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

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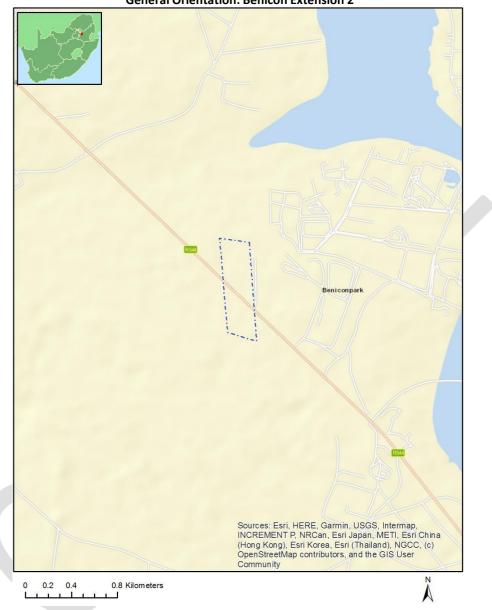
Application Category: Transformation of land | Indigenous vegetation

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Proposed Project Location

Orientation map 1: General location



General Orientation: Benicon Extension 2

Map of proposed site and relevant area(s)



Cadastral details of the proposed site

Property details:

| No | Farm Name | Farm/ Erf No | Portion | Latitude | Longitude | Property Type |
|----|------------|--------------|---------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1 | NAAUWPOORT | 335 | 0 | 25°57'2.3S | 29°17'4.68E | Farm |
| 2 | NAAUWPOORT | 335 | 513 | 25°58'2.02S | 29°16'2.28E | Farm Portion |
| 3 | NAAUWPOORT | 335 | 0 | 25°57'2.3S | 29°17'4.68E | Farm Portion |

Development footprint¹ vertices: No development footprint(s) specified.

Wind and Solar developments with an approved Environmental Authorisation or applications under consideration within 30 km of the proposed area

| No | EIA Reference No | Classification | Status of application | Distance from proposed area (km) |
|----|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 14/12/16/3/3/2/759 | Solar PV | Approved | 5.9 |

¹ "development footprint", means the area within the site on which the development will take place and incudes all ancillary developments for example roads, power lines, boundary walls, paving etc. which require vegetation clearance or which will be disturbed and for which the application has been submitted.



Environmental Management Frameworks relevant to the application

| Environm ental Managem ent Framewor k | LINK |
|--|--|
| Olifants EMF | https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/EMF/Zone 46, 67, 78 , 80, 92, 103, 122, 129.pdf |

Environmental screening results and assessment outcomes

The following sections contain a summary of any development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions that apply to the proposed development site as well as the most environmental sensitive features on the site based on the site sensitivity screening results for the application classification that was selected. The application classification selected for this report is: **Transformation of land | Indigenous vegetation**.

Relevant development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions

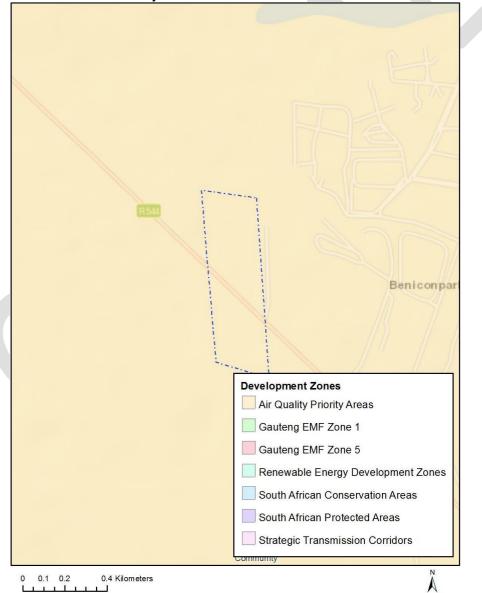
The following development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions and their implications that apply to this site are indicated below.

| Incenti | Implication |
|----------|-------------|
| ve, | |
| restrict | |
| ion or | |
| prohibi | |
| tion | |

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| Strategic Transmis sion Corridor- Internati onal corridor | https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/GN 113 16 February 2018.pdf |
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| Air Quality- Highveld Priority Area | https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/HIGH VELD_PRIORITY_AREA_AQMP.pdf |

Map indicating proposed development footprint within applicable development incentive, restriction, exclusion or prohibition zones



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Proposed Development Area Environmental Sensitivity

The following summary of the development site environmental sensitivities is identified. Only the highest environmental sensitivity is indicated. The footprint environmental sensitivities for the proposed development footprint as identified, are indicative only and must be verified on site by a suitably qualified person before the specialist assessments identified below can be confirmed.

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

Specialist assessments identified

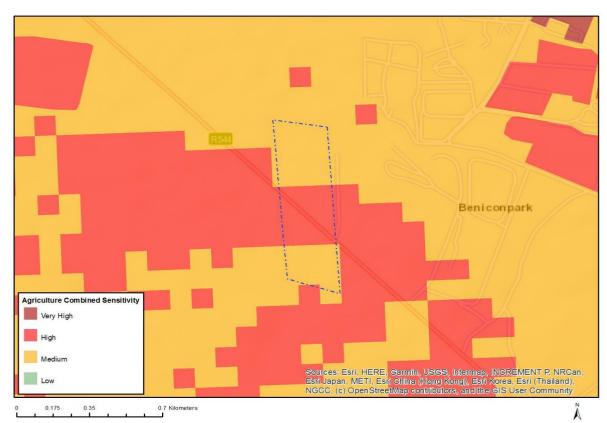
Based on the selected classification, and the environmental sensitivities of the proposed development footprint, the following list of specialist assessments have been identified for inclusion in the assessment report. It is the responsibility of the EAP to confirm this list and to motivate in the assessment report, the reason for not including any of the identified specialist study including the provision of photographic evidence of the site situation.

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|---|----------------------|---|
| N | Special | Assessment Protocol |
| 0 | ist | |
| | assess | |
| | ment | |
| 1 | Landsca | https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols |
| | pe/Visua I Impact | /Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf |
| | Assessm ent | |
| 2 | Archaeol | https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols |
| | ogical and | /Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf |
| | Cultural | |
| | Heritage | |
| | Impact Assessm | |
| | ent | |
| 3 | Palaeont | https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols |
| | ology Impact | /Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf |
| | Assessm | |
| | ent | |
| 4 | Terrestri | https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols |
| | al Biodiver | /Gazetted_Terrestrial_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf |
| | sity | |
| | Impact | |
| | Assessm | |
| | ent | |

| 5 | Aquatic Biodiver sity Impact Assessm ent | https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_Aquatic_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf |
|---|---|--|
| 6 | Avian Impact Assessm ent | https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_Avifauna_Assessment_Protocols.pdf |
| 7 | Socio- Economi c Assessm ent | https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf |
| 8 | Plant Species Assessm ent | https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_Plant_Species_Assessment_Protocols.pdf |
| 9 | Animal Species Assessm ent | https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted Animal Species Assessment Protocols.pdf |

Results of the environmental sensitivity of the proposed area.

The following section represents the results of the screening for environmental sensitivity of the proposed site for relevant environmental themes associated with the project classification. It is the duty of the EAP to ensure that the environmental themes provided by the screening tool are comprehensive and complete for the project. Refer to the disclaimer.



MAP OF RELATIVE AGRICULTURE THEME SENSITIVITY

| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | Х | | |

| Sensitivity | Feature(s) |
|-------------|--|
| High | Land capability;09. Moderate-High/10. Moderate-High |
| Medium | Land capability;06. Low-Moderate/07. Low-Moderate/08. Moderate |



MAP OF RELATIVE ANIMAL SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY

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| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | | | Х |

| Sensitivity | Feature(s) |
|-------------|-----------------|
| Low | Low sensitivity |



MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY

| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | | | Х |

| Sensitivity | Feature(s) | |
|-------------|-----------------|--|
| Low | Low sensitivity | |

MAP OF RELATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE THEME SENSITIVITY



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|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
| | | | Х |

| Sensitivity | Feature(s) |
|-------------|-----------------|
| Low | Low sensitivity |



MAP OF RELATIVE CIVIL AVIATION THEME SENSITIVITY

| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | Х | | |

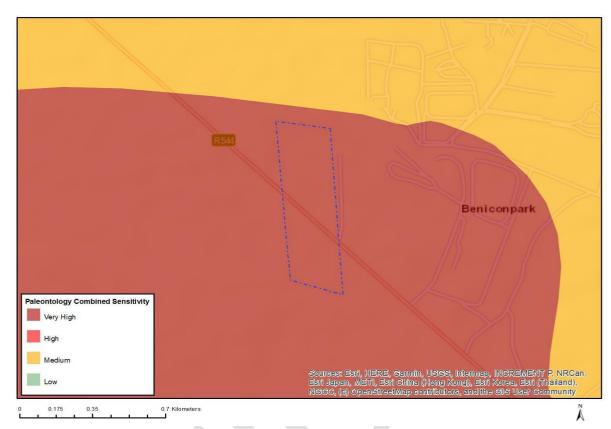
| Sensitivity | Feature(s) |
|-------------|---|
| High | Within 8 km of other civil aviation aerodrome |

MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE THEME SENSITIVITY



| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | | | Х |

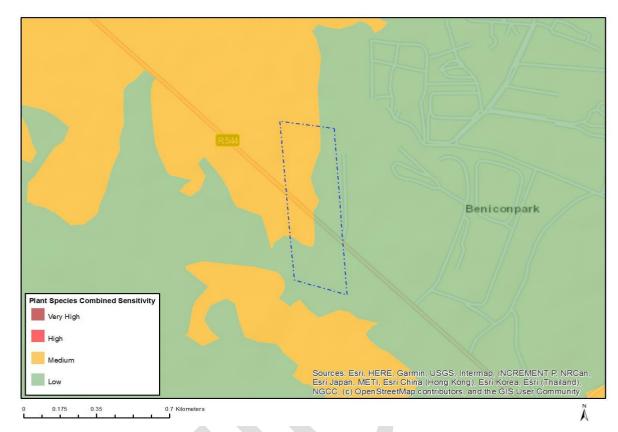
| Sensitivity | Feature(s) | |
|-------------|-----------------|--|
| Low | Low Sensitivity | |



MAP OF RELATIVE PALEONTOLOGY THEME SENSITIVITY

| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Х | | | |

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

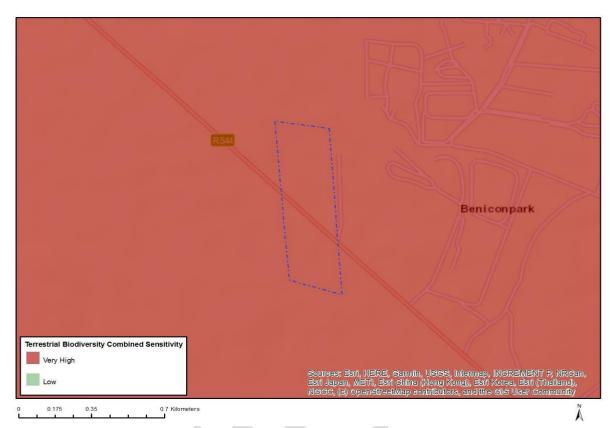


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| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | | Х | |

| Sensitivity | Feature(s) |
|-------------|---|
| Low | Low Sensitivity |
| Medium | Sensitive species 601 |
| Medium | Sensitive species 41 |
| Medium | Sensitive species 691 |
| Medium | Pachycarpus suaveolens |
| Medium | Brachycorythis conica subsp. transvaalensis |



MAP OF RELATIVE TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY

| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Х | | | |

Sensitivity Features:

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| Sensitivity | Feature(s) |
|-------------|----------------------|
| Very High | Vulnerable ecosystem |
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