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Ref: Rhodes 2 Revised Layout Comment

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RE: COMMENT ON REVISED LAYOUT FOR THE RHODES 2 SOLAR PARK PROJECT, HOTAZEL, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

With reference to your correspondence dated 21 April 2016 RE the increased layout for the Rhodes 2 Solar Park project, Hotazel, Northern Cape Province.

It is our understanding that the footprint of the layout will increase from 210ha to 250ha, a 16% increase in the footprint. The additional 40ha is located along a section of the northern side of the existing proposed footprint.

It is our professional opinion that the visual impact from the additional footprint will be *negligible*. The reasons for this statement are:

- in the opinion of the authors of the report, the Zone of Visual Influence (ZVI) will not increase substantially enough to result in a significantly larger area of impact or to include additional Residential Visually Sensitive Receptors (VSRs);
- a quick desktop analysis (*not adjusting the ZVI, only the relevance*) indicated that the *relevance* of the impact on the currently affected Residential VSRs will not be increase (refer to images 1 & 2 on the page below);
- that will be affected, albeit in a minimal way, will include T4 (travellers along the secondary road), B1 (open space / grazing / farming activities) and B3 (hunting activities);
- during the initial study, there were no concerns raised from Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with regards the visual impact and it was therefore concluded that they were not opposed to the development.

Should there be any queries, a full desktop analysis can be quoted for and conducted.

Yours Sincerely

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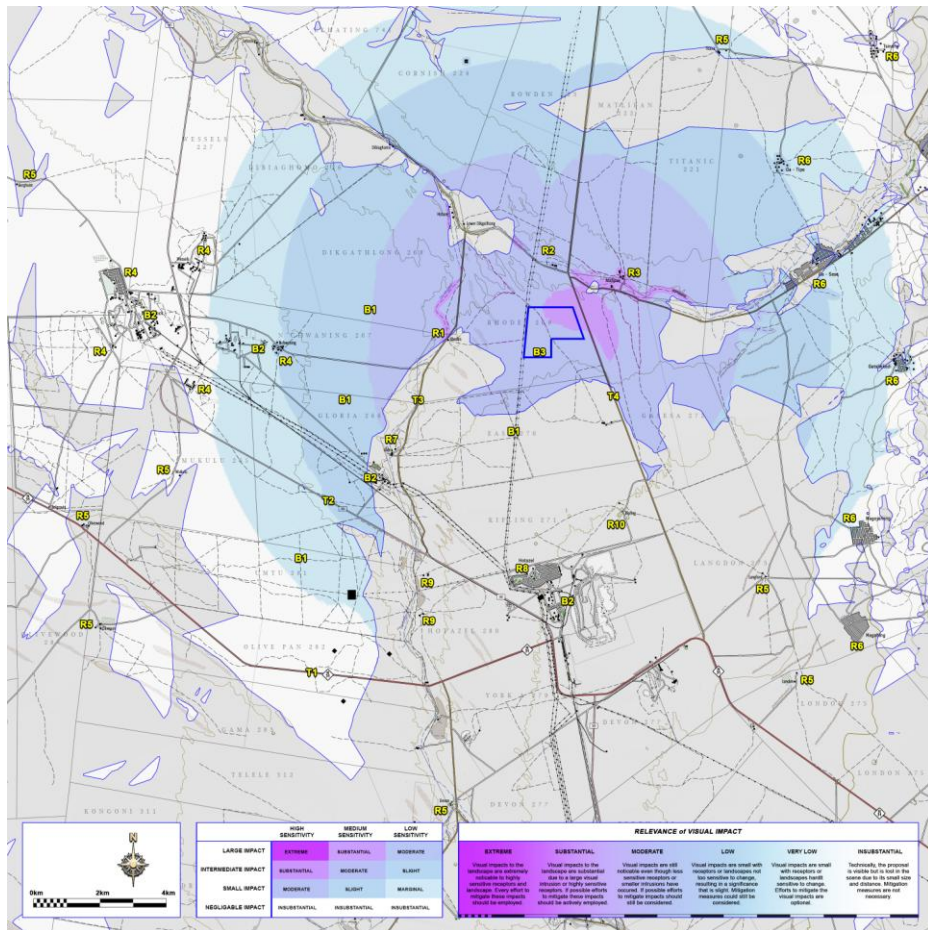


Image 1: Relevance of impact – original layout

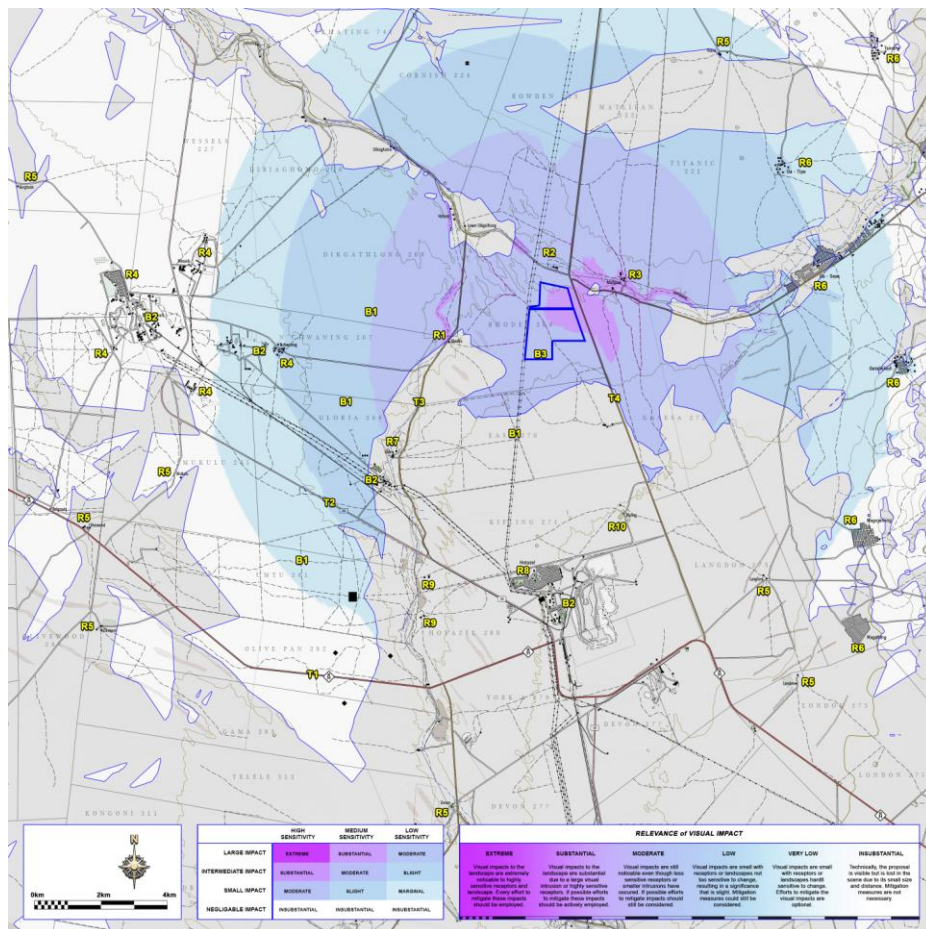


Image 2: Relevance of impact – expanded layout

* note: ZVI had not been adjusted to take the expansion into consideration