#### SCREENING REPORT FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION OR FOR A PART TWO AMENDMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AS REQUIRED BY THE 2014 EIA REGULATIONS – PROPOSED SITE ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY

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## **Proposed Project Location**

#### Orientation map 1: General location



General Orientation: Proposed Development of Portion 260 of the Farm Rietfontein 189 IQ

## 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	RIETFONTEIN	189	0	26°2'15.74S	27°52'31.17E	Farm
2	RIETFONTEIN	189	184	26°2'42.29S	27°53'25.76E	Farm Portion
3	RIETFONTEIN	189	254	26°2'49.64S	27°53'5.24E	Farm Portion
4	RIETFONTEIN	189	632	26°2'54.97S	27°53'9.38E	Farm Portion
5	RIETFONTEIN	189	189	26°3'0.32S	27°53'20.65E	Farm Portion
6	RIETFONTEIN	189	260	26°2'53.21S	27°53'18.35E	Farm Portion

Development footprint<sup>1</sup> vertices: No development footprint(s) specified.

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

No	EIA Reference No	Classification	Status of application	Distance from proposed area (km)
1	12/12/20/2530	Solar PV	Approved	21.9
2	12/12/20/2551	Solar PV	Approved	24
3	12/12/20/2537	Solar PV	Approved	22.6
4	12/12/20/2539	Solar PV	Approved	15.8

<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.



#### Environmental Management Frameworks relevant to the application

Environm ental Managem ent Framewor k	LINK
Gauteng	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/EMF/Zone 1, Zone 2,
EMF	Zone 3, Zone 4, Zone 5.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 | Transformation of land - Indigenous vegetation.

Relevant development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions

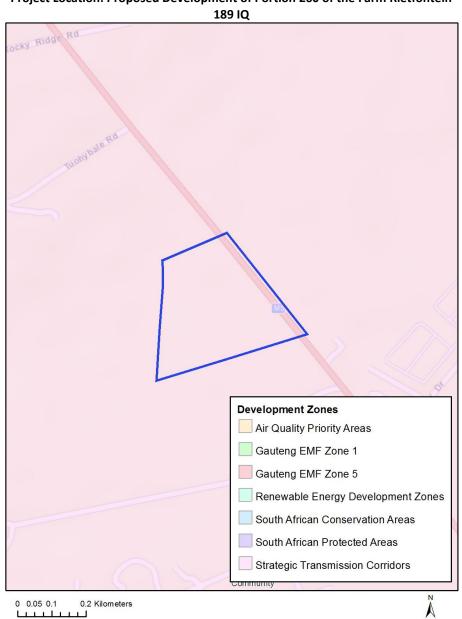
The following development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions and their implications that apply to this site are indicated below.

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Strategic	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/GNR
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Corridor-	
Central	
corridor	

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



#### Project Location: Proposed Development of Portion 260 of the Farm Rietfontein

#### 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			Х	
Heritage Theme				
Civil Aviation Theme		Х		
Plant Species Theme			Х	
Defence Theme				Х
Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme	Х			

#### Specialist assessments identified

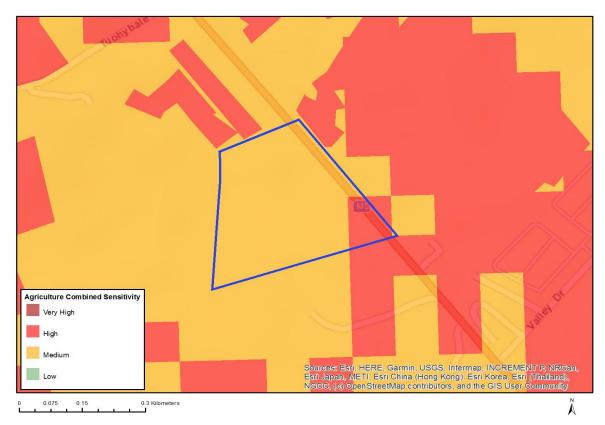
Based on the selected classification, and the environmental sensitivities of the proposed development footprint, the following list of specialist assessments have been identified for inclusion in the assessment report. It is the responsibility of the EAP to confirm this list and to motivate in the assessment 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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1	Landsca	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols
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	Impact Assessm	
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2	Archaeo	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols
2	logical	
	and	/DraftGazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
	Cultural	
	Heritage	
	Impact	
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	ent	
3	Palaeon	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols
	tology	/DraftGazetted General Requirement Assessment Protocols.pdf
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4	Terrestri	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols
	al Biodiver	/DraftGazetted_Terrestrial_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
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5	Aquatic Biodiver sity Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /DraftGazetted_Aquatic_Biodiversity_Assessment.pdf
6	Avian Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /DraftGazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
7	Socio- Economi c Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /DraftGazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
8	Plant Species Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /DraftGazetted General Requirement Assessment Protocols.pdf
9	Animal Species Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /DraftGazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf

## Results of the environmental sensitivity of the proposed area.

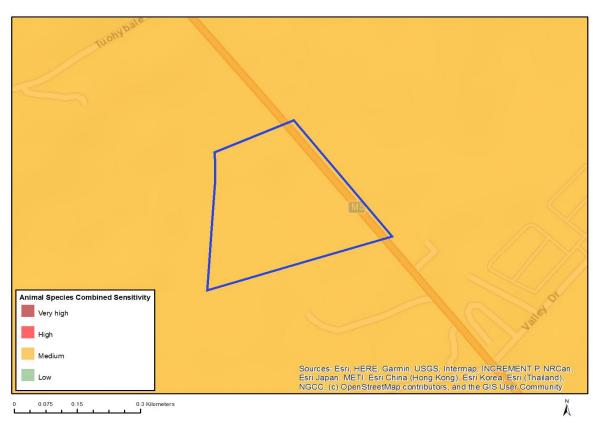
The following section represents the results of the screening for environmental sensitivity of the proposed site for relevant environmental themes associated with the project classification. It is the duty of the EAP to ensure that the environmental themes provided by the screening tool are comprehensive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



#### MAP OF RELATIVE AGRICULTURE THEME SENSITIVITY

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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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

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Medium	Insecta-Aloeides dentatis dentatis
Medium	Sensitive species 13

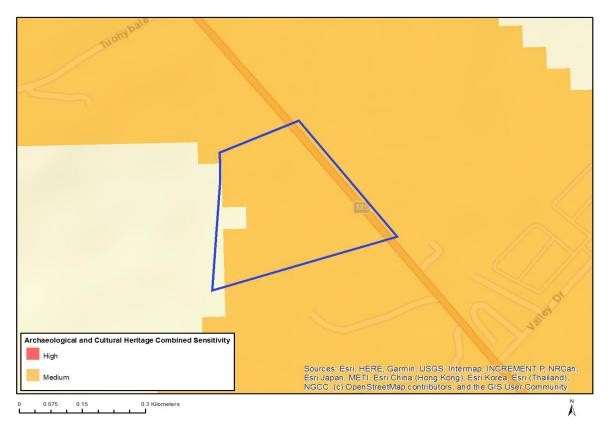


#### MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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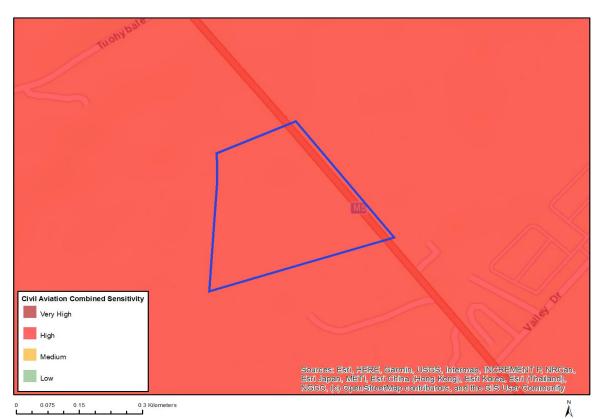
Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low sensitivity
Very High	Aquatic CBAs

# MAP OF RELATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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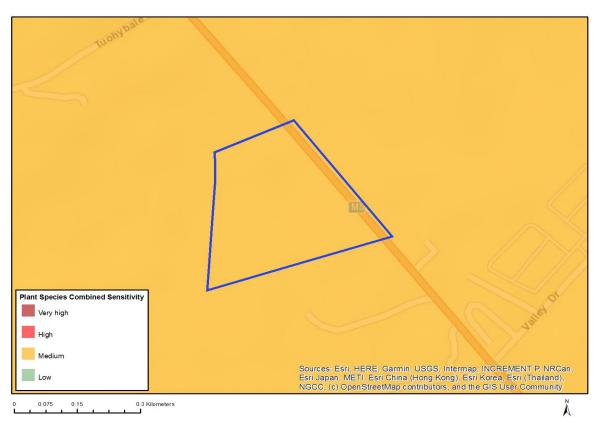
Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Medium	Mountain or ridge



#### MAP OF RELATIVE CIVIL AVIATION THEME SENSITIVITY

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Between 8 and 15 km from a major civil aviation aerodrome
High	Within 8 km of other civil aviation aerodrome



#### MAP OF RELATIVE PLANT SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Medium	Melolobium subspicatum

# MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low sensitivity



#### MAP OF RELATIVE TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Very High	Endangered ecosystem