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

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Project title: Proposed Rooidraai Solar Photovoltaic Solar Energy Facility and Grid Connection

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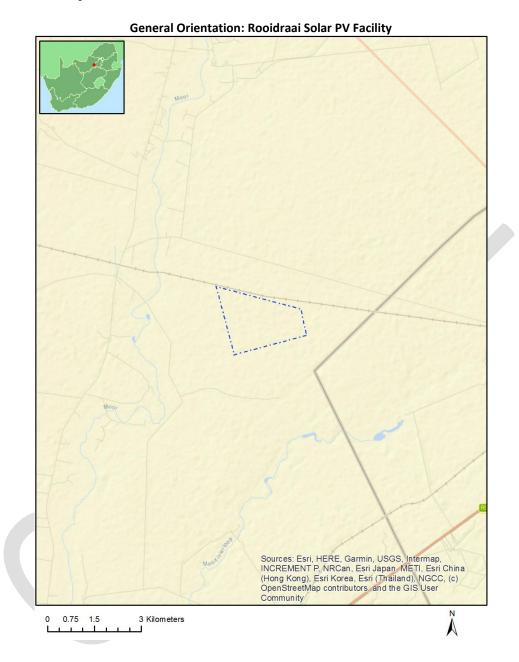
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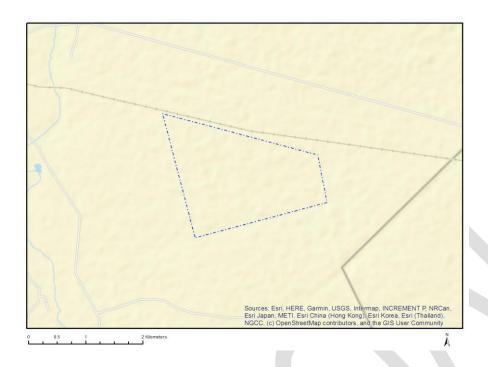
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Proposed Project Location

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		85	0	26°21'45.15S	27°7'28.48E	Farm
2		88	0	26°20'52.54S	27°10'36.64E	Farm
3		95	0	26°22'5.56S	27°11'29.24E	Farm
4		85	10	26°21'55.74S	27°9'26.45E	Farm Portion
5		88	1	26°21'22.82S	27°10'32.87E	Farm Portion
6		95	0	26°22'5.56S	27°11'29.24E	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 nearby wind or solar developments found.

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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

No intersections with EMF areas found.

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: **Utilities Infrastructure | Electricity | Distribution and Transmission | Substation**.

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.

Incentive, restriction or prohibition	Implication
Strategic Transmission Corridor-Central corridor	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Combined EGI.pdf
Strategic Gas Pipeline Corridors-Phase 3: Richards Bay to Gauteng	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Combined GAS.pdf

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		X		
Animal Species Theme		Х		
Aquatic Biodiversity Theme	Х			
Archaeological and Cultural				Χ
Heritage Theme				
Civil Aviation Theme				Х
Defence Theme				Х
Paleontology Theme	Х			
Plant Species Theme			Х	
Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme	Х			

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

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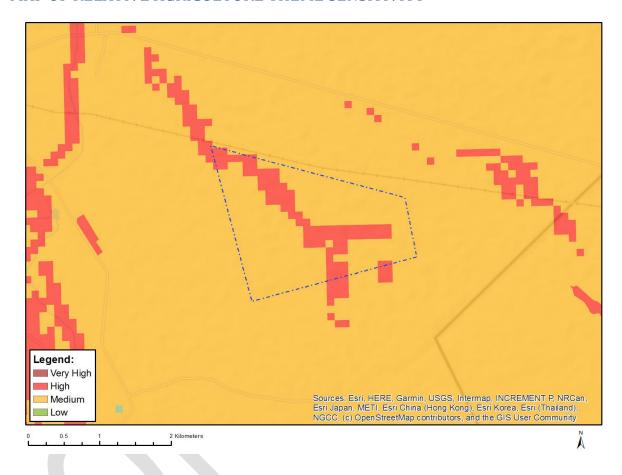
assessment report, the reason for not including any of the identified specialist study including the provision of photographic evidence of the site situation.

No	Specialist	ecialist Assessment Protocol		
	assessment			
1	Agricultural Impact	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse		
	Assessment	ssmentProtocols/Gazetted General Agriculture Assessment Pro		
		tocols.pdf		
2	Archaeological and	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse		
	Cultural Heritage Impact	ssmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment P		
	Assessment	<u>rotocols.pdf</u>		
3	Palaeontology Impact	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse		
	Assessment	ssmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment P		
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4	Terrestrial Biodiversity	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse		
	Impact Assessment	ssmentProtocols/Gazetted Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment		
		<u>Protocols.pdf</u>		
5	Aquatic Biodiversity	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse		
	Impact Assessment	ssmentProtocols/Gazetted Aquatic Biodiversity Assessment Pr		
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6	Geotechnical Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse		
		ssmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment P		
		<u>rotocols.pdf</u>		
7	Plant Species Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse		
		ssmentProtocols/Gazetted Plant Species Assessment Protocols.		
		<u>pdf</u>		
8	Animal Species	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse		
	Assessment	ssmentProtocols/Gazetted Animal Species Assessment Protoco		
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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.

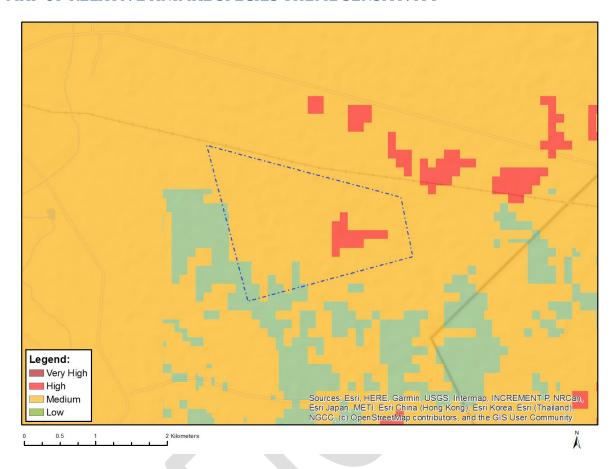
MAP OF RELATIVE AGRICULTURE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

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

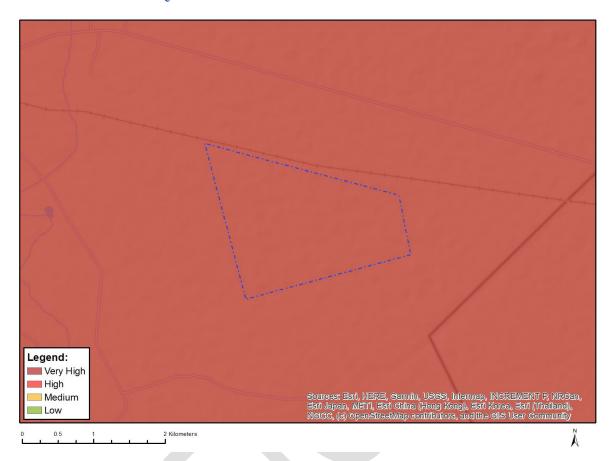


Where only a sensitive plant unique number or sensitive animal unique number is provided in the screening report and an assessment is required, the environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) or specialist is required to email SANBI at eiadatarequests@sanbi.org.za listing all sensitive species with their unique identifiers for which information is required. The name has been withheld as the species may be prone to illegal harvesting and must be protected. SANBI will release the actual species name after the details of the EAP or specialist have been documented.

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

Sensitivity	Feature(s)			
High	Aves-Circus ranivorus			
Low	Subject to confirmation			
Medium	Aves-Tyto capensis			
Medium	Mammalia-Crocidura maquassiensis			
Medium	Mammalia-Hydrictis maculicollis			

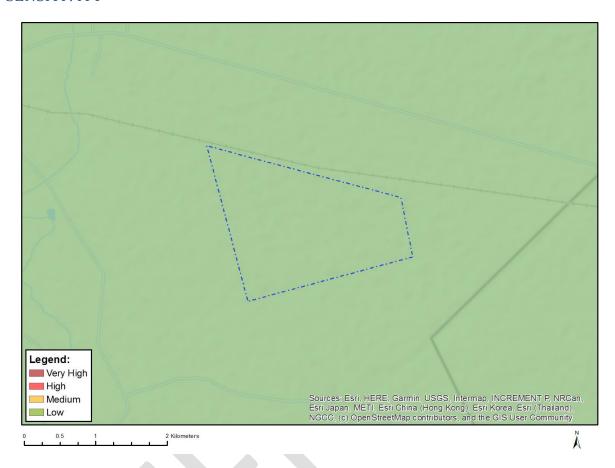
MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Very High	Aquatic CBAs
Very High	Strategic water source area

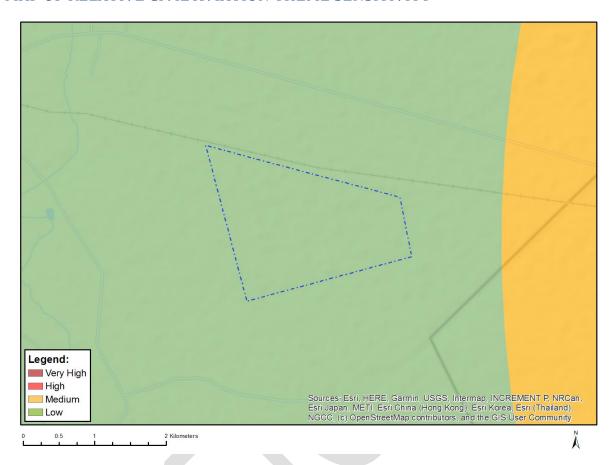
MAP OF RELATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Χ

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low sensitivity

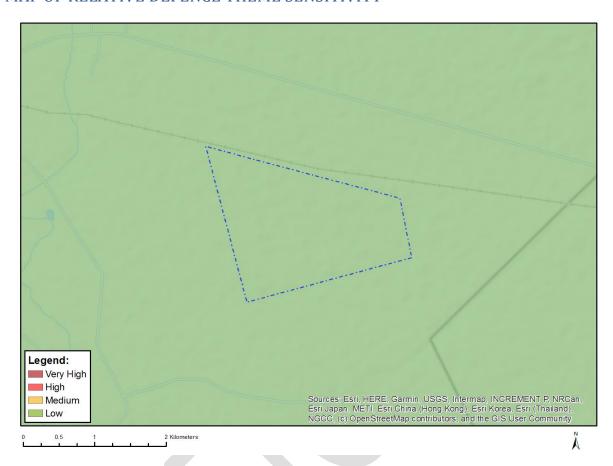
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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low sensitivity	

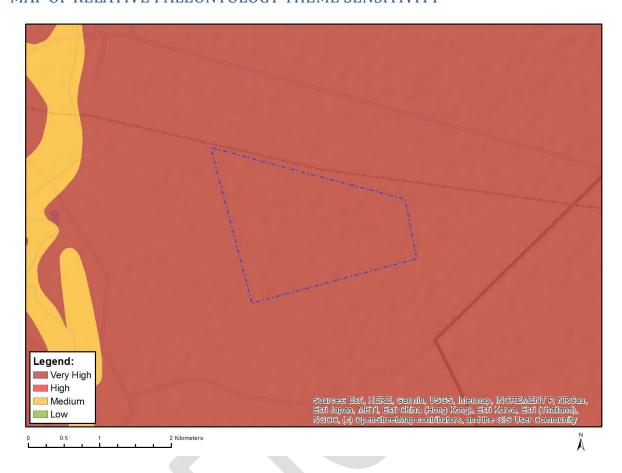
MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Χ

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity

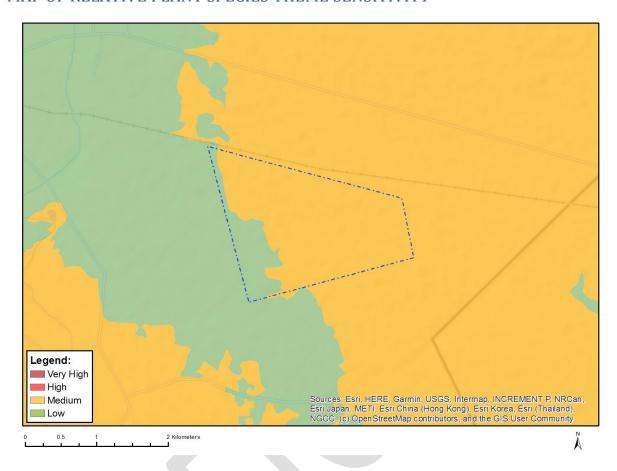
MAP OF RELATIVE PALEONTOLOGY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

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

MAP OF RELATIVE PLANT SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY

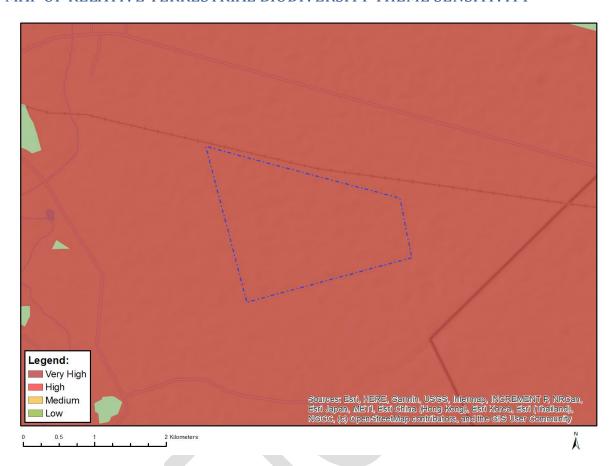


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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		Х	

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity
Medium	Sensitive species 1147

MAP OF RELATIVE TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Very High	Critical biodiveristy area 2	
Very High	Protected Areas Expansion Strategy	