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

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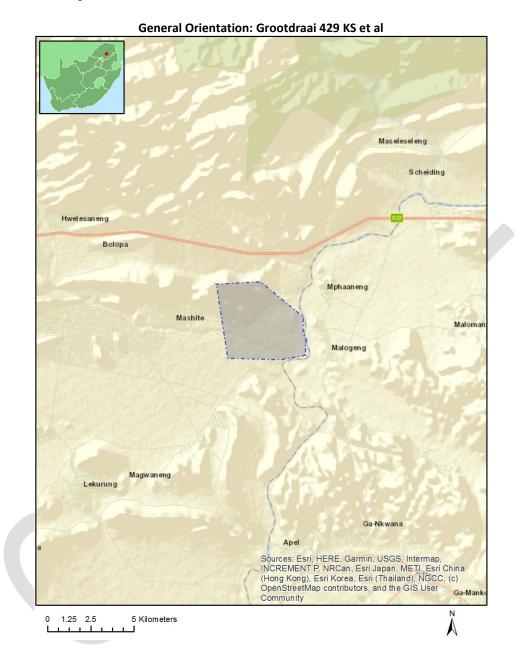
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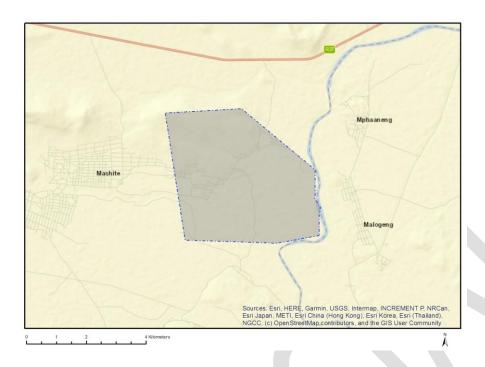
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# **Proposed Project Location**

# Orientation map 1: General location



# Map of proposed site and relevant area(s)



# Cadastral details of the proposed site

#### Property details:

No	Farm Name	Farm/ Erf No	Portion	Latitude	Longitude	Property Type
1	TABAKPLAATS	432	0	24°18'32.56S	29°43'34.6E	Farm
2	GROOTDRAAI	429	0	24°18'41.61S	29°44'48.97E	Farm
3	TABAKPLAATS	432	3	24°18'48.72S	29°43'22.9E	Farm Portion
4	GROOTDRAAI	429	0	24°18'41.61S	29°44'48.97E	Farm Portion
5	TABAKPLAATS	432	0	24°18'32.56S	29°43'34.6E	Farm Portion
6	TABAKPLAATS	432	4	24°18'44.79S	29°43'34.46E	Farm Portion

## Development footprint<sup>1</sup> vertices:

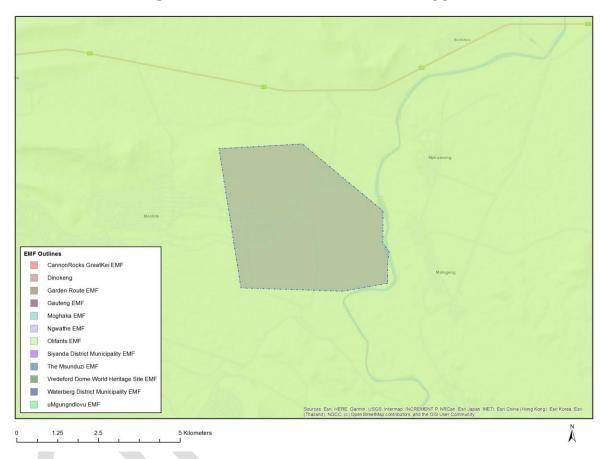
Footprint Latitude		Longitude
1	24°17'28.41S	29°42'37.14E
1	24°17'24.1S	29°43'59.5E
1	24°18'24.59S	29°45'19.67E
1	24°18'53.31S	29°45'19.47E
1	24°19'1.51S	29°45'25.61E
1	24°19'9.93S	29°45'24.03E
1	24°19'29.93S	29°45'24.46E
1	24°19'37.12S	29°44'40.03E
1	24°19'34S	29°42'58.68E
1	24°17'28.41S	29°42'37.14E

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

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

No nearby wind or solar developments found.

#### Environmental Management Frameworks relevant to the application



Environmental Management Framework	LINK
Olifants EMF	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/EMF/Zone 4 6, 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 footprint as well as the most environmental sensitive features on the footprint based on the footprint sensitivity screening results for the application classification that was selected. The application classification selected for this report is:

Mining | Prospecting rights.

#### Relevant development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions

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

Incentive, restriction	Implication
or prohibition	
Strategic Transmission Corridor-International corridor	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Combined_EGI.pdf
South African Conservation Areas	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/SACAD OR 2023 Q1 Metadata.pdf

#### Proposed Development Area Environmental Sensitivity

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

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

#### Specialist assessments identified

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

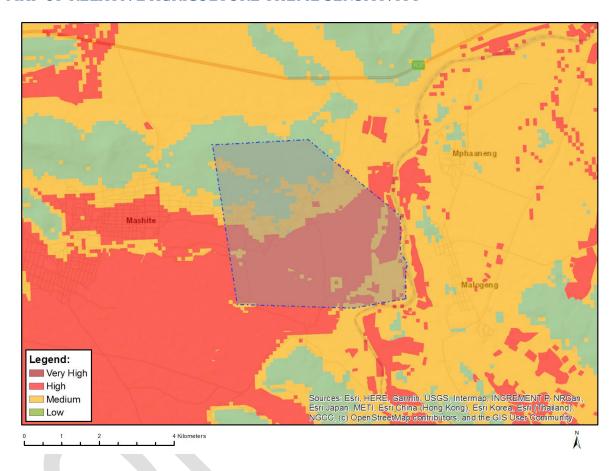
No	Specialist	Assessment Protocol
	assessment	
1	Agricultural Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Agriculture_Assessment_Pro tocols.pdf
Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment		https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_P rotocols.pdf
3	Palaeontology Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment P

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4	Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_Terrestrial_Biodiversity_Assessment Protocols.pdf
5	Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_Aquatic_Biodiversity_Assessment_Pr otocols.pdf
6	Noise Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_Noise_Impacts_Assessment_Protocol. pdf
7	Radioactivity Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment P rotocols.pdf
8	Plant Species Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted Plant Species Assessment Protocols. pdf
9	Animal Species Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted Animal Species Assessment Protoco ls.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 footprint 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.

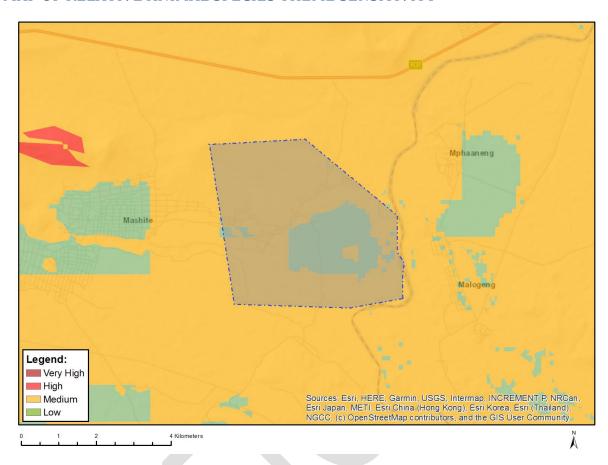
#### MAP OF RELATIVE AGRICULTURE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Land capability;09. Moderate-High/10. Moderate-High
High	Subsistence Farming;Land capability;09. Moderate-High/10. Moderate-High
High	Subsistence Farming;Land capability;06. Low-Moderate/07. Low-Moderate/08. Moderate
High	Subsistence Farming_Old fields;Land capability;06. Low-Moderate/07. Low-Moderate/08. Moderate
High	Subsistence Farming;Land capability;01. Very low/02. Very low/03. Low-Very low/04. Low-Very low/05. Low
Low	Land capability;01. Very low/02. Very low/03. Low-Very low/04. Low-Very low/05. Low
Medium	Land capability;06. Low-Moderate/07. Low-Moderate/08. Moderate

#### MAP OF RELATIVE ANIMAL SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY

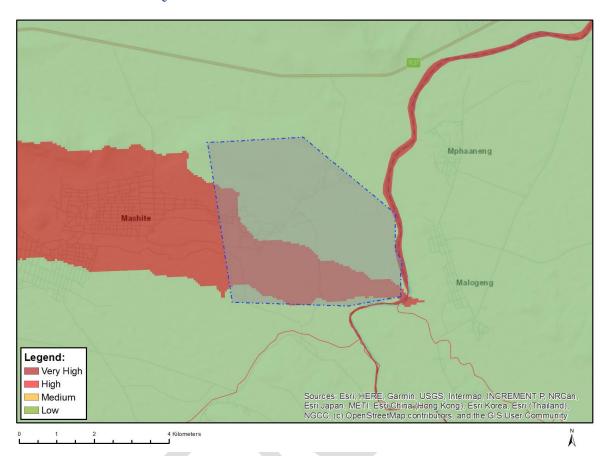


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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		Х	

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Subject to confirmation	
Medium	Aves-Podica senegalensis	
Medium	Aves-Hydroprogne caspia	
Medium	Aves-Sagittarius serpentarius	
Medium	Aves-Aquila rapax	
Medium	Mammalia-Crocidura maquassiensis	
Medium	Mammalia-Dasymys robertsii	
Medium	Reptilia-Kinixys lobatsiana	

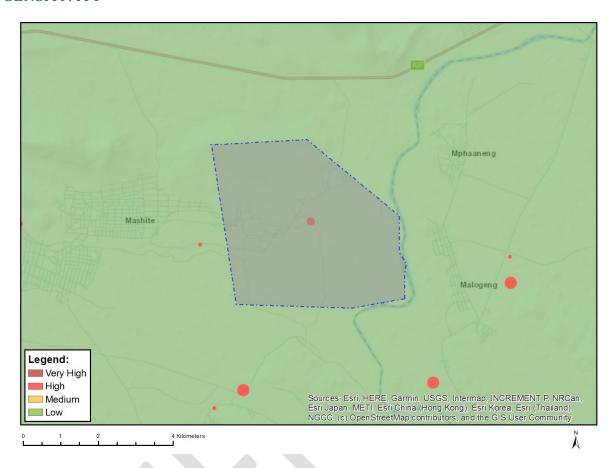
# MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low sensitivity
Very High	FEPA Subcatchment
Very High	Rivers_D
Very High	Wetlands_(River)
Very High	Wetlands_Central Bushveld Bioregion (Valley-bottom)

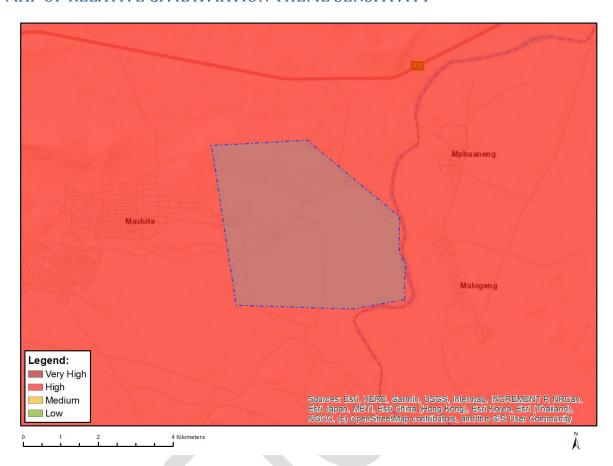
# MAP OF RELATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Within 100m of a Grade IIIb Heritage site
Low	Low sensitivity

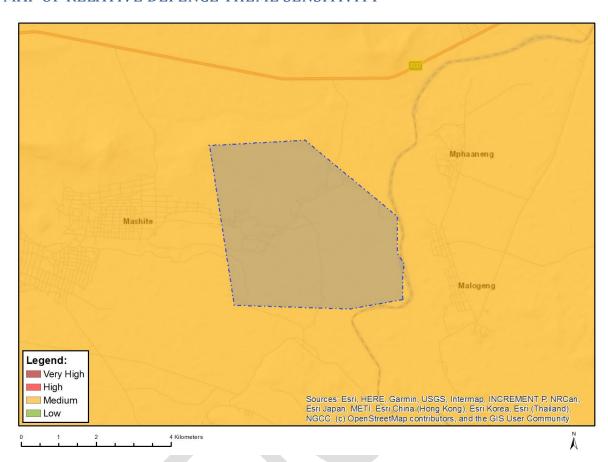
#### MAP OF RELATIVE CIVIL AVIATION THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Within 8 km of other civil aviation aerodrome
High	Dangerous and restricted airspace as demarcated
Medium	Between 8 and 15 km of other civil aviation aerodrome

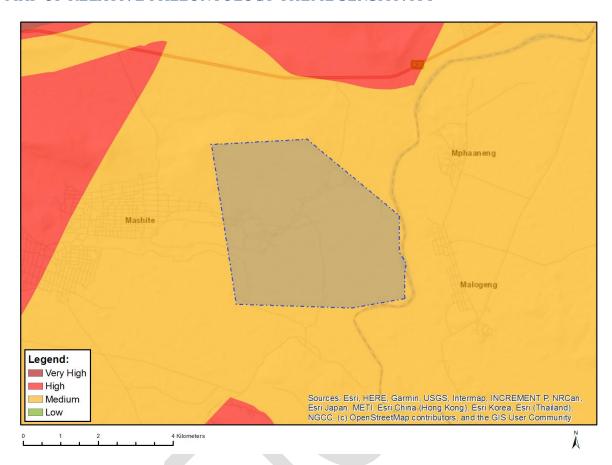
#### MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Medium	Military and Defence Site

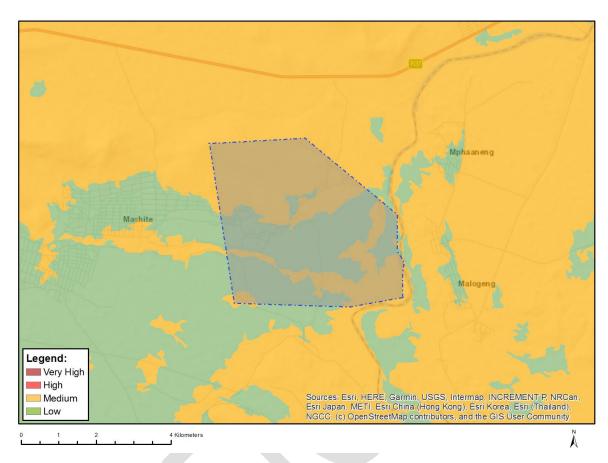
#### MAP OF RELATIVE PALEONTOLOGY THEME SENSITIVITY



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		X	

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

#### MAP OF RELATIVE PLANT SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY

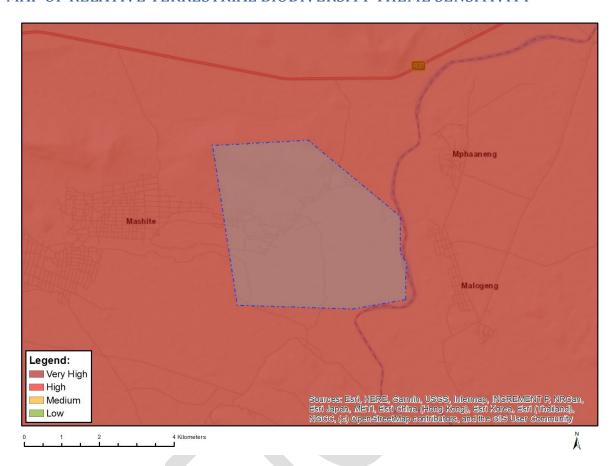


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Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low Sensitivity	
Medium	Sensitive species 1252	
Medium	Polygala sekhukhuniensis	

#### MAP OF RELATIVE TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Very High	CBA 1	
Very High	CBA 2	
Very High	ESA 1	
Very High	ESA 2	
Very High	FEPA Subcatchment	
Very High	EN_Sekhukhune Plains Bushveld	