# 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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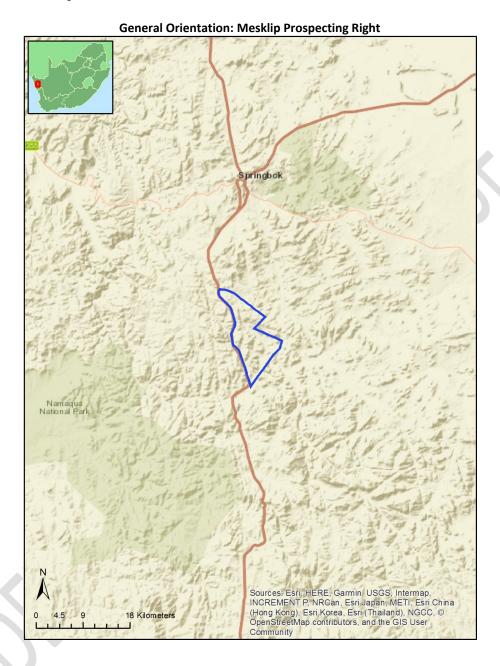
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# **Proposed Project Location**

### Orientation map 1: General location



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# Map of proposed site and relevant area(s)



## Cadastral details of the proposed site

#### Property details:

No	Farm Name	Farm/Erf Number	Portion	Latitude	Longitude
1	FARM 629	629	00000	-29.87476	17.96272
2	DRAAY	346	00000	-29.95262	18.00406
3	MESKLIP	259	00000	-29.90558	17.89054
4	MESKLIP	259	00024	-29.97476	17.89469
5	MESKLIP	259	00001	-29.92569	17.88744
6	DRAAY	346	00004	-29.97718	17.92014
7	MESKLIP	259	00012	-29.98663	17.8909
8	MESKLIP	259	00025	-29.95225	17.89847
9	MESKLIP	259	00027	-29.92703	17.88626
10	MESKLIP	259	00014	-29.91851	17.88238
11	MESKLIP	259	00028	-29.91332	17.87667
12	MESKLIP	259	00029	-29.87107	17.87004
13	MESKLIP	259	00019	-29.84798	17.86595
14	MESKLIP	259	00014	-29.92624	17.91485
15	MESKLIP	259	00000	-29.89289	17.88837
16	MESKLIP	259	00021	-29.83994	17.8674
17	MESKLIP	259	00022	-29.91108	17.96134
18	MESKLIP	259	00023	-29.91165	17.94671
19	FARM 629	629	00000	-29.87905	17.94385
20	MESKLIP	259	00000	-29.92347	17.93192
21	MESKLIP	259	00004	-29.85398	17.89915
22	MESKLIP	259	00006	-29.86758	17.89773
23	DRAAY	346	00005	-29.91762	17.99272
24	DRAAY	346	00009	-29.95196	17.95735

Development footprint<sup>1</sup> details: 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	14/12/16/3/3/1/558	Solar PV	Approved	0
2	14/12/16/3/3/1/557	Solar PV	Approved	4.5
3	14/12/16/3/3/1/511	Solar PV	Approved	22.5
4	12/12/20/2656	Solar PV	Approved	28.2

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:

Mining | Prospecting rights | Mining - Prospecting rights.

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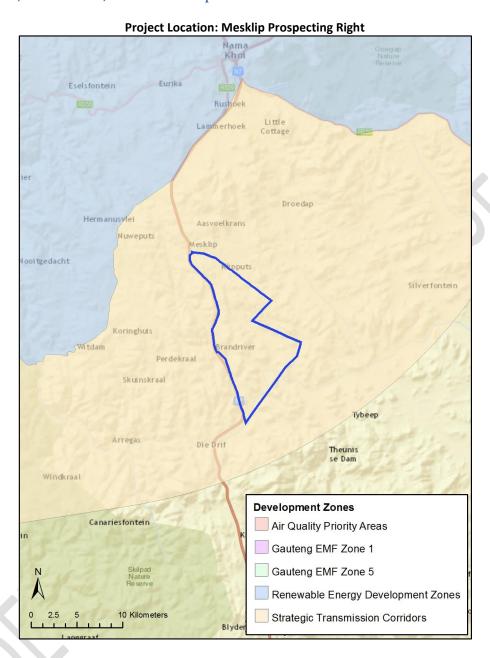
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "development footprint", means the area within the site on which the development will take place and incudes all ancillary developments for example roads, power lines, boundary walls, paving etc. which require vegetation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

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, restrictio n or	Implication
prohibitio	
n	
Strategic Transmissio n Corridor- Northern corridor	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/GNR_350_of_13_Apri I_2017.pdf

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



#### 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		Χ		
Aquatic Biodiversity Theme	Χ			
Archaeological and Cultural		Χ		
Heritage Theme				

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Civil Aviation Theme			Х
Paleontology Theme		Χ	
Defence Theme			Х
Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme	Х		

#### Specialist assessments identified

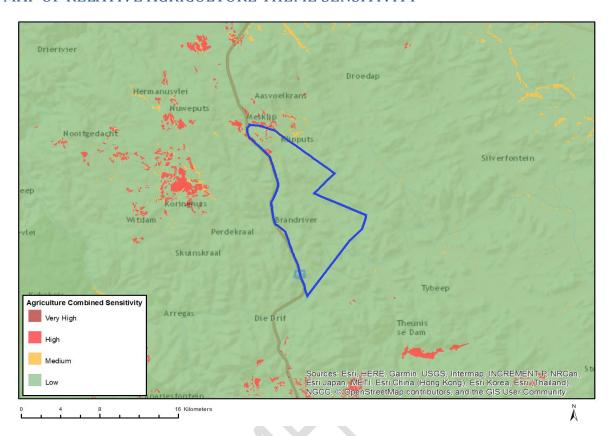
Based on the selected classification, and the environmental sensitivities of the proposed development footprint, the following list of specialist assessments have been identified for inclusion in the assessment report. It is the responsibility of the EAP to confirm this list and to motivate in the assessment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

N	Specialist	Assessment Protocol
О	assessme	
	nt	
1	Agricultural Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Assessment/General/DraftAgricult ureProtocol.pdf
2	Archaeologi cal and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Assessment/General/Appendix6.pdf
3	Palaeontolo gy Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Assessment/General/Appendix6.pdf
4	Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Assessment/General/Appendix6.pdf
5	Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Assessment/General/Appendix6.pdf
6	Noise Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Assessment/General/Appendix6.pdf
7	Radioactivit y Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Assessment/General/Appendix6.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.

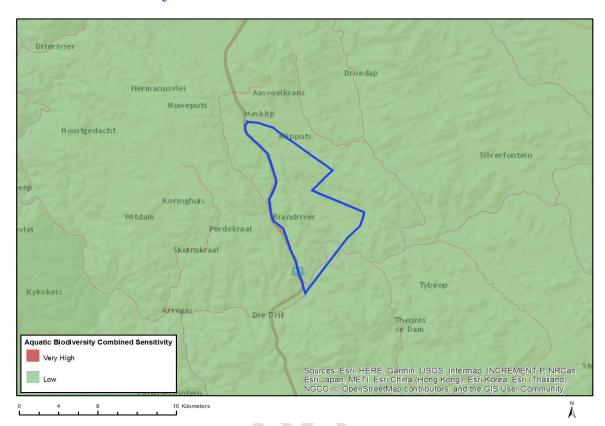
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Very High sensitivity	/ery High sensitivity High sensitivity		Low sensitivity
	Х		

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Annual Crop Cultivation / Planted Pastures Rotation;Land capability;01. Very low/02. Very low/03.
	Low-Very low/04. Low-Very low/05. Low
High	Annual Crop Cultivation / Planted Pastures Rotation; Land capability; 06. Low-Moderate/07. Low-
	Moderate/08. Moderate
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

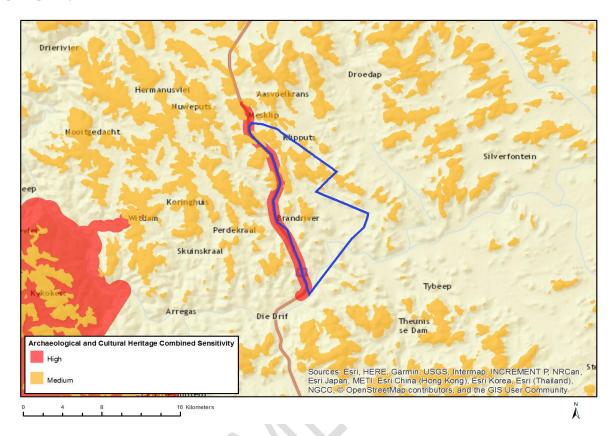
#### MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity Areas
Very High	CBA,River,Brand
Very High	CBA,River,Buffels

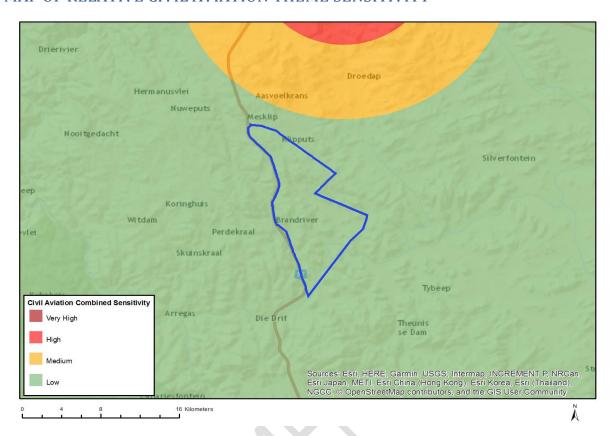
# MAP OF RELATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Important mountain pass
Medium	Mountain or ridge

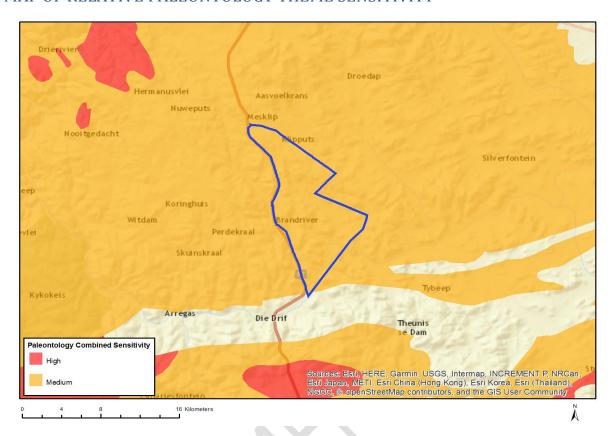
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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low sensitivity

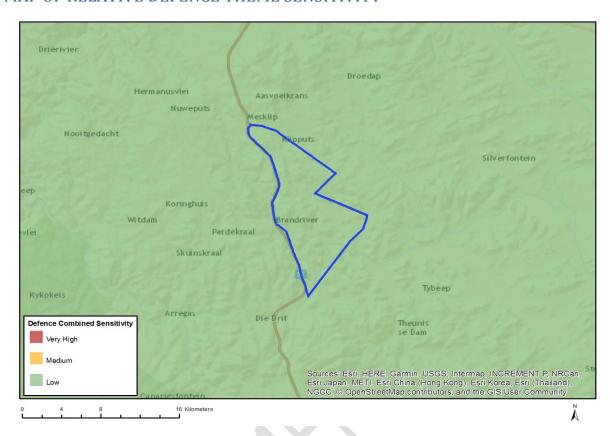
#### MAP OF RELATIVE PALEONTOLOGY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		X	

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Medium	Rock units with a medium paleontological sensitivity

#### 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
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	None
Very High	CBA,FEPA,Focus area for PAES
Very High	CBA, Protected area, FEPA, Focus area for PAES