLIED	HOW DOES THIS DEVELOPMENT COMPLY WITH AND RESPOND TO THE LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONTEXT
Constitution of South Africa (Act 108 of 1996)	Everyone has the right to a safe environment	Social and environmental impact assessment were conducted, and potential measures are being outlined in
Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA)	The department of Mineral Resources is a custodian of minerals in South Africa. An Application for Prospecting has been logged and accepted.	A prospecting right application was submitted to the DMR and due processes are followed.
National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) (NHRA)	There are no aspects of heritage importance within the proposed area.	There are no aspects of heritage importance within the proposed area.

National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality Solid Waste Management plan	EIA regulations and guidelines are being followed throughout the application process.	This BA is being undertaken in terms of NEMA in order to determine any possible impacts on the environment and to undertake mitigation measures that reduce any potential harm to the environment. An application for an Environmental Authorisation is submitted to the DMR with supporting documents. The EDTEA North West
National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No. 59 of 2008) (NEM: WA) Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality Solid Waste Management plan	Waste will be generated during prospecting activities	The EDTEA North West has been consulted for comments. Mitigation measure are put in place
Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality Noise Control by-laws	Drilling equipment and vehicles may create noise	The EDTEA North West and local municipality has been consulted for comments. Mitigation measure are put in place.
Municipal Integrated Development Plans (IDPs) Ramotshere Moiloa Spatial development plan Ramotshere Moiloa Land use scheme	The proposed activity is within the Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality	One of the key issues identified by the IDPs is to facilitate the land claims. Municipal plans were used to identify relevant socio-economic information and spatial development information within which the area falls under. There area is a conservation site.
Occupational Health and Safety Act: Act (No 85 of 1993)	The health of personnel and surrounding community have to be safeguarded	Health and Safety are key components of any mining activity. Health and Safe measured are provided in appendix D. Measures included are in accordance with this Act

Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act (No 43 of 1983)	Conservation of forests and critical biodiversity in the area is important.	It is located within the CBA and Agricultural area, measures has been put in place in accordance with the act not to affect the agricultural resources.
National Environmental Management: biodiversity Act (No 10 of 2004) National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003)	Conservation of critical biodiversity in the area is important. Provide for the recognition of the private nature reserves as bona fide protected areas	It is located within a private nature reserve. There no CBAs and ESAs that are located within the proposed area. The EDTEA North West and local municipality has been consulted for comments. Mitigation measure are put in place
Environmental Conservation Act (No 73 of 1989)	Conservation of critical biodiversity in the area is important.	Elements of this Act were used as a guideline for best practice. It is located within a private nature reserve. There no CBAs and ESAs that are located within the proposed area. The EDTEA North West and local municipality has been consulted for comments. Mitigation measure are put in place
National Environmental Management: Air quality Act 39 of 2004) Ramotshere Moiloa local municipality Air Qulality Management by-laws	Drilling equipment and vehicles may create dust and air pollution	Elements of this Act were used as a guideline for best practice. The EDTEA North West and local municipality has been consulted for comments. Mitigation measure are put in place

14. NEED AND DESIRABILITY OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

14.1. Environmental desirability

The proposed prospecting site is a semi-arid, dry and hot climate, which are convenient to prospect throughout the year, hence even future mining will be favored. The proposed Prospecting Right application is located within the Dwaalboom Thornveld of the Central Bushveld Bioregion of the Savanna Biome. Major climatic traits of the Savanna Biome include seasonality of precipitation; with wet summer and dry winter periods, as well as sub-tropical thermal regime with no frost.

14.2. Socio-economic desirability

Although prospecting activities are not labour intensive, few people will be hired to assist with general activities. The services required can also be sourced locally depending on their availability thus growing the economy of the area.

Additionally, the mineral prospecting activities will stimulate an income for the local minority that will be involved in the activity. The result will provide a gateway for the stimulation of sustainable income for local community at the operational stage of mining.

The mining industry is of great importance to the South African economy and it is currently ranked 5th internationally in terms of mining contribution to GDP.

The primary sector in NMMD consists mainly of Agriculture and Mining sectors. In 2017 the Agricultural sector experience the highest annual growth of 25.5% whereas the Mining sector reached its highest point of growth of 19.5% in 2015. The Agricultural and Mining sectors experienced the lowest growth of -17% and 14% respectively during 2015 and 2014

Informal employment in Ngaka Modiri Molema District increased from 27 000 in 2009 to an estimated 36 972 in 2019. The majority of the informal employment lies in the trade sector with 14 647 (39.61%) jobs whilst manufacturing had the least informal jobs at 2 020 (5.46%). The prospecting activities will result in job creation for local community members.

14.3. Overall desirability

Assessment of the geological data available has determined that the area in question may have the proposed minerals. In order to ascertain the above and determine the nature, location and extent of the subject minerals within the proposed prospecting area, it will be necessary that prospecting be undertaken. The prospecting will also determine if there are any features that may have an impact on the economic extraction of the subject minerals.

A prospecting right allows a company to survey or investigate the area of land for the purpose of identifying an actual or probable mineral deposit. The data that will be obtained from the prospecting of the minerals being applied for will be necessary to determine how and where the minerals will be extracted and how much economically viable mineral reserves are available within the proposed prospecting area.

14.4. Motivation for the overall preferred site, activities and technology alternatives

Mining is important for economic development, to construct durable, modern structures, employment creation and revenue collection. Pre-feasibility and desktop study was conducted before the application was lodged.

The preferred site was chosen, as it will result in minimal adverse socio-economic impacts and a level of environmental impacts that can be managed and rehabilitated through effective EMPr and rehabilitation plan implementation. The technology to be used, involve using a drill rig. Minimal infrastructure will result in cheaper and more effective rehabilitation.

The methods to be used have been determined in the design phase and have considered potential environmental impacts when identifying the preferred methods.

15. DESCRIPTION OF TECHNOLOGICAL ALTERNATIVES

15.1. Diamond drilling:

This is a drilling method whereby a solid core is extracted from depth, for examination on the surface. The key technology of the diamond drill is the actual diamond bit itself. It is composed of industrial diamonds set into a soft metallic matrix. As shown in the figure, the diamonds are scattered throughout the matrix, and the action relies on the matrix to slowly wear during the drilling, so as to expose more diamonds. The bit is mounted onto a drill stem, which is connected to a rotary drill. Water is injected into the drill pipe, so as to wash out the rock cuttings produced by the bit and also to reduce the heat produced due to friction which causes less wear and tear of the bits.

The drill rigs are truck-mounted and equipped with diesel driven engines to provide power to the drill. A truck fitted with a water tank is used to provide the water supply for the drilling process. The drill site is not larger than 30 m x 30 m (900 m²) and consists of a drill rig, water pump, caravan and portable chemical toilet.

Except for the sump required by the drill rig, no excavations will be required. The dimension of the boreholes will be 20 cm and the average depth is estimated to be 200 m. On completion, a PVA pipe of the same size with the hole will be inserted up to the bottom, filled with concrete cement and capped.

15.2. Core drilling:

Merely advancing the drill by rotary action (and washing) causes a core to be extracted inside the barrel. The core is then retrieved and taken to the surface. Constantly withdrawing the entire heavy drill pipe is impractical, so methods were developed to pull up the core inside the barrel. If the rock would always be solid granite, and the core would always break at the drill bit, then it would be a simple matter to stop the drilling, and lower a simple grabbing device by a wire and pull up the core. Unfortunately, many applications require an undisturbed core in fractured rock, which calls for elaborate wire-line devices.

The drill rigs are truck-mounted and equipped with diesel driven engines to provide power to the drill. The drill site is not larger than 30 m x 30 m (900 m²) and consists of a drill rig, water pump, caravan and portable chemical toilet.

Except for the sump required by the drill rig, no excavations will be required. The dimension of the boreholes will be 20 cm and the average depth is to be 200 m. On completion, a PVA pipe of the same size with the hole will be inserted up to the bottom, fill with concrete cement and capped.

Other options could might be employed

15.3. Percussion drilling:

The drill site is not larger than 30 m x 30 m (900 m²) and consists of a diesel powered truck mounted drill rig, a truck transporting drill rods and other equipment, a compressor and portable chemical toilet. Rock fragments are blown out the top of the hole and are collected at 1m depth intervals and arranged on the ground to enable continuous detailed lithological descriptions of the stratigraphic horizons to be made. Percussion holes will either be cemented if not further utilized, or will be fitted with a cap and be used for water levels and water quality monitoring.

15.4. Directional drilling:

The drill site is not larger than 150 m x 150 m (22 500 m²) and consists of a drilling water sumps, a diesel powered drill rig, a truck transporting drill rods and various other equipment, a generator, portable offices and chemical toilets. There are access control and a security fence around the site. On completion, the site will be rehabilitated to acceptable standards.

Rock fragments are washed out the top of the hole and are sampled at 10m depth intervals and collected on small bottles and sent to the laboratory for rock analysis. All percussion holes are sealed with cement up to the depth of start of rock. Full description of the process followed to reach the proposed preferred alternatives within the site

Pre-feasibility study were conducted before the application was lodged. The site have deemed desirable for prospecting due to its geological and logistical location. Hence, there is no alternatives.

15.5. The operational aspects of the activity

No permanent services in terms of water supply, electricity, and or sewage facilities will be required. Temporary access track will be used to access the site on areas where there are no existing access routes. The activities commenced on different phases which includes desktop studies, geological mapping and environmental assessment was undertaken. This phases forms an integral part of the intended prospecting work.

Phase 2 will entail the invasive prospecting drilling campaign where the extent of mineralisation will be defined and the geological continuity of the geological continuity of the mineralised zone will be determined. The drilling information will also be used to construct ore thickness, overburden thickness and basement elevation contour plans.

15.6. The option of not implementing the activity

The option of not implementing the activity will result in a loss of valuable information regarding the mineral status (rare earths) present on the affected properties. In addition to this, should economical reserves be present and the applicant does not have the opportunity to prospect, the opportunity to investigate and know the amount of rare earths reserves will be lost.

16. Full description of the process followed to reach the proposed preferred alternatives within the site

Pre-feasibility study were conducted before the application was lodged. The site have deemed desirable for prospecting and future mining. Hence, there is no alternatives.

16.1. The operational aspects of the activity

No permanent services in terms of water supply, electricity, and or sewage facilities will be required. The activities will commence with Phase 1, during which desktop studies will be conducted. After the desktop studies, geological mapping will be undertaken to ensure that all the targets with the minerals outcrop identified during the desktop study are not cultural features. This phase will also include planning for the drilling survey.

Phase 2 will entail the invasive prospecting drilling campaign where the extent of mineralisation will be defined and the geological continuity of the mineralised zone will

be determined. The drilling information will also be used to construct ore thickness, overburden thickness and basement elevation contour plans.

Phase 3 of the process will entail core sampling to establish the grade and viability of the minerals for mining.

16.2. The option of not implementing the activity

The option of not implementing the activity will result in a loss of valuable information regarding the minerals status present on the affected properties. In addition to this, should economical reserves be present and the applicant does not have the opportunity to prospect, the opportunity to utilize the reserves will be lost and contribute to the growth of the country's economy.

17. DETAILS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOLLOWED

The Public Participation Process (PPP) has been structured to provide I&APs with an opportunity to gain more knowledge about the proposed project, to provide input through the review of documents/reports, and to voice any issues or concern at various stages throughout the EIA process. This process includes all I&AP's (e.g. directly affected landowners, national-, provincial- and local authorities, and local communities etc.). The Public Participation Process (PPP) was conducted in terms of Chapter 6 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998).

The Public Participation Process conducted to date is summarised below, please refer to Appendix B for a detailed Stakeholder Engagement Report.

TABLE 7: SUMMARY OF THE PPP UNDERTAKEN

Task	Details	Date
I&AP notification		
I&AP identification	An I&AP database was developed for the project by establishing the jurisdiction of organisations, individuals and businesses in proximity to the project site or within an interest in the proposed development. The database of I&APs includes the landowner, the adjacent landowners, relevant district and local municipal officials, relevant national and provincial government officials, and organisations. This database is being augmented via chain referral during the BA process and will be continually updated as new I&AP's are identified throughout the project lifecycle.	Continuous process
Site notices	A2 Site notices were placed at strategic points to inform the general public of the proposed project and the PPP. Photos of the site notices have been included in	01 September 2021

	Appendix B	
Comments received	No comments were received from the landowners and I&APs to date	Continuous
Comment on DBAR	All the relevant stakeholders were notified of the availability of the DBAR to provide their comments.	Current phase
Public participation meeting	The community meeting will announced to all registered I&AP's	To be announced

(i) Summary of issues raised by I&AP's

A detailed report on issues raise and processes undertaken will be submitted to the Department. This Draft report is part of the consultation phase.

(ii) LIST OF STAKEHOLDERS IDENTIFIED FOR CONSULTATION

A copy of this documents is submitted to the following state organs

- Department of Water & Sanitation (Catchment Management office)
- Department of Agriculture, Forestry and fisheries (Regional office)
- Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality
- District of Ngaka Modiri Molema Municipality
- Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA) (Regional office)
- South African Heritage Resource agency (SAHRA NW)
- SANBI
- Eskom

Comments received will form part of the final BAR and EMP to be submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources.

18. METHODOLOGY USED IN DETERMINING AND RANKING THE NATURE, SIGNIFICANCE, CONSEQUENCES, EXTENT, DURATION AND PROBABILITY OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND RISKS

All the identified potential impact were assessed according to the following Impact Assessment Methodology as described below. This methodology has been utilised for the assessment of environmental impacts where the consequence (severity of impact, spatial scope of impact and duration of impact) and likelihood (frequency of activity and frequency of impact) have been considered in parallel to provide an impact rating and hence an interpretation in terms of the level of environmental management required for each impact. The risk ratings and significance are indicated in the tables below.

TABLE 10: SEVERITY

How severe does the aspects impact on resource quality (flow regime, water quality, geomorphology, biota, habitat)?

Insignificant / non –harmful	1
Small / potentially harmful	2
Significant / slightly harmful	3
Great/ harmful	4
Disastrous / extremely harmful and /or wetland(s) involved	5
Where "or wetland(s) are involved" it means that the activity is located within the delineated boundary of any wetland. The score of 5 is only compulsory for the significance rating.	

TABLE 11: SPATIAL SCALE

How big is the area that the aspect is impacting on?

Area specific (at impact site)	1
Whole site (entire surface right)	2
Regional / neighbouring areas	3
National	4
Global (impacting beyond SA boundary)	5

TABLE 12: DURATION

How long does the aspect impact on the environment and resource quality?

One day to one month, PES, EIS and /or REC not impacted	1
One month to one year, PES, EIS and /or REC impacted but no change in status	2
One year to 10 years, PES, EIS and /or REC impacted to a lower status but can be improved over this period through mitigation	3
Life of the activity, PES, EIS and /or REC permanently lowered	4
More than life of the organisation /facility, PES and EIS scores, a E or F	5

PES and EIS (sensitivity) must be considered.	
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TABLE 13: FREQUENCY OF THE ACTIVITY

How often do you do the specific activity?

Annually or less	1
6 monthly	2
Monthly	3
Weekly	4
Daily	5

TABLE 14: FREQUENCY OF THE INCIDENT/ IMPACT

How often does the activity impact on the environment?

Almost never / almost impossible / >20%	1
Very seldom / highly unlikely / >40%	2
Infrequent / unlikely / seldom / >60%	3
Often / regularly/ likely / possible / >80%	4
Daily / highly likely / definitely / >100%	5

TABLE 15: LEGAL ISSUES

How is the activity governed by legislation?

No legislation	1
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Fully covered by legislation	5
Located within the regulated areas	

TABLE 16: DETECTION

How quickly can the impacts/risks of the activity be observed on the resource quality, people or property?

Immediately	1
Without much effort	2
Need some effort	3
Remote and difficult to observe	4
Covered	5

TABLE 17: RATING CLASSES

Rating	Class	Management description
1-55	(L) Low risk	Acceptable as is or consider requirements for mitigation. Impact to watercourses and resource quality small and easily mitigated
56-169	(M) Moderate risk	Risk and impact on watercourses are notably and require mitigation measures on a higher level, which costs more and require specialist input. Licence required.
170-300	(H) High risk	Watercourse(s) impacts by the activity are such that they impose a long-term threat on a large scale and lowering of the Reserve. Licence required.

A low risk class must be obtained for all activities to be considered for a GA

TABLE 18: CALCULATION

Consequence = Severity + Spatial Scale + Duration
Likelihood = Frequency of Activity + Frequency of Incident + Legal Issues + Detection
Significance \Risk = Consequence X Likelihood

TABLE 19: RATING CLASSES

Rating	Risk Class	Management Description
1-55	Low (L)	Acceptable as is or consider requirement for mitigation impact
56-169	Moderate (M)	Risk and impact on notably are required and mitigation measures on a higher level
170-300	High (H)	Impact on the environment has a long term impact.

TABLE 20: CALCULATION

Consequence = Severity + Spatial Scale + Duration
Likelihood = Frequency of Activity + Frequency of Incident + Legal Issues + Detection
Significance \Risk = Consequence X Likelihood

TABLE 21: RATING CLASSES

Rating	Risk Class	Management Description
1-55	Low (L)	Acceptable as is or consider requirement for mitigation impact
56-169	Moderate (M)	Risk and impact on notably are required and mitigation measures on a higher level
170-300	High (H)	Impact on the environment has a long term impact.

18.1. Full description of the process undertaken to identify, assess and rank the impacts and risks the activity will impose on the preferred site (In respect of the final site layout plan) through the life of the activity.

In order to identify the potential impacts associated with the proposed prospecting activities, the following steps were undertaken:

- Desktop studies were initially conducted with a greater focus on sensitive phenomenon in the area.
- Site assessment was undertaken on the ground as well as verifying the finding of the desktop study.
- The consultant process was undertaken in a manner to be interactive, providing the landowners and identified stakeholders with an opportunity to provide input into the project. This is considered a key focus as the local residents have capabilities of providing site-specific information, which may not be available in desktop research material. Stakeholders were requested, as part of the notification letter, to provide their views on the project, and to state any

potential concerns they may have. All comments and responses provide are collated in the Comments and Responses Register are attached.

A detailed desktop study was undertaken to determine the environmental setting in which the project is located. Based on the desktop investigations, various resources were used to determine the significance and sensitivity of the various environmental considerations. The desktop investigation involved the use of:

- The South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) Biodiversity Geographic Database LUDS System;
- The Department of Environmental Affairs 2015 Landcover and Landuse Mapping Database;
- Department of Water and Sanitation information documents such as the Internal Strategic Perspective (ISP) and Groundwater Vulnerability Reports
- Municipal Integrated Development Plans for Local and district Municipalities; and
- The Provincial Spatial Development Framework for the North West Province.

The rating of the identified impacts was undertaken in a quantitative manner as provided in Section below (impact rating). The ratings were undertaken in a manner to calculate the significance of each of the impacts. The identification of management and mitigation measures was done based on the significance of the impacts and measures included are considered sufficient, appropriate and practical to protect the environment.

18.2. Findings of risk assessment and risk rating

The following table present the identified impacts associated with the proposed activity. The impacts have been rated based on the method outlined below. As it can be see in the table, all risks identified are moderate before the implementation of mitigation and prevention measures.

TABLE 22: IMPACT ASSESSMENT TABLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE

Environmental Aspect	Nature of potential impact/risk	Environmental Impact Significance Before Mitigation										
		Severity	Spatial Scale	Duration	Consequence	Frequency of Activity	Frequency of impact	Legal issues	Detection	Likelihood	Significance/risk	Risk Rating
Social (people)	Influx of job seekers will have a negative social impact on the landowners and land occupiers.	2	1	3	6	4	2	5	1	12	72	Moderate
	Unauthorised access to private property outside of the demarcated areas will result in conflict with landowners.	2	1	3	6	4	2	5	1	12	72	Moderate
	Increased traffic in the area will increase the likelihood of accidents on the roads, posing a health and safety issue for the land owners and land occupiers.	2	1	3	6	4	2	5	1	12	72	Moderate

	The influx of job seekers in the area may result in an increase in petty crimes.	2	1	3	6	4	2	5	2	13	78	Moderate
	Possible boost in short term local small business opportunities.	3	3	3	9	4	2	5	1	12	108	Moderate
Ground water	Localised spillages of oils from machinery leaching to groundwater contamination.	2	1	3	6	4	2	5	1	12	78	Moderate
	Existing boreholes within the prospecting area may create conduits of flow to the groundwater unless sealed.	2	1	3	6	4	2	5	1	12	78	Moderate
Surface Water	Increase in silt load in runoff due to site clearing, grubbing and the removal of topsoil from the footprint area associated within the drill sites and associated infrastructure.	2	3	1	6	4	2	5	1	12	78	Moderate
	Potential deterioration in water quality due to the potential accidental spillages of hazardous substances.	2	3	2		4	2	5	1	12	78	Moderate

	Debris from poor handling of materials and/or waste blocking watercourses, resulting in flow impediment and pollution.	2	2	2								
	Contaminated dirty water runoff to surrounding areas resulting in the impact on local surface water quality.	2	3	2	6	4	2	5	1	12	78	Moderate
	Increase of surface runoff and potentially contaminated water that needs to be maintained in the areas where site clearing occurred.	2	2	2	6	4	2	5	1	12	78	Moderate
Wetlands and Aquatic Ecosystems	Localised changes to the riparian areas as a result of the impact to vegetation.	3	3	3	9	4	2	5	1	12	108	Moderate
	Loss of habitat and wetland ecological structure as a result of site activities and leading to wetland degradation.	3	3	3	9	4	2	5	1	12	108	Moderate
	Impact on the wetlands systems as a result of changes to the sociocultural service provisions.	3	3	3	9	4	2	5	1	12	108	Moderate
	Increased runoff due to topsoil removal and											

	vegetation effect leading to possible erosion and sedimentation of wetland and riparian resources.												
	Soil compaction and levelling as a result of construction activities and vehicle movement leading to loss of wetland and riparian habitat.	3	3	3	9	4	2	5	1	12	108	Moderate	
	Impact on the hydrological functioning of the wetland systems.	3	3	3	9	4	2	5	1	12	108	Moderate	
Flora (plants)	Loss of localised biodiversity habitats within sensitive areas due to drilling activities and establishment of drill sites.	2	1	2	5	4	2	5	1	12	60	Moderate	
	Loss of localised floral species diversity including RDL and medicinal protected species due to site activities and establishment of drill sites.	2	1	2	5	4	2	5	1	12	60	Moderate	
	Potential spreading of alien invasive species as	2	1	2	5	4	2	5	1	12	60	Moderate	

	indigenous vegetation is removed and pioneer alien species are provided with a chance to flourish.											
Fauna (animals)	Tracks on vegetation may result in loss of faunal habitat ecological structure, species diversity and loss of species of conservation concern.	2	1	2	5	4	2	5	1	12	60	Moderate
	Habitat fragmentation as a result of construction activities of the access roads leading to loss of floral diversity.	2	1	2	5	4	2	5	1	12	60	Moderate
	Loss of faunal diversity and ecological integrity as a result of construction activities, erosion, poaching and faunal specie trapping.	2	1	2	5	4	2	5	1	12	60	Moderate
	Movement of construction vehicles and machinery may result in collision with fauna, resulting in loss of fauna.	2	1	2	5	4	2	5	1	12	60	Moderate
Air Quality	Possible increase in dust generation, PM10 and PM2.5 as	2	1	2	5	4	2	5	1	12	60	Moderate

	a result of bulk earthworks, operation of heavy machinery, and material movement.												
	Increase in carbon emissions and ambient air pollutants (NO2 and SO2) as a result of movement of vehicles and operation of machinery/equipment.	2	2	2	6	4	2	5	1	12	78	Moderate	
Visual	Scaring of the landscape as a result of the effects on vegetation.	2	1	2	5	4	2	5	1	12	60	Moderate	
	Visual intrusion as a result of the movement of machinery and the establishment of the required infrastructure.	2	2	2	6	4	2	5	1	12	78	Moderate	
	Indirect visual impact due to dust generation as a result of the movement of vehicles and materials, to and from the site area.	2	2	2	6	4	2	5	1	12	78	Moderate	
Noise	The use of vehicles and machinery during the construction phase may generate noise in the immediate vicinity.	2	2	2	6	4	2	5	1	12	78	Moderate	

Soil, Land use and Land Capability	Localised chemical pollution of soils as a result of vehicle hydrocarbon spillages and compaction.	2	1	2	6	4	2	5	1	12	78	Moderate
	Localised clearing of vegetation and compaction of the construction footprint will result in the soils being particularly more vulnerable to soil erosion.	2	1	2	6	4	2	5	1	12	78	Moderate
	Localised loss of resource and its utilisation potential due to compaction over unprotected ground/soil.	2	1	2	6	4	2	5	1	12	78	Moderate
	Localised loss of soil and land capability due to reduction in nutrient status - denitrification and leaching due to drilling footprint areas.	2	1	2	6	4	2	5	1	12	78	Moderate
Traffic	Increase in traffic volumes as a result of pre-construction activities which may lead to an increase in traffic congestion along the roads as well as the farm roads around the prospecting area.	2	3	2	7	4	2	5	1	12	84	Moderate

Climate	Emissions of Green House Gases as a result of the use of plant, heavy moving machinery, generators etc.	2	2	2	6	4	2	5	1	12	78	Moderate
Waste Management	Potential water and soil pollution as a result of inappropriate waste management practices.	2	3	2	6	4	2	5	1	12	78	Moderate

19. THE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS THAT THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY (IN TERMS OF THE INITIAL SITE LAYOUT) AND ALTERNATIVES WILL HAVE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE COMMUNITY THAT MAY BE AFFECTED.

Several potential impacts of the activity are highlighted above. The impacts of the proposed activity have no alternative, but to be mitigated. The only available option is to keep required bufferzone from sensitive environments such as watercourses.

The positive impacts of the activities are the creation of employment, which is required in the region. Should the minerals be found in the project area, Oraodira Trading (Pty) Ltd and Isago Multi Projects (Pty) will be able to mine the available reserves. This will result in job creation and support to local businesses is continued. Oraodira Trading (Pty) Ltd and Isago Multi Projects (Pty) expect that substantial benefits from the project (should minerals be found) will accrue to the immediate project area, the sub-region and the province of North West. This prospecting activity has a potential to decrease level of unemployment rate in proposed areas and surroundings. This prospecting activity will bring revenue into the city and the province which will in turn boost the economy of the country.

The proposed activities have medium to low significance impacts, which will be short term activities in nature. The probability of occurrence of an impact was determined and most of the activities can be controlled and impacts can be reduced or avoided. The probability was also determined based on other prospecting activities of similar nature. It was found that generally prospecting activities have low impact on the environment.

PART B: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

This section outlines how the identified environmental and social impact will be prevented, mitigated and eradicated through the application and adherence to the outlined measures below. The management plan is a living document that will be improved whenever necessary.

The possible mitigation measures that could be applied and the level of risk

Potential Impact	Significance Rating (before mitigation)	Proposed Mitigation	Significance Rating (after Mitigation)
Socio-Economic	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A complaints register should be kept on site, with records of complaints received and manner in which the complaint was addressed. -Employment of local people, unless the skills and expertise required are not available locally. -Random and regular alcohol and drug testing shall be conducted on all personnel responsible for operating machinery and driving construction vehicles to ensure the safety of the public; 	Low
	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Security and safety should be emphasized; -No workers shall be allowed to access private properties without the owner's knowledge and consent; 	Low

		<p>-Access to private property and areas outside the designated operation areas shall be strictly prohibited.</p> <p>-The use of roads that are not specified in this report is strictly prohibited.</p>	
	Moderate	<p>-Local speed limits and traffic laws shall apply at all times to minimise the occurrences of accidents on public roads;</p> <p>-The transportation of materials and samples shall be undertaken outside traffic peak hours to minimize inconveniencing residents;</p> <p>-The number of vehicles on the roads shall be kept to a minimum; Materials transported on public roads must be covered.</p>	Low
	Moderate	<p>-Liaise with the SAPS and existing forums in order to implement effective crime prevention strategies; and</p> <p>-The applicant will ensure that as far as possible local business will be used for required services during the operation of the mining project.</p> <p>-Recruitment should not be undertaken on site.</p> <p>-Employees should by all times carry the identification cards</p>	Low

Impact on health, safety and workers.	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Training of workers in the correct use of the machinery and/or equipment so as to avoid incidents. - Workers to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). - Hazardous material must be correctly labelled and handled in a safe manner. 	Low
Flora (Biodiversity and alien vegetation).	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Pre- prospecting walk through the facility in order to locate species of conservation concern that can be translocated as well as comply with permitting conditions. -No species of conservation importance was observed on the site, however if there is a need to remove them a permit must be obtained from the competent authority. -Prior to prospecting any critical and medicinally important floral specimens that may occur within the site layout should be collected and replanted in the surrounding areas. -An ecologist must be onsite before any virgin land can be touched. 	Low
	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Keep the footprint of the disturbed area to the minimum and designated areas only. -Vegetate and irrigate open areas to limit erosion, but take 	Low

		<p>care not to cause erosion by irrigating.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Removal of vegetation during sand mining activities will be minimised to reduce the risk of excessive open areas occurring. -Adhere to existing roads -Implement an alien and invasive plant management plan. The plan should include details of monitoring and removing or controlling the recruitment of alien and invasive species within the disturbed areas. -Plant native species on the borders of the mining area and road sideways to prevent erosion and air pollution. -Where practical possibly rehabilitation should be undertaken progressively. 	
Air quality	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Dust suppression must be conducted during the operational phase of the project. -Correct speed will be maintained at the proposed project site. -Vehicle maintenance must be conducted regularly to avoid excessive diesel fumes. -Exposed areas should be revegetated with locally indigenous flora. If the soil is compacted, it should be ripped, and fertilised. Implement effective 	Low

		<p>and environmentally-friendly dust control measures, such as mulching or periodic wetting of the entrance road.</p> <p>-Plant native species on the borders of the mining area and road sideways to prevent erosion and air pollution.</p> <p>-Where practical possibly rehabilitation should be undertaken progressively.</p>	
Noise disturbances	Moderate	<p>-Noise reduction measures will have to be implemented in compliance with Noise standards and Regulations.</p> <p>-No sound amplification equipment to be used on site,</p> <p>-Limit vehicles travelling to and from the site to minimise traffic noise to the surrounding environment.</p> <p>-Limit prospecting activities to day time hours.</p> <p>-Mining related machines and vehicles to be serviced on a regular basis to ensure noise suppression mechanisms are effective.</p> <p>-Activities that will generate the most noise should be limited to during the day, where viable, in order minimise disturbance.</p> <p>Equipment that is not in use should be switched off.</p>	

Visual alteration	Moderate	<p>-Limit the footprint area of the prospecting where possible.</p> <p>Topsoil should be vegetated and positioned to reduce visual disturbance where possible.</p> <p>-Re-slope and reinstate the bank topography correctly during decommissioning.</p> <p>-Use colors of infrastructure that blend with the natural environment.</p>	Low
Generation of waste.	Moderate	<p>-Any waste generated must be stored in such a manner that it prevents pollution and amenity impacts.</p> <p>-Bins must be provided for waste and removed regularly from the site.</p> <p>-Waste to be disposed of at a licenced landfill site.</p> <p>-Hazardous waste to be correctly stored and disposed of in terms of relevant legislation and guidelines.</p>	Low
Groundwater and soil contamination.	Moderate	<p>-Storm water design should limit any uncontrolled runoff through disturbed areas on the bank.</p> <p>-Design and implement sand erosion sediment control management measures.</p> <p>-Prevent any spills from occurring; If a spill occurs it is to be cleaned up immediately</p>	Low

		<p>and Reported to the appropriate authorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All vehicles are to be serviced in a correctly bunded area or at an off-site location. -Ensure that spillage control kits are available during transport and on storage sites in case of any accidental leakages of spillages, which can then be cleared immediately. -The temporary storage facilities of fuel, lubricants and explosives must be a hard park, roofed and bunded facility. This will prevent contamination of soils and the possibility of contamination of the surface water resources. -Machinery should be maintained properly. -Diesel and other chemicals should be handled appropriately. - -Refuelling protocols must be followed to ensure no diesel is spilled during filling. <p>The temporary stockpile and Toilet area should be constructed on open areas or where there is a presence of alien invasive plant species.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Engineer or Contractor 	
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		must ensure that only clean stormwater/runoff enters the environment.	
Heritage resources (Fossils)	Moderate	Should any features of heritage be identified on site, these should not be disturbed. They should be safeguarded, preferably in situ, and immediately reported to a Heritage specialist and/or SAHRA.	Low
Soils Land use and Land Capability	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ensure that topsoil is properly stored, away from the streams and drainage areas. -The soils must be used for the backfilling and rehabilitation -The rehabilitated sump must be seeded with recommended seed mix consisting of indigenous species -Tarpaulins will be placed on the ground to prevent oil, grease, hydraulic fluid and diesel spills during emergency repairs. 	Low
Climate	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The number of prospecting vehicles and trips shall be kept to a minimum. -All the vehicles shall undergo maintenance on a regular basis to improve on the combustion engine vehicle efficiency. 	Low
Traffic	Moderate	-Local speed limits and traffic laws shall apply at all times to minimise	Low

		<p>the occurrences of accidents on public roads</p> <p>-The transportation of prospecting materials and rubbish shall be undertaken outside traffic peak hours to minimize inconveniencing residents.</p>	
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(With regard to the issues and concerns raised by affected parties provide a list of the issues raised and an assessment/ discussion of the mitigations or site layout alternatives available to accommodate or address their concerns, together with an assessment of the impacts or risks associated with the mitigation or alternatives considered).

TABLE 20: PROPOSED MITIGATION

Potential Impact	Significance Rating (before mitigation)	Proposed Mitigation	Significance Rating (after Mitigation)
Socio-Economic	Moderate	<p>-Employment of local people, unless the skills and expertise required are not available locally.</p> <p>-Random and regular alcohol and drug testing shall be conducted on all personnel responsible for operating machinery and driving prospecting vehicles to ensure the safety of the public;</p>	Low
	Moderate	<p>-Security and safety should be emphasized;</p> <p>-No prospecting workers shall be allowed to access private properties without the owner's knowledge and consent;</p>	Low

	<p>-Access to private property and areas outside the designated operation areas shall be strictly prohibited.</p>	
<p>Moderate</p>	<p>-Local speed limits and traffic laws shall apply at all times to minimize the occurrences of accidents on public roads, -Where possible the transportation of materials and rubbish shall be undertaken outside traffic peak hours to minimise inconveniencing residents. -The number of vehicles on the roads shall be kept to a minimum. -Materials transported on public roads must be covered.</p>	<p>Low</p>

	Moderate	<p>-Liaise with the SAPD and existing forums in order to implement effective crime prevention strategies; and</p> <p>-The applicant will ensure that as far as possible locals will be used during the operation of the mining project.</p> <p>-Recruitment will not be undertaken on site.</p>	Low
Impact on health, and safety of workers.	Moderate	<p>-Training of workers in the correct use of the machinery and/or equipment so as to avoid incidents.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workers to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). 2. Hazardous material must be correctly labelled and handled in a safe manner. 	Low
Flora	Moderate	<p>-Pre-execution walk through the facility in order to locate species of conservation concern that can be translocated as well as comply with permitting conditions.</p> <p>-No species of conservation importance was observed on the site, however if there was a need to remove them a permit will have to be achieved from the competent authority.</p> <p>-Prior to prospecting any CI and medicinally important floral specimens that may occur within</p>	Low

		the site layout should be collected and replanted in the surrounding areas.	
Flora (Biodiversity and alien vegetation).	Moderate	<p>-Keep the footprint of the disturbed area to the minimum and designated areas only.</p> <p>-Vegetate and irrigate open areas to limit erosion, but take care not to cause erosion by irrigating. -Removal of vegetation during prospecting activities will be minimised to reduce the risk of excessive open areas occurring.</p> <p>-Limit the extent of vegetation disturbance to the absolute minimum.</p> <p>-Adhere to existing roads, and if new tracks are established they must not cross sensitive areas such as the ridges or drainage lines.</p> <p>-Implement an alien and invasive plant management plan. The plan should include details of monitoring and removing or controlling the recruitment of alien and invasive species within the disturbed areas. Note that alien and invasive plant control will extend further than the footprint boundaries.</p>	Low

Air quality	Moderate	<p>-Dust suppression must be conducted during the operational phase of the project.</p> <p>-Correct speed will be maintained at the proposed project site.</p> <p>-Vehicle maintenance must be conducted regularly to avoid excessive diesel fumes.</p> <p>-Where practical rehabilitation should be undertaken progressively.</p> <p>-Exposed areas should be revegetated with locally indigenous flora. If the soil is compacted, it should be ripped, and fertilised. Implement effective and environmentally-friendly dust control measures, such as mulching or periodic wetting of the entrance road.</p> <p>- A complaints register should be kept on site with records of complaints received and the manner in which the complaint was addressed.</p>	Low
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Noise disturbances	Moderate	<p>-The noise created by the proposed development is not expected to be problematic. If required, noise reduction measures will have to be implemented in compliance with Noise standards and Regulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No sound amplification equipment to be used on site, except in emergency situations. -Limit vehicles travelling to and from the site to minimise traffic noise to the surrounding environment. -Limit activities to day time hours. - Prospecting related machines and vehicles to be serviced on a regular basis to ensure noise suppression mechanisms are effective. -Activities that will generate the most noise should be limited to during the day, where viable, in order to minimise disturbance. -Equipment that is not in use should be switched off. 	
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visual alteration	Moderate	-Limit the footprint area of the prospecting where possible.	Low
Generation of waste.	Moderate	-Any waste generated must be stored in such a manner that it prevents pollution and amenity impacts. -Bins will be provided for waste and removed regularly from the site. -Waste to be disposed of at a licenced landfill site. -Hazardous waste to be correctly stored and disposed of in terms of relevant legislation and guidelines.	Low
Soil contamination.	Moderate	-Prevent any spills from occurring; If a spill occurs it is to be cleaned up immediately and Reported to the appropriate authorities. - All vehicles are to be serviced	Low

		<p>in a correctly banded area or at an off-site location.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure that spillage control kits are available during transport and on storage sites in case of any accidental leakages of spillages, which can then be cleared immediately. <p>Machinery should be maintained properly.</p> <p>Diesel and other chemicals should be handled appropriately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Re-fueling protocols must be followed to ensure no diesel is spilled during filling. 	
Soils Land use and Land Capability	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ensure that topsoil and samples are properly stored, away from the streams and drainage areas. -The soils must be used for the backfilling and rehabilitation of the boreholes. -The rehabilitated area must be seeded with recommended seed mix consisting of indigenous species. -Tarpaulins must be placed on the ground to prevent oil, grease, hydraulic fluid and diesel spills during emergency repairs. -Will be using existing roads and routes 	Low

Climate	Moderate	<p>-The number of prospecting vehicles and trips shall be kept to a minimum.</p> <p>-All the vehicles shall undergo maintenance on a regular basis to improve on the combustion engine vehicle efficiency.</p>	Low
Traffic	Moderate	<p>-Local speed limits and traffic laws shall apply at all times to minimise the occurrences of accidents on public roads; and</p> <p>Where possible the transportation of prospecting materials and rubbish shall be undertaken outside traffic peak hours to minimize inconveniencing residents.</p>	Low

20. Impacts to be mitigated in their respective phases

Table 25: Measure to rehabilitate the environment affected by the undertaking of any listed activity

Impact	Potential Impact	Aspects Affected	Phase	Significance	Mitigation Type	Significance
Socio-economic	Disturbance on the existing socio-economic routines of the communities	Social and economic	ALL	Moderate	Education and environmental awareness on issues related to mining. Ensure local community members are given first priority during employment, service delivery and communication should be enhance through the election of	Low

					community liaising person. Fence the proposed mining area and adhere to prevention and mitigate measures. Develop the area and uplift local people and business.	
Ground water through soil contamination	Spillages of chemicals during the operation	Environmental	ALL	Moderate	Prevent by properly storing fuel on site and re-fuelling to be done from a bowser that do not drip.	Low
Surface Water through soil	Erosion of contaminants and soil to nearby streams	Environmental	All	Moderate	Dust suppression measures Erosion control measures	Low

contaminati on						
Biodiversity (Flora and fauna)	Affecting flora and fauna during the execution of proposed activities	Environment al	All	Moderate	Revegetation of indigenous species Avoid killing species. If after two years vegetation has not established sufficiently, taking into account environmental conditions, such as droughts, re- vegetation or other alternative remediation measures must to be undertaken. If any invasive alien vegetation is noted, it must be removed immediately. Alien	Low

					vegetation clearing to be undertaken if non-invasive alien species increase to over 5% of the area	
Air Quality	Dust and emission of greenhouse gases from the equipment's and vehicles	Environment	All	Moderate	Control dust by wetting during dry, dusty conditions. Dust suppression Using less vehicles	
Visual	Prospecting associated activities will result in changes on the landscape	Social	All	Moderate	The visual impact would be addressed by means of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-vegetation with grasses • Removal of any infrastructure, scrap, waste that would contribute to a negative impact 	

Noise	Noise from trucks and equipment used	Social	All	Moderate		
Soil, Land use and Land Capability	Excavations will result in change on the surface	Environmental	All	Moderate	Prevent erosion by placing of berms Restoration of the landform and removal of infrastructure to reinstate land use potential Ensure rehabilitation plan is followed Implement erosion control measures Monitor erosion and remediate where necessary	
Traffic	Traffic on the affected roads will be affected.	Social	All	Moderate	Control impact on roads by properly	

					servicing the operating trucks Speed limit should be 40 km per hr on gravel roads.	
Climate	Release of greenhouse gases	Environmental	All	Moderate	Service equipment and vehicles regularly. Minimise the use of equipment where is not necessary. Avoid burning of waste material	Low
Waste Management	Waste will be generated from offices, employers and other proposed activities				Effective solid waste management	Low
					Sufficient housekeeping	
					Appropriate materials management	

21. FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCESS UNDERTAKEN TO IDENTIFY, ASSESS AND RANK THE IMPACTS AND RISKS THE ACTIVITY WILL IMPOSE ON THE PREFERRED SITE (IN RESPECT OF THE FINAL SITE LAYOUT PLAN) THROUGH THE LIFE OF THE ACTIVITY.

In order to identify the potential impacts associated with the proposed prospecting activities, the following steps were undertaken:

- The stakeholder consultant process has been undertaken in a manner to be interactive, providing the landowners and identified stakeholders with an opportunity to provide input into the project. This is considered a key focus as the local residents have capabilities of providing site-specific information, which may not be available in desktop research material. Stakeholders were requested, as part of the notification letter, to provide their views on the project, and to state any potential concerns they may have. All comments and responses provide have been recorded in this document (refer to Appendix B).
- A detailed desktop study was undertaken to determine the environmental setting in which the project is located. Based on the desktop investigations, various resources were used to determine the significance and sensitivity of the various environmental considerations. The desktop investigation involved the use of:
 - The South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) Biodiversity Geographic Database LUDS System;
 - The Department of Environmental Affairs 2015 Landcover and Landuse Mapping Database;
 - Department of Water and Sanitation information documents such as the Internal Strategic Perspective (ISP) for the Vaal River and Groundwater Vulnerability Reports
 - Municipal Integrated Development Plans for Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality; and
 - The Provincial Spatial Development Framework for the North West Province.

The rating of the identified impacts was undertaken in a quantitative manner as provided in Section V (impact rating). The ratings were undertaken in a manner to calculate the significance of each of the impacts. The identification of management and mitigation measures was done based on the significance of the impacts and measures included are considered sufficient, appropriate and practical to protect the environment.

22. MOTIVATION WHERE NO ALTERNATIVES SITES WERE CONSIDERED

As discussed above, the site is located in an area where the geology is known for having high platinum deposits. The site is therefore regarded as the preferred site and there is no alternatives sites. The alternative drill sites and mining site will be identified based on the location of sensitive environments such as wetlands, riparian zones, watercourses. Changes in the layout plan will be discussed and agreed on with the affected landowners.

23. STATEMENT MOTIVATING THE ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT LOCATION WITHIN THE OVERALL SITE

The location and extent of the prospecting activities will be based on the information derived from the desktop surveys as well as the specialist studies. Where practicable, the drilling sites and location of infrastructure will be selected to avoid sensitive environments such as wetlands, watercourses, biodiversity of conservation importance and heritage features.

24. SUMMARY OF SPECIALIST REPORTS

The biodiversity specialist is underway.

25. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(i) Summary of the key findings of the environmental impact assessment;

During the proposed prospecting operation impacts may occur on soils, natural vegetation, surface water, groundwater, sensitive landscapes, air quality, noise, visual aspects, and sites of archaeological and cultural importance should the EMPr not be adhered to.

Oraodira Trading (Pty) Ltd and Isago Multi Projects (Pty) must undertake measures to ensure that the identified impacts are minimised. Assessment of the impacts with the proposed mitigation measures has shown the significance of the impacts on all affected environmental aspects to be reduced from medium and low to low and negligible significance.

Land use must not be changed. Several landowners and land occupiers within the proposed project area may be affected although on a temporary basis due to the need to access the sites and the establishment and use of the campsite. Measures such as safety along the roads and dust suppression must be undertaken to ensure that the impacts on the land owners and land occupiers are minimised.

Storm water runoff from the dirty water areas of the drilling sites, its associated surface infrastructure (campsite) may have a detrimental impact on the surrounding water environment should this water be released to the environment. In order to prevent the occurrence of the above-mentioned impacts, dirty water collection sump must be used to collect all dirty water from the drilling site. The water collected from the sump must be re-used, evaporated and the sump must be rehabilitated once the drilling is finished. Sediments will be created from the site during the construction, operational and decommissioning phase, which may impact negatively on the surrounding water environment. The sediments must be treated should they contain hydrocarbon waste.

The employees must undergo training and must be given strict instruction not to undertake activities that will affect the environment and that may have an impact on the landowners. Waste generated from the site must be collected in proper receptacles and disposed of in registered waste disposal sites.

Key findings of the environmental impact assessment include:

- All the identified impacts must be localised, short term and will have a medium and low significance. The significance of potential environmental impacts can be reduced to low and very low significance with implementation of mitigation measures and monitoring.
- Cumulative noise, visual and air quality (dust) impacts are deemed to not be significant (low) when proper mitigation measures are implemented.
- Vegetation loss is unavoidable during the construction phase of the project. This will however be limited to the footprint of the infrastructure (access road, camp, boreholes). Care must be taken to manage any species of special concern as well as the proliferation of alien invasive plant species.

26. SUMMARY OF THE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS AND RISKS OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY AND IDENTIFIED ALTERNATIVES

The proposed activities have medium and low significance and will be short term activities. The probability of occurrence of an impact was determined and most of these activities can be controlled and impacts can be reduced or avoided. Generally prospecting activities have low impact on the environment. The planned activities negative impacts can be controlled and avoided or minimised. Mitigation measures will be used to manage and control any potential impact. The main impacts will include:

- Increased ambient noise levels resulting from drilling activities and increased traffic movement;
- Potential water and soil pollution resulting from hydrocarbon spills and soil erosion which may impact on the water resources utilised by the communities and landowners;
- Potential water and soil pollution resulting from hydrocarbon spills and soil erosion which may impact on ecosystem functioning;
- Influx of job seekers to site may result in increased opportunistic crimes;
- Potential visual impacts by drilling activities as well as vegetation effects;
- Prospecting will be undertaken by special sub-contractors and it is not anticipated that employment opportunities for local and/or regional communities result from prospecting activities; and
- Short term boost for local businesses.

27. ASPECTS FOR INCLUSION AS CONDITIONS OF AUTHORISATION

The following conditions should be included in the Environmental Authorisation:

- A minimum distance of 100 m from any dwellings or infrastructure must be kept;
- Landowners as well as land occupiers must be re-consulted at least 30 days prior to any prospecting activities undertaken on their properties;
- A map detailing the drilling locations should be submitted to the relevant

landowners, prior to the commencement of the prospecting activities;

- Measure should be undertaken not to impact the biodiversity of the area nor introduce new plant species.
- No activities may be undertaken within 100m of watercourses

28. DESCRIPTION OF ANY ASSUMPTIONS, UNCERTAINTIES AND GAPS IN KNOWLEDGE.

There are no assumptions, uncertainties or gaps on the proposed project.

29. REASONED OPINION AS TO WHETHER THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT BE AUTHORIZED

a. Reasons why the activity should be authorized or not

The option of not approving the activities sediments will result in a significant loss of valuable information regarding the mineral status, present on the identified properties. In addition, should economical reserved be present and the applicant does not have the opportunity to prospect the opportunity to utilize these reserves for future phases will be lost.

According to the impact assessment undertaken for the proposed project, the impacts of the project are considered to be of medium and low significance. The significance of the impacts can be reduced to low and very low when the mitigation measures are implemented.

The project will also have positive impacts due to the employment to be created although for a short term, as well as a short boost to local businesses.

The stakeholders will also be requested for their comments. All comments to be received during Public Participation Process will be included in this BAR and EMPr. These comments will be addressed the as far as possible to the satisfaction of the interested and affected parties.

The management of the impacts identified in the impact assessment for all phases of the proposed project will be undertaken through a range of programmes and plans contained in the EMPr. In consideration of the layout plan and the management and

mitigation measures contained within the EMPr compiled for the project, which are expected to be effectively implemented, there will be significant reduction in the significance of potential impacts.

b. Period for which the Environmental Authorisation is required

The prospecting right has been applied for a period of five (5) years. The Environmental Authorisation should therefore allow for 5 year of prospecting and associated activities.

30. FINANCIAL PROVISION

State the amount that is required to both manage and rehabilitate the environment in respect of rehabilitation

Table 24: COSTS WERE CALCULATED AS SHOWN IN TABLE BELOW

No.	Description	Unit	A	B	C	D	E=A*B*C*D
			Quantity	Master Rate	Multiplication factor	Weighting factor 1	Amount (Rands)
1	Dismantling of processing plant and related structures (including overland conveyors and powerlines)	m3	0	17,4	1	1	R0,00
2 (A)	Demolition of steel buildings and structures	m2	0	238,71	1	1	R0,00
2(B)	Demolition of reinforced concrete buildings and structures	m2	0	351,79	1	1	R0,00
3	Rehabilitation of access tracks	m2	0,1	42,72	1	1,2	R5,13
4 (A)	Demolition and rehabilitation of electrified railway lines	m	0	414,61	1	1	R0,00
4 (A)	Demolition and rehabilitation of non-electrified railway lines	m	0	226,15	1	1	R0,00
5	Demolition of housing and/or administration facilities	m2	0	477,42	1	1	R0,00
6	Opencast rehabilitation including final voids and ramps	ha		242984,15	1	1,2	R0,00
7	Sealing of shafts adits and inclines	m3	20	128,15	1	1	R2 563,00
8 (A)	Rehabilitation of overburden and spoils	ha	0	166847,44	1	1	R0,00
8 (B)	Rehabilitation of processing waste deposits and evaporation ponds (non-polluting potential)	ha	0	207805,47	1	1	R0,00
8 (C)	Rehabilitation of processing waste deposits and evaporation ponds (polluting potential)	ha	0	603565,59	1	1	R0,00
9	Rehabilitation of subsided areas	ha	0,1	139709,6	1	1	R13 970,96
10	General surface rehabilitation	ha		132171,31	1	1,2	R0,00
11	River diversions	ha		132171,31	1	1	R0,00
12	Fencing	m	20	150,77	1	1	R3 015,40
13	Water management	ha		50255,25	1	1,2	R0,00
14	2 to 3 years of maintenance and aftercare	ha	0,1	17589,34	1	1,2	R2 110,72
15 (A)	Specialist study	Sum	0	0	1	1	R0,00
15 (B)	Specialist study	Sum	0	0	1	1	0
Sub Total 1							R21 665,21
1	Preliminary and General				weighting factor 2		R0,00
2	Contingencies						R0,00
Subtotal 2							R21 665,21
VAT (15%)							R3 249,78

c. Explain how the aforesaid amount was derived

The financial provision for the environmental rehabilitation and closure of any prospecting and its associated operations forms an integral part of the MPRDA. Sections 41 (1) and, 41 (2), 41 (3) and 45 of the MPRDA deal with the financial provision for rehabilitation and closure. During 2012, the DMR made updated rate available for the calculation of the closure costs, where contractor's costs are not available, these apply.

The "Guideline Document for the Evaluation of Financial Provision made by the Mining Industry" was developed by the DMR in January 2005 in order to empower the personnel at Regional DMR offices to review the quantum determination for the rehabilitation and closure of mining sites. With the determination of the quantum for closure, it must be assumed that the infrastructure had no salvage value (clean closure). The closure cost estimate (clean closure) was determined in accordance with the DMR guidelines.

d. Confirm that this amount can be provided for operating expenditure

The amount required to cover the prospecting operation, including rehabilitation and closure is estimated to be **R 306 000.00** this stage. Isago Multi Projects (Pty) and Oraodira Trading (Pty) Ltd will fund the operation. The applicant hereby confirms that the amount is anticipated to be an operating cost and is provided for as such in the Prospecting Work Programme.

32. CLOSURE AND DECOMMISSIONING

Determination of closure objectives.

Rehabilitation actions for the proposed prospecting activities will be undertaken in three phase's namely concurrent rehabilitation, final decommissioning and rehabilitation, thereafter a closure.

Concurrent rehabilitation objectives include:

- Backfilling, sealing and capping of drilled boreholes
- Clean up of surrounding areas, removing pollution and waste materials

- Spread overburden and topsoil evenly and re-vegetate disturbed areas
- Inspect rehabilitated areas to monitor re-vegetation rate and remove alien invader species that may establish in the area

Final decommissioning and rehabilitation objectives:

- Remove all temporary infrastructure from the site camp and at prospecting sites
- Rip and seed disturbed areas such as on tracks, camping sites, ablution facilities etc.
- Inspect rehabilitated areas to monitor re-vegetation rate as well as to remove alien invader species

It is recommended that concurrent rehabilitation is undertaken to improve the success of rehabilitation. The rehabilitated areas must be monitored to ensure that the objectives of rehabilitation are met, and correct rehabilitation process is followed.

The closure objectives are to:

- Make all areas safe for humans, wild animals and livestock
- Prevent soil, surface and groundwater contamination by managing runoff water on site
- Minimise negative health and environmental impacts
- Establish a sustainable cover to prevent erosion and enhance ecological succession
- Maintain and restore biodiversity levels to provide appropriate habitat for fauna
- Protected drainage lines and watercourses
- Do not leave any infrastructure onsite
- Use approved sites for safe disposal of all wastes from the drilling sites

- Monitor key environmental variables (i.e. soils, erosion, vegetation) to demonstrate stability of rehabilitated areas
- Adhere to all statutory and other legal requirements
- Report on the progress of the rehabilitation process

PART C: REHABILITATION PLAN

Rehabilitation involves restoring a drilled borehole on completion of the prospecting activity including the surrounding affected area where the activity was undertaken back to its initial state and sometimes improving it by using various reconstruction methods and treatments. This document supplies the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) with information pertaining to rehabilitation and closure plan for the proposed prospecting as required in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (28 of 2002).

The proposed prospecting activities will be conducted in the following phases:

- Site Preparation
- Invasive drilling and concurrent rehabilitation
- Final decommissioning, rehabilitation and closure

The aim of rehabilitation is to return the disturbed prospecting target areas to their natural state. It is important to rehabilitate disturbed areas to ensure a safe and stable land use after prospecting for humans, wild animals and livestock.

- **Summary of rehabilitation and closure actions**

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It is recommended that concurrent rehabilitation is undertaken to improve the success of rehabilitation. The rehabilitated areas must be monitored to ensure that the objectives of rehabilitation are met, and correct rehabilitation process is followed.

The importance of rehabilitation

There are a variety of reasons for rehabilitating the prospected area. Below we provide some of the reasons.

- Make all areas safe for humans, wild animals and livestock
- Prevent soil, surface and groundwater contamination by managing runoff water on site
- Minimise negative health and environmental impacts
- Establish a sustainable cover to prevent erosion and enhance ecological succession
- Maintain and restore biodiversity levels to provide appropriate habitat for fauna
- Protected drainage lines and watercourses
- Do not leave any infrastructure onsite

- Use approved sites for safe disposal of all wastes from the drilling sites
- Monitor key environmental variables (i.e. soils, erosion, vegetation) to demonstrate stability of rehabilitated areas
- Adhere to all statutory and other legal requirements
- Report on the progress of the rehabilitation process

Capping and plugging of drilled boreholes

- PVC drill hole collar of the same size “diameter & length” with the drill hole must be readily available, with a temporal and permanent cap/plug. The temporal cap can be pushed into the PVC collar to the bottom of the collar with the backfilling “un-contaminated soil” material. Thus, is to eliminate the movement of the backfilled material within the PVC collar to the outlet environment. See the figure below.

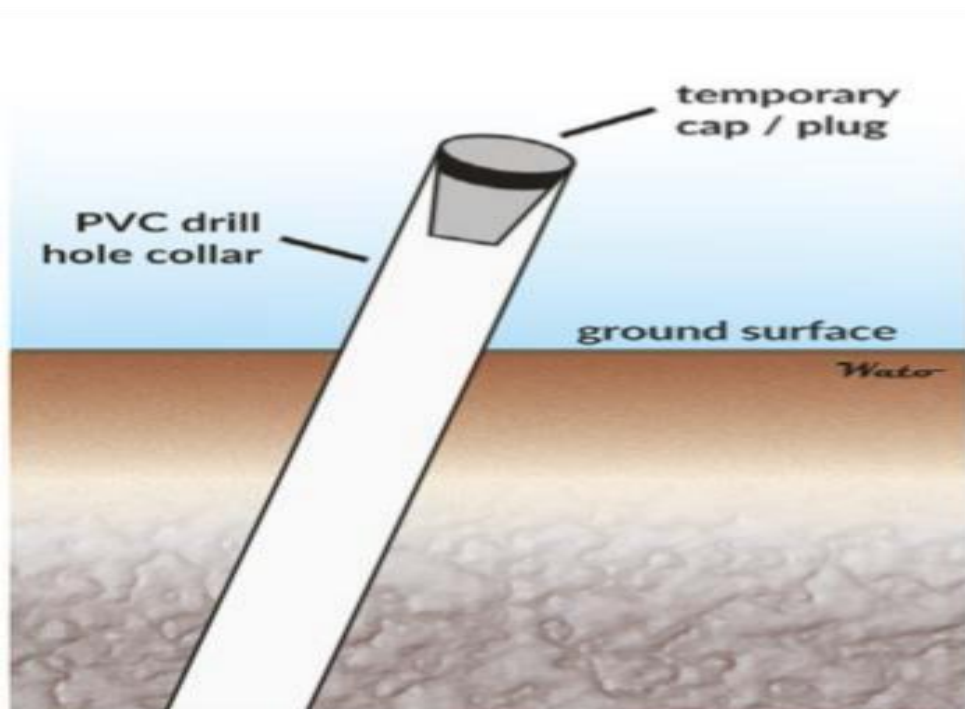


Figure 11: Showing the PVC drill hole collar of the same size “diameter & length” with the drill hole inserted.

- The PVC collars backfilling material must leave a space of 1 m below the surface, then a permanent cap/plug (non-degradable/metal plate) can be

placed which can take up to 10 cm. The plug is to be at least 50 mm larger than the diameter of the drill hole, but depending on the nature of the ground, must be of sufficient size as to remain firmly in position.

- The remaining portion of a metre left on the PVC collar must be cut below ground level to a minimum depth of 1 m. See the figure below.

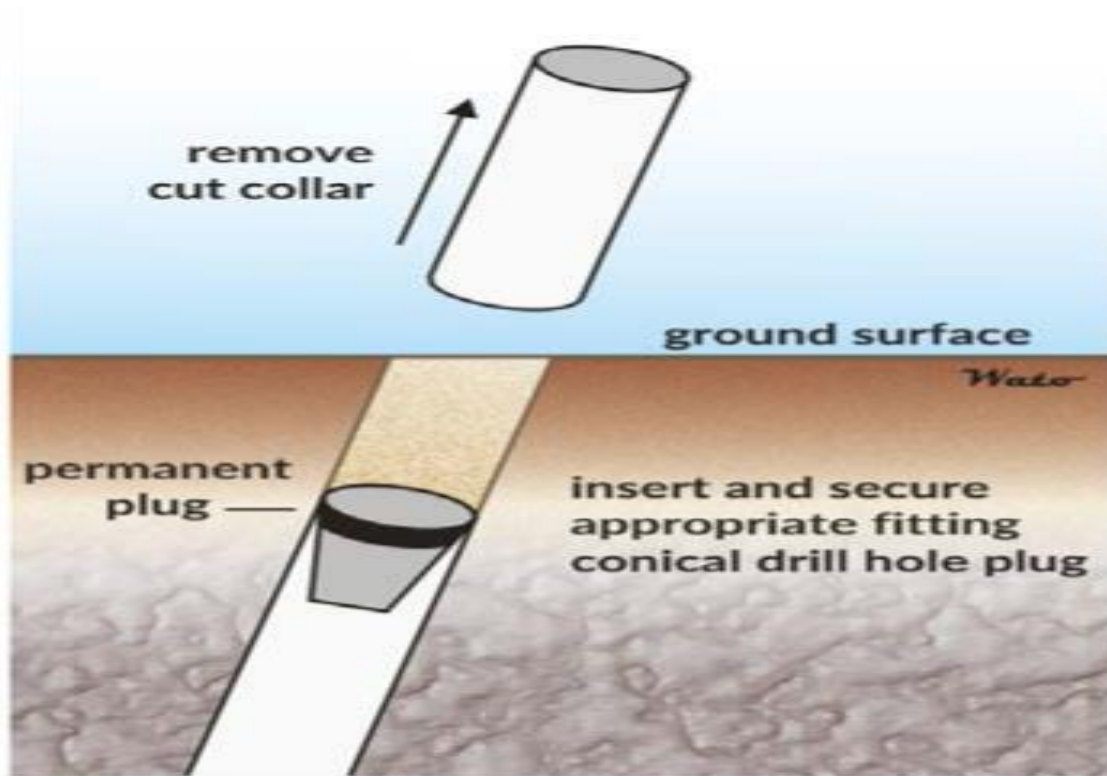


Figure 12: Showing the PVC collar cut at 1 m below the earth surface, the cap is then installed.

- After capping has stabilized, backfilling the remaining 1 m above the PVC collar with topsoil. The soil backfill should be compacted and mounded over the hole to allow for subsidence and to limit the pooling of surface water. The intention is that water shall not ingress the hole, causing erosion. Particular care is required to ensure the long term effectiveness of the plugging procedure.

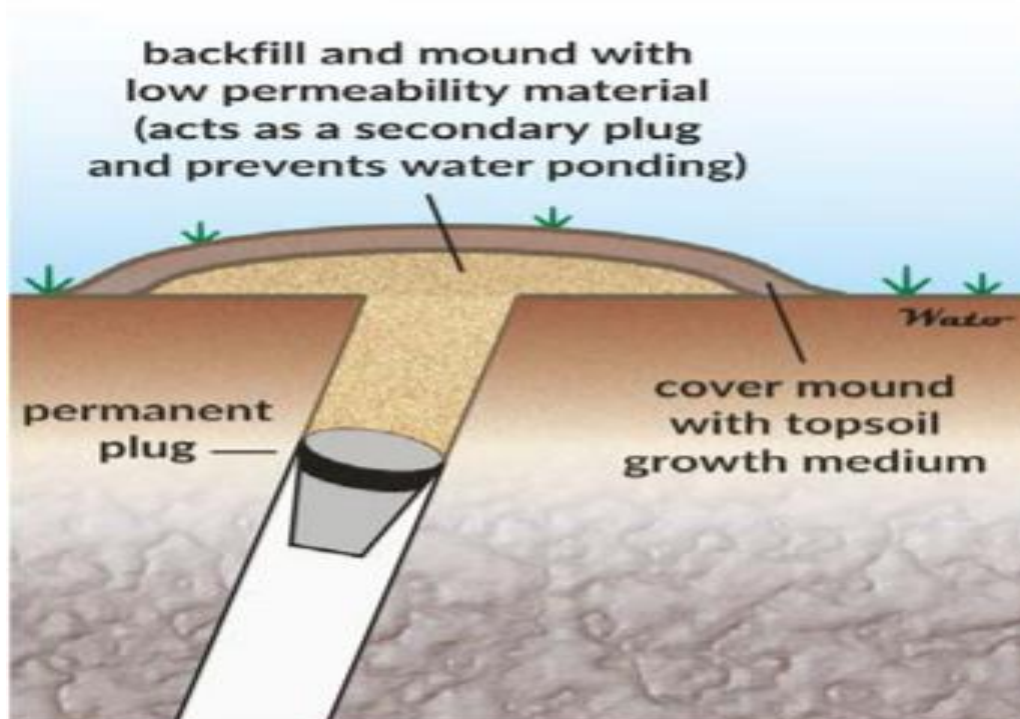


Figure 13: The remaining 1 m above the PVC collar with filled with topsoil

- **Capping and plugging of drill holes intersecting a single confined aquifer**

The main objectives of sealing drill holes in single confined aquifers is to contain water in the aquifer. Drill holes must be plugged across the aquifer confining bed interface for a thickness of about 4 m (2 m above the interface and 2 m below); and then backfilled or plugged as outlined previously.

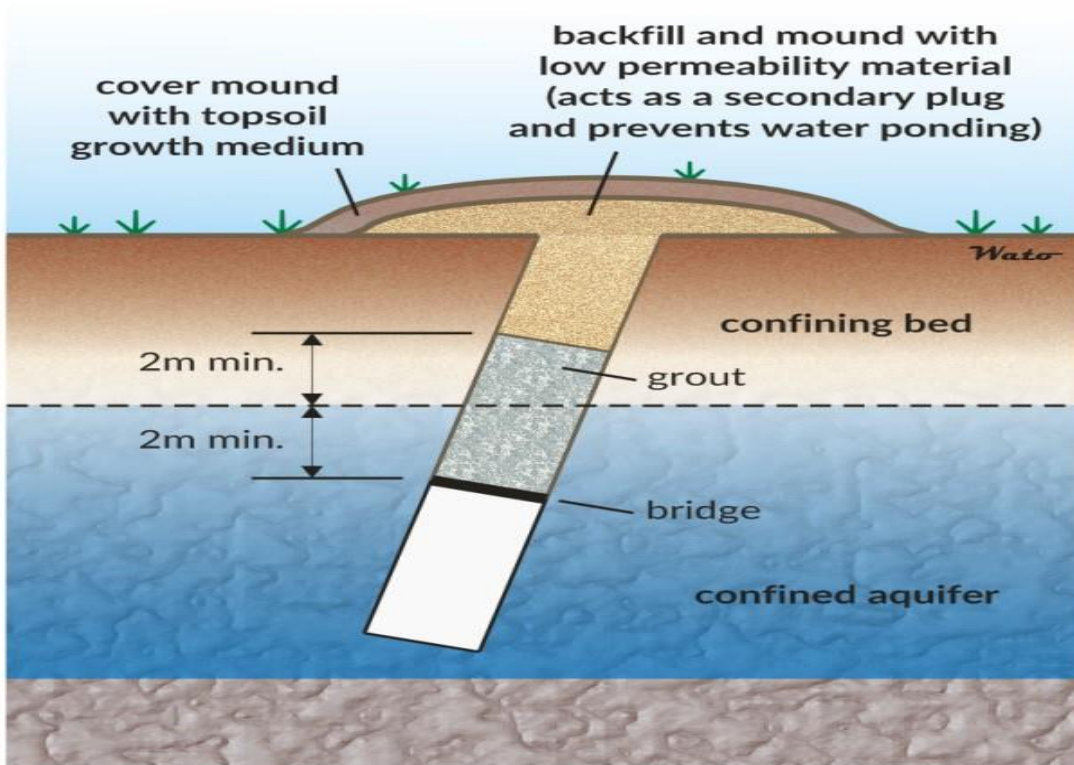


Figure 14: Sealing drill holes in single confined aquifers

Capping and plugging of drill holes intersecting multiple aquifers

- Major aquifers should be sealed to prevent inter-aquifer flow. Concrete plugs must be positioned at the interfaces between aquifers and the overlying confining beds. The concrete should be at least 4 m thick, with 2 m above and 2 m below the interface. Holes should then be backfilled or plugged as outlined previously, with compaction and mounding of backfilled material. Shallow drill holes can be backfilled from the base of the hole to the surface with concrete.

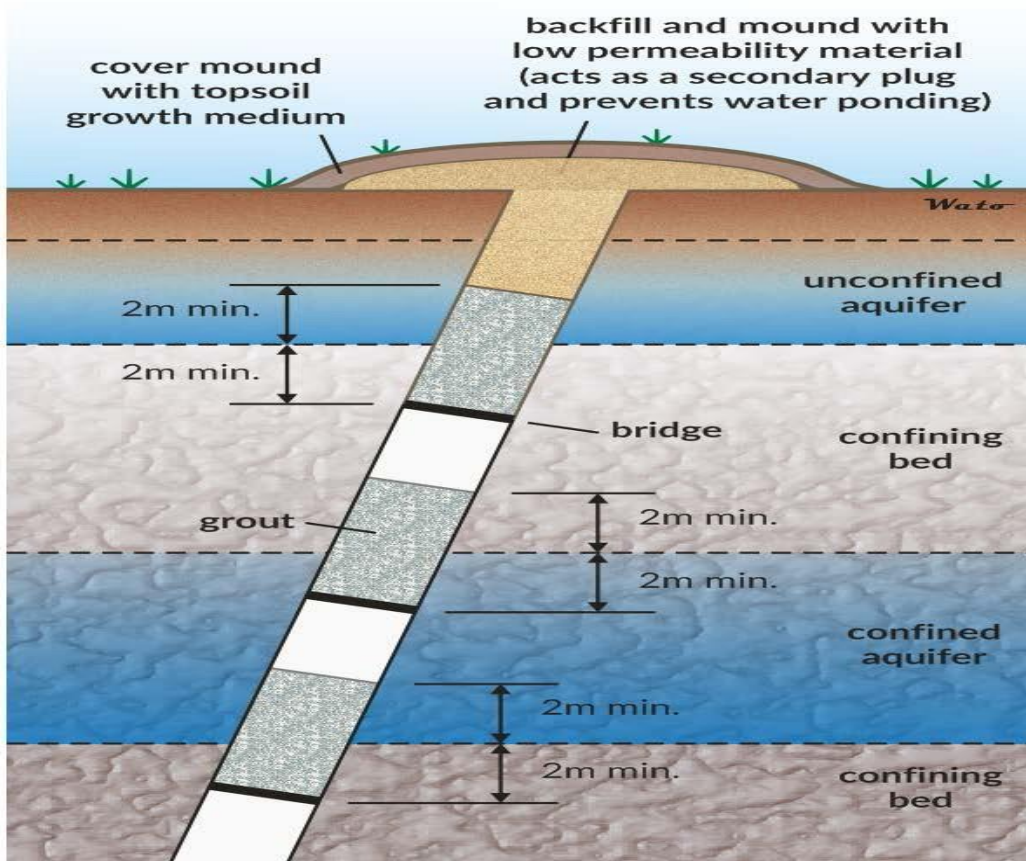


Figure 15: Showing how Interfaces between aquifers and the overlying confining beds must be placed

Rehabilitation of the surrounding area of the drill site

- Dependent on site conditions and surrounding landscape, it may be necessary to conduct earthworks to stabilise and reshape the site. The site is required to be remediated to as near original condition as possible, following the completion of the drilling program.
- Ground which has become compacted by the use of heavy machinery and traffic is to be ripped along contour, not down slope, to loosen soil, promote water infiltration, aid revegetation and minimise soil erosion.
- Earth and overburden that was excavated from the pads and benches is required to be pushed, raked or pulled back over. The stockpiled topsoil and vegetation should be re-spread over the site.
- All sample bags, waste materials and contaminants must be removed from site and disposed of in an appropriate manner, following the completion of the drilling program.

- Drill cuttings that are acidic, radioactive or of a substantially different colour to the surface soil must be backfilled in the drill hole, sump or other excavation. All other cuttings are required to be dispersed around the site or raked over.
- Drill sumps must be backfilled with the excavated material and re-spread with stored topsoil.
- Permanent survey markers should be kept to a minimum and wooden pegs should be used in preference to steel pegs.
- Tracks constructed to access the drill site must be remediated, they must be ripped or ploughed, and where necessary fertiliser (based on soil analysis) applied to ensure the regrowth of vegetation.
- If reasonable assessment indicates that re-establishment of vegetation is unacceptably slow the Regional Manager may require that the soil be analysed and any deleterious effects on the soil arising from the prospecting operation, be correct and the area be seeded with seed mix to Regional Managers specification;

Decommissioning phase

- All bores that are to be permanently decommissioned must be sealed completely and filled in a manner that prevents vertical movement of water within the bore.
- The sealing material must not pose any potential human or environmental health risk and should be more impervious than the material through which the bore was drilled. Concrete cement should be used as the primary sealing material and should be placed from the base of the hole upwards.
- Fill material should consist of clean or disinfected sand, coarse stone, clay or drill cuttings.
- Boreholes with high flows and pressure should be sealed exclusively with concrete cement to a depth of the hole.
- All bores should be sealed with an approved sealing material from a depth of 1 m to around 30 c below the ground surface. Topsoil should be placed above this to assist in full rehabilitation. Surface casings may be left in place if they

have been pressure cemented or if they have been determined to be sound, in which case they must be bridged with concrete cement.

- Concrete bridges may be used where it is not practicable to fill the entire PVC drill hole collar. A minimum of 10 m is required for a bridge (20 m for a flowing bore). These will be set in impermeable strata immediately above and below each aquifer formation in the bore.
- Records should be complete and accurate regarding the location of borehole and the procedure used for decommissioning and rehabilitating the site.

Closure Period and Post Closure Requirements

The closure period is the period between stopping of prospecting activities and the completion of active rehabilitation processes on the disturbed areas. The nature of borehole and drill site rehabilitation is of such that closure may be implemented for individual boreholes as and when analysis ends.

The closure options together with monitoring must be undertaken for the period of 2 years post final decommission. Thereafter a closure can be achieved. This closure should be in line with the requirements of the MPRDA Regulations. Following successful completion of the closure actions it is suggested that a further post closure period of 2 years be assigned to monitor the success of closure. The post closure monitoring will include:

- Inspection of drill hole caps;
- Inspect and remedy any erosion around rehabilitated drill sites
- Inspect rehabilitated areas re-vegetation rate
- Remove alien invader species

Required expertise

Engineering personnel: An engineer with at least 5 years of experience must be responsible to ensure that the rehabilitation program is implemented as outlined. The engineer must also enforce the following;

- confirming that workers are trained and competent for the task undertaken
- providing clear work instructions
- inspecting and monitoring workplace conditions
- continuously evaluating worker performance and correcting unsafe acts
- reporting and rectifying hazards
- assuring implementation of the company's safety systems
- demanding compliance with safety rules and procedures
- conducting meaningful observations, consultation and interventions

Environmental, Health and safety personnel: with at least 3 years' experience in relevant fields of rehabilitation.

- Monitor and report the potential environmental, health and safety risk
- Identify priorities for replacing or modifying the rehabilitation plan.
- Develop an action plan with due dates and responsibilities for the rehabilitation process
- Conduct an audit of rehabilitation to ensure that all practical measures have been taken to control risk associated
- Produce an environmental, health and safety report monthly and quarterly

Recommendations

Compliance with Closure Plan

The closure objectives can only be achieved by fulfilling the responsibilities as set out in this rehabilitation plan. Closure objectives cannot be achieved if the actions of the rehabilitation plan are not complied with resulting in an unsuccessful closure plan.

Annual update requirements of the plan

The rehabilitation and closure plan must be reviewed annually and updated as and when major changes are effected to the Prospecting Works Programme.

On-site documents

The closure plan must be available onsite as per the requirements of Regulation 26 (h) of NEMA EIA Regulations of 2014.

EXPLAIN WHY IT CAN BE CONFIRMED THAT THE REHABILITATION PLAN IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE CLOSURE OBJECTIVES.

Care and adherence to environmental issues is a priority. Most recent and sustainable technology will be used to restore the environment close to its initial state. Please refer to the rehabilitation plan above.

CALCULATE AND STATE THE QUANTUM OF THE FINANCIAL PROVISION REQUIRED TO MANAGE AND REHABILITATE THE ENVIRONMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE GUIDELINE.

The financial provision for the environmental rehabilitation and closure of any prospecting and its associated operations forms an integral part of the MPRDA. Section 41 (1) and 41(3) and 45 of the MPRDA deal with the financial provision for rehabilitation and closure. During 2012, the DMR made updated rate available for the calculation of the closure costs, where contractor's costs are not available these apply

The Guideline document for the evaluation of financial provision made by the Mining Industry was developed by the DMR in January 2005 in order to empower the personnel at Regional DMR offices to review the quantum determination for the rehabilitation and closure for mining sites.

Confirm that the financial provision will be provided as determined.

Isago Multi Projects (Pty) and Oraodira Trading (Pty) Ltd have finances allocated for the proposed project, a deposit will be made to the DMR trust fund account and proof of payment will be submitted.

MECHANISMS FOR MONITORING COMPLIANCE WITH AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

PROGRAMME AND REPORTING THEREON INCLUDING

- The environmental Officer be employed on daily basis of the operation for monitoring of impact Management Actions
- The environmental Officer will generate daily and monthly monitoring reports, external audits will be conducted on quarterly basis
- The environmental officer is responsible for monitoring compliance
- Impacts should be immediately managed with urgency.
- Mechanism for monitoring compliance should be reviewed and updated.

Indicate the frequency of the submission of the performance assessment/ environmental audit report

Annual environmental audits must be undertaken to ensure compliance with the authorization conditions and EMPr.

31. ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PLAN

MANNER IN WHICH THE APPLICANT INTENDS TO INFORM HIS OR HER EMPLOYEES OF ANY ENVIRONMENTAL RISK WHICH MAY RESULT FROM THEIR WORK.

Before the proposed project of prospecting commence, all the employees whom will be responsible for identifying environmental risks will go to training to get the insight information on how they will compile environmental risk study. It is a standard practice for all employees to attend induction training where environmental course will be explained in more detail related to the project. The training should cover the relevant part of the EMP which is formed as a guide to contractors and employees regarding environmental related issues and how to mitigate such issues

MANNER IN WHICH RISKS WILL BE DEALT WITH IN ORDER TO AVOID POLLUTION OR THE DEGRADATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

The Applicants, Isago Multi Projects (Pty) and Oraodira Trading (Pty) Ltd and contractors will be responsible for the implementation section 28 of NEMA at all times “duty of care” to mitigate any impacts in order to avoid pollution or degradation of the environment appropriate implementation of the recommended mitigation

measures specified in the EMPr will be monitored through monthly site audits by an EAP and annual EMP audits undertaken by a third party.

The Following Documents Will Be Used As Reference For Identifying And Managing Impacts:

- Approved Empr;
- Approved EA; And
- Adoption and implementation Environmental Management Systems.

SPECIFIC INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY

No specific information was required by the competent authority.

PART D: PROSPECTING HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

In the event of contractual agreements with service providers to such that if enhances health and safety. Owner or employer remains responsible for compliance

Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

- a) Task analysis for every operation to be conducted, and bigger to be broken down to smaller tasks.
- b) Hazards to be identified on each and every task.
 - Drilling hazards

Drilling in any environment is potentially hazardous, but when risk are identified prior execution and mitigation measure are put in place. The risk of drilling becomes low on both the environment and human health.

There are hazards associated with the preparation of camps, work sites and drill pads, as well as those specific to the operation of drill rigs.

Western Australia's code of practice for mineral exploration drilling encourages operators to develop site-specific solutions for the major hazard categories identified for the remote exploration environment, including:

- rotating and moving parts
- hazardous substances and dangerous good

- manual tasks
- working in hot environments
- fatigue and mental wellbeing
- dust
- noise
- ionising radiation
- hot work
- extreme weather and bushfire

c) Risk assessment to be conducted for every identified hazard.

The EMP provides measures to be used when dealing with impacts. However, hazard specific assessment will be conducted based on the urgency of the identified hazard.

d) Effective measures to be put in place to deal with risks associated with identified hazards.

A standard operating procedure (SOP) that addresses the use of correct personal protective equipment, safe handling, safe use, and proper disposal should be established. Thorough training and drills should be conducted regarding the company's spill response plans and chemical hygiene plans.

Where there is a possibility of heat stress occurring, companies need to carry out a risk assessment that considers the work rate, working climate and worker clothing and respiratory protective equipment. Where possible, control the temperature using engineering solutions, provide mechanical aids where possible to reduce the work rate, and regulate the length of exposure to hot environments. Furthermore, personal protective equipment should be provided, such as specialised protective clothing that incorporates personal cooling systems or breathable fabrics. Furthermore, companies should provide training for workers, especially new and young employees, and monitor the health of workers at risk.

To protect workers against noise, the companies should evaluate working conditions and noise exposure through risk assessments. Avoiding and reducing exposure can be achieved by applying engineering controls at the noise source or along the noise path to reduce exposures, such as vibration dampeners or absorptive panels. Regular maintenance of machines is also essential to reducing noise. Employer must ensure proper use of personal hearing protection amongst.

Noise-exposed employees, while providing necessary health and safety training and maintaining up-to-date health surveillance records.

Standard Working Procedures and COP's

a) Compilation of all mandatory COP's prior to commencement of prospecting.

The purpose of this schedule is to ensure that employees are not only trained but that the principles are continuously re enforced.

Table 26: Working procedures

Activity	Time allocation and frequency	Objective
Induction (all staff and workers)	1-hour training on environmental awareness training as part of site induction	Develop an understanding of what is meant by the natural environmental and social environment and establish a common language as it relates to environmental, health, safety and community aspects. Establish a basic knowledge of the environmental legal framework and consequences of non-compliance. Clarify the content and required actions for the implementation of the Environmental Management Plan.

		<p>Confirm the spatial extent of areas regarded as sensitive and clarify restrictions.</p> <p>Provide a detailed understanding of the definition, the method for identification and required response to emergency incidents</p>
Monthly Awareness Talks (all staff and workers)	30-minute awareness talks	Based on actual identified risks and incidents (if occurred) reinforce legal requirements, appropriate responses and measures for the adaptation of mitigation and/or management practices.
Risk Assessments (Environmental officer, supervisor and workers involved in task)	Daily task-based risk assessment	Establish an understanding of the risks associated with a specific task and the required mitigation and management measures daily as part of daily tool box talks.



Figure 16: Typical example of meeting before commencing with work

b) Based on the proposed effective measures and mandatory COP's safe and healthy working procedures must be formulated and documented.

c) Contents of the COP's must be properly communicated to different levels of the organization and effectively implemented.

Development of procedures and checklists

The following procedures will be developed and all staff and workers will be adequately trained on the content and implementation thereof.

- **Emergency preparedness and response**

The procedure will be developed to specifically include risk identification, preparedness, response measures and reporting. The procedure will specifically include spill and fire risk, preparedness and response measures. The appropriate emergency control centres (fire department, hospitals) will be identified and the contact numbers obtained and made available on site. The procedure must be developed in consultation with all potentially affected landowners. In the event that risks are identified which may affect adjacent landowners (or other persons), the procedure will include the appropriate communication strategy to inform such persons and provide response measures to minimise the impact.

- **Incident reporting procedure**

Incident reporting will be undertaken in accordance with an established incident reporting procedure to (including but not limited to):

Provide details of the responsible person including any person who: (i) is responsible for the incident; (ii) owns any hazardous substance involved in the incident; or (iii) was in control when the incident occurred

- Provide details of the incident (time, date, location)
- The details of the cause of the incident
- Identify the aspects of the environment impacted
- The details corrective action taken

- The identification of any potential residual or secondary risks that must be monitored and corrected or managed

- **Environmental and social audit checklist**

An environmental audit checklist will be established to include the environmental and social mitigation and management measures as developed and approved as part of the Environmental Management Plan. Non-conformances will be identified and corrective action taken where required.

- **Health and Safety Equipment and Personal Protective Equipment**

Ensure necessary and appropriate tools, fit for the purposes are provided for employees perform work.



Figure 17: Typical PPE

Use respiratory protection when needed. The controls cited in this report may greatly reduce worker exposure to dust; however, respirators may still be necessary to reduce exposure to crystalline silica below the NIOSH REL of $50\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. Due to the health risk related to exposure to crystalline silica, proper personal respiratory masks are needed when drilling, and should continue to be used even after dust suppressive methods are established. Necessary personal protective equipment to be provided.



Figure 18: Health and safety sign

c) All necessary adequate hygiene facilities to be provided.

Provision of potable and palatable water

The employer must ensure that sufficient potable and palatable water, which comply with the requirements set out, is readily available to all employees and clearly identified as drinkable.

Table 27: Categorisation and minimum standards for strenuous work

Very Heavy	<p>Manual Material Handling: Consists of 34-66% of the work shift (daily exposure).</p> <p>Work Environment: Manual material handling takes place in restricted work environments (ceiling heights of 0.850m - 1.5m).</p> <p>Heat Exposure: Daily exposure to high environmental heat loads for more than 34% of the work shift.</p> <p>Production / Non-production Related: Work tasks are imposed by a process (directly linked to production).</p>
Heavy	<p>Manual Material Handling: Consists of 34-66% of the work shift (daily exposure).</p>

	<p>Work Environment: Manual material handling takes place in unrestricted work environments.</p> <p>Heat Exposure: Daily exposure to high environmental heat loads for more than 34% of the work shift.</p> <p>Production / No-production Related: Work tasks are imposed by a process (directly or indirectly linked to production).</p>
Moderate	<p>Manual Material Handling: Load handling consists of less than 34% of the work shift on a daily basis or more than 34% of the work shift on an occasional basis.</p> <p>Work Environment: Unrestricted work environments or supervisory work in restricted environments.</p> <p>Heat Exposure: Occasional exposure or daily exposure in case of supervisory work.</p> <p>Production / Non-production Related: Work tasks indirectly linked to production.</p>
Light	<p>Manual Material Handling: Load handling consists of less than 34% of the work shift – occasional load handling.</p> <p>Work Environment: Unrestricted work environments and/or occasional exposure to restricted work areas.</p> <p>Heat Exposure: Occasional exposure.</p> <p>Production / Non-production Related: Work tasks indirectly linked to production.</p>
Sedentary	<p>Manual Material Handling: Load handling limited to loads of up to 10kg, occasional exposure only.</p>

	<p>Work Environment: Unrestricted. Work tasks take place in a seated/standing work position for at least 50% of the work shift.</p> <p>Heat Exposure: Not exposed to heat.</p>
Roaming	<p>Manual Material Handling: None. No external workloads required other than wearing PPE.</p> <p>Work Environment: Unrestricted.</p> <p>Heat Exposure: Low exposure to heat. Production / Non-production Related: Not linked to production.</p>

32. UNDERTAKING

The EAP herewith confirms

- a) The correctness of the information provided in the reports
- b) The inclusion of comments and inputs from stakeholders and I&APs
- c) The inclusion of inputs and recommendations from the specialist reports where relevant
- d) That the information provided by the EAP to interested and affected parties and any responses by the EAP to comments or inputs made by interested and affected parties are correctly reflected herein

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Signature of the Environmental Impact Practitioner

Name of Company: BASIA ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING

Date: 01 September 2021