PALAEONTOLOGICAL DESKTOP ASSESSMENT

Soyuz 3 Wind Energy Facility

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COMPILED FOR:

CES – ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES

Declaration of Independence

I, Elize Butler, declare that –

General declaration:

- I act as the independent palaeontological specialist in this application
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favorable to the applicant
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
- I have expertise in conducting palaeontological impact assessments, including knowledge of the Act, Regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will comply with the Act, Regulations, and all other applicable legislation;
- I will take into account, to the extent possible, the matters listed in section 38 of the NHRA when preparing the application and any report relating to the application;
- I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing - any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority; and - the objectivity of any report, plan, or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority;
- I will ensure that information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application is distributed or made available to interested and affected parties and the public and that participation by interested and affected parties is facilitated in such a manner that all interested and affected parties will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to participate and to provide comments on documents that are produced to support the application;
- I will provide the competent authority with access to all information at my disposal regarding the application, whether such information is favorable to the applicant or not
- All the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct;
- I will perform all other obligations as expected a palaeontological specialist in terms of the Act and the constitutions of my affiliated professional bodies; and
- I realize that a false declaration is an offense in terms of regulation 71 of the Regulations and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the NEMA.

Disclosure of Vested Interest

I do not have and will not have any vested interest (either business, financial, personal, or other) in the proposed activity proceeding other than remuneration for work performed in terms of the Regulations.

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The Palaeontological impact assessment report (as part of the Heritage Assessment) has been compiled considering the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (NEMA) and Environmental Impact Regulations 2014 (as amended) requirements for specialist reports, Appendix 6, as indicated in the table below.

Table 1: NEMA Table

Requirements of Appendix 6 – GN R326 EIA Regulations of 7 April 2017	The relevant section in the report	Comment where not applicable.
1.(1) (a) (i) Details of the specialist who prepared the report	Page ii and Section 2 of Report – Contact details and company and Appendix A	-
(ii) The expertise of that person to compile a specialist report including a curriculum vita	Section 2 – refer to Appendix A	-
(b) A declaration that the person is independent in a form as may be specified by the competent authority	Page ii of the report	-
(c) An indication of the scope of, and the purpose for which, the report was prepared	Section 4 – Objective	-
(cA) An indication of the quality and age of base data used for the specialist report	Section 5 – Geological and Palaeontological history	-
(cB) a description of existing impacts on the site, cumulative impacts of the proposed development and levels of acceptable change;	Section 1;10 and 11	-
(d) The duration, date and season of the site investigation and the relevance of the season to the outcome of the assessment	Section 9	
(e) a description of the methodology adopted in preparing the report or carrying out the specialised process inclusive of equipment and modelling used	Section 7 Approach and Methodology	-

Requirements of Appendix 6 – GN R326 EIA Regulations of 7 April 2017	The relevant section in the report	Comment where not applicable.
(f) details of an assessment of the specifically identified sensitivity of the site related to the proposed activity or activities and its associated structures and infrastructure, inclusive of a site plan identifying site alternatives;	Section 1 & 10	
(g) An identification of any areas to be avoided, including buffers	Desktop Assessment	
(h) A map superimposing the activity including the associated structures and infrastructure on the environmental sensitivities of the site including areas to be avoided, including buffers;	Section 5 – Geological and Palaeontological history	
(i) A description of any assumptions made and any uncertainties or gaps in knowledge;	Section 7.1 – Assumptions and Limitation	-
(j) A description of the findings and potential implications of such findings on the impact of the proposed activity, including identified alternatives, on the environment	Desktop Assessment	
(k) Any mitigation measures for inclusion in the EMPr	Desktop Assessment	
(l) Any conditions for inclusion in the environmental authorisation	Desktop Assessment	
(m) Any monitoring requirements for inclusion in the EMPr or environmental authorisation	Desktop Assessment	
(n)(i) A reasoned opinion as to whether the proposed activity, activities or portions thereof should be authorised and	Section 1 and 10	
(n)(iA) A reasoned opinion regarding the acceptability of the proposed activity or activities; and		
(n)(ii) If the opinion is that the proposed activity, activities, or portions thereof should be authorised, any avoidance, management and mitigation measures that should be	Section 1 and 10	-

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included in the EMPr, and where applicable, the closure plan		
(o) A description of any consultation process that was undertaken during the course of carrying out the study	N/A	Not applicable. A public consultation process will be handled as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process.
(p) A summary and copies of any comments that were received during any consultation process	N/A	To be determined during the PPP
(q) Any other information requested by the competent authority.	N/A	Not applicable.
(2) Where a government notice by the Minister provides for any protocol or minimum information requirement to be applied to a specialist report, the requirements as indicated in such notice will apply.	Section 3 compliance with SAHRA guidelines	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Banzai Environmental was appointed by CES – ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES to conduct the Palaeontological Desktop Assessment (PDA) to assess the Soyuz 3 Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and associated infrastructure approximately 35 km South of Britstown within the Emthanjeni Local Municipality and the Pixley ka Seme District Municipality in the Northern Cape Province. In accordance with the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and to comply with the National Heritage Resources Act (No 25 of 1999, section 38) (NHRA), this PDA is necessary to confirm if fossil material could potentially be present in the planned development area, to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed development on the Palaeontological Heritage and to mitigate possible damage to fossil resources.

The project is underlain by small areas of Late Caenozoic alluvium and calcrete, Karoo Jurassic dolerite, the Abrahamskraal Formation (Beaufort Group) and Ecca Group of the Karoo Supergroup. This part of the basin is extensively intruded by dolerite dykes and sills and the surrounding Beaufort and Ecca Group sediments have been baked, thus compromising the fossil heritage of the area through thermal metamorphism. According to the PalaeoMap on the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) database, the Palaeontological Sensitivity of the Late Caenozoic superficial deposits is Moderate, that of the Jurassic dolerite is Zero while that of the Adelaide Subgroup is very High and the Ecca Group has a High (Almond *et al*, 2013; SAHRIS website).

As this study was only a desktop Assessment of the baseline environment it is recommended that a site investigation of the proposed development is completed during the EIA phase of the project. This study will assess the value and importance of fossils in the development area as well as the effect of the proposed development on the palaeontological heritage. The purpose of the Report is to elaborate on the issues and potential impacts identified during the EIA Assessment. A field-based assessment would be conducted with research in the site-specific study area, as well as a comprehensive assessment of the impacts identified during this desktop study.

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1 INTRODUCTION

The applicant, Soyuz 3 (Pty) Ltd is proposing the development of a commercial Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and associated infrastructure on a site located approximately 35 km South of Britstown within the Emthanjeni Local Municipality and the Pixley ka Seme District Municipality in the Northern Cape Province (Figure 1-4).

Five additional WEF's are concurrently being considered on the surrounding properties and are assessed by way of separate impact assessment processes contained in the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (GN No. R982, as amended) for listed activities contained in Listing Notices 1, 2 and 3 (GN R983, R984 and R985, as amended). These projects are known as Soyuz 1 WEF, Soyuz 2 WEF, Soyuz 3 WEF, Soyuz 3 WEF and Soyuz 6 WEF.

A preferred project site with an extent of approximately 125 000 ha has been identified as a technically suitable area for the development of the six WEF projects. It is proposed that each WEF will comprise of up to 75 turbines with a contracted capacity of up to 480 MW. It is anticipated that each WEF will have an actual (permanent) footprint of up to 150 ha.

1.1 SOYUZ 3 WEF project

The Soyuz 3 WEF project site covers approximately 14 200 ha and comprises the following farm portions:

- Portion 4 of the Farm No. 143
- Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of the Farm No. 143
- Portion 9 of the Farm Combuisfontein No. 142.
- Portion 8 of the Farm Combuisfontein No. 142
- Portion 4 of the Farm Combuisfontein No. 142
- Portion 3 (a portion of Portion 1) of the Farm Combuisfontein No. 142
- Portion 6 (a portion of Portion 1 – Gemsbokdam) of the Farm Combuisfontein No. 142
- Portion 2 of the Farm Combuisfontein No. 142
- Portion 2 of the Farm No. 2
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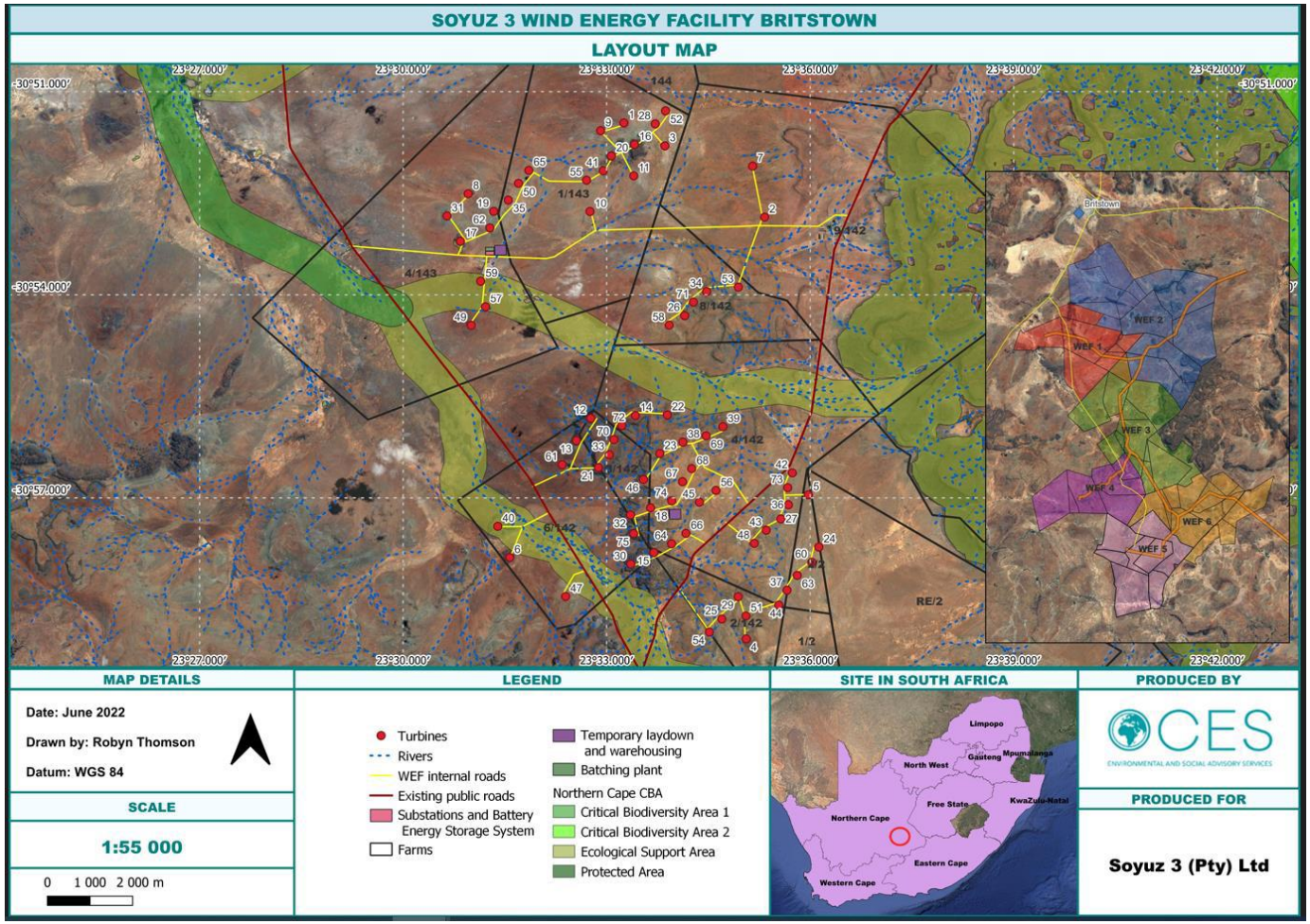

***Figure 1**: Layout map of the Soyuz 3 Wind Energy Facility near Britstown in the Northern Province.*

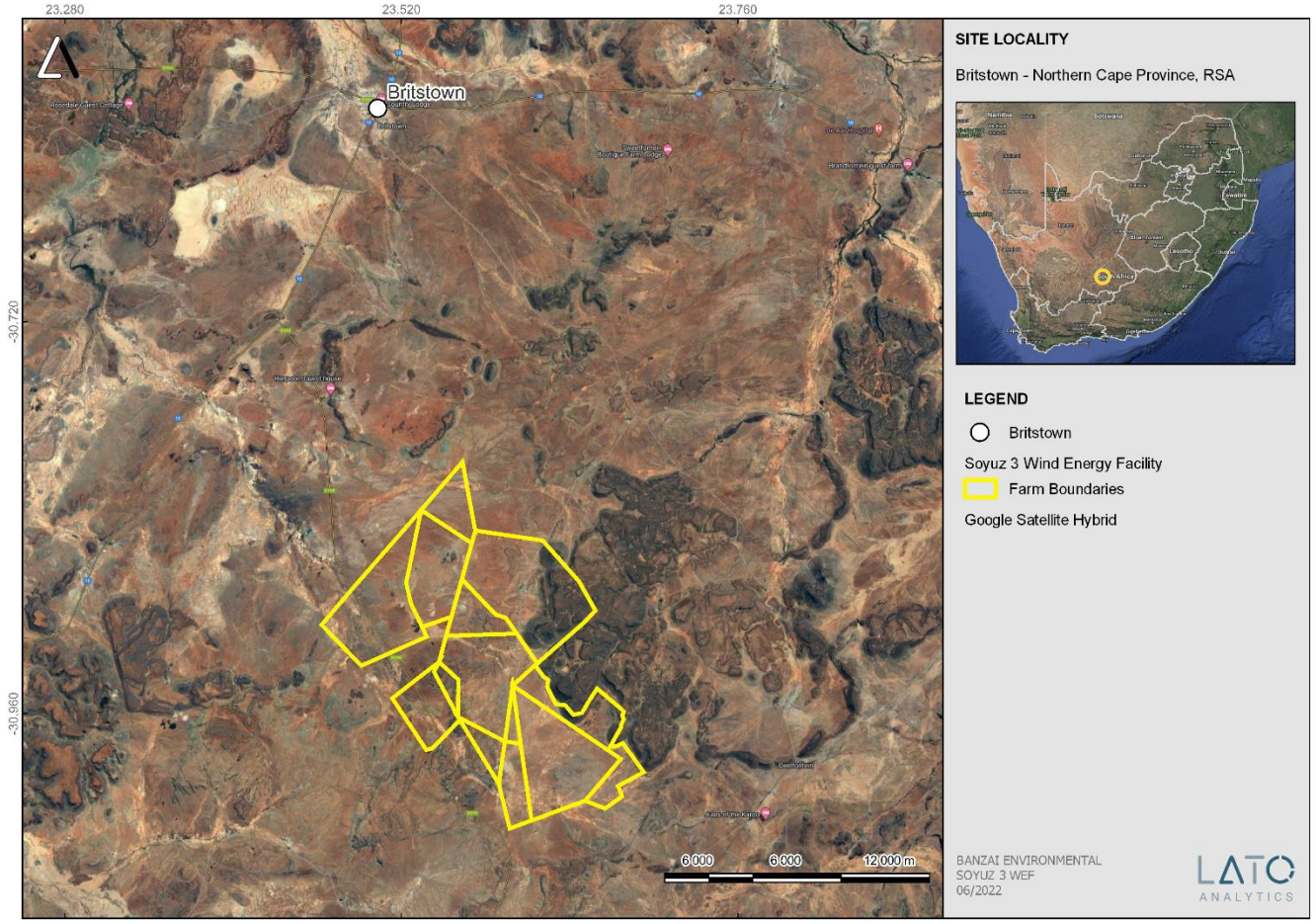

Figure 2: *Regional locality of the proposed Soyuz 3 WEF in the Northern Cape*

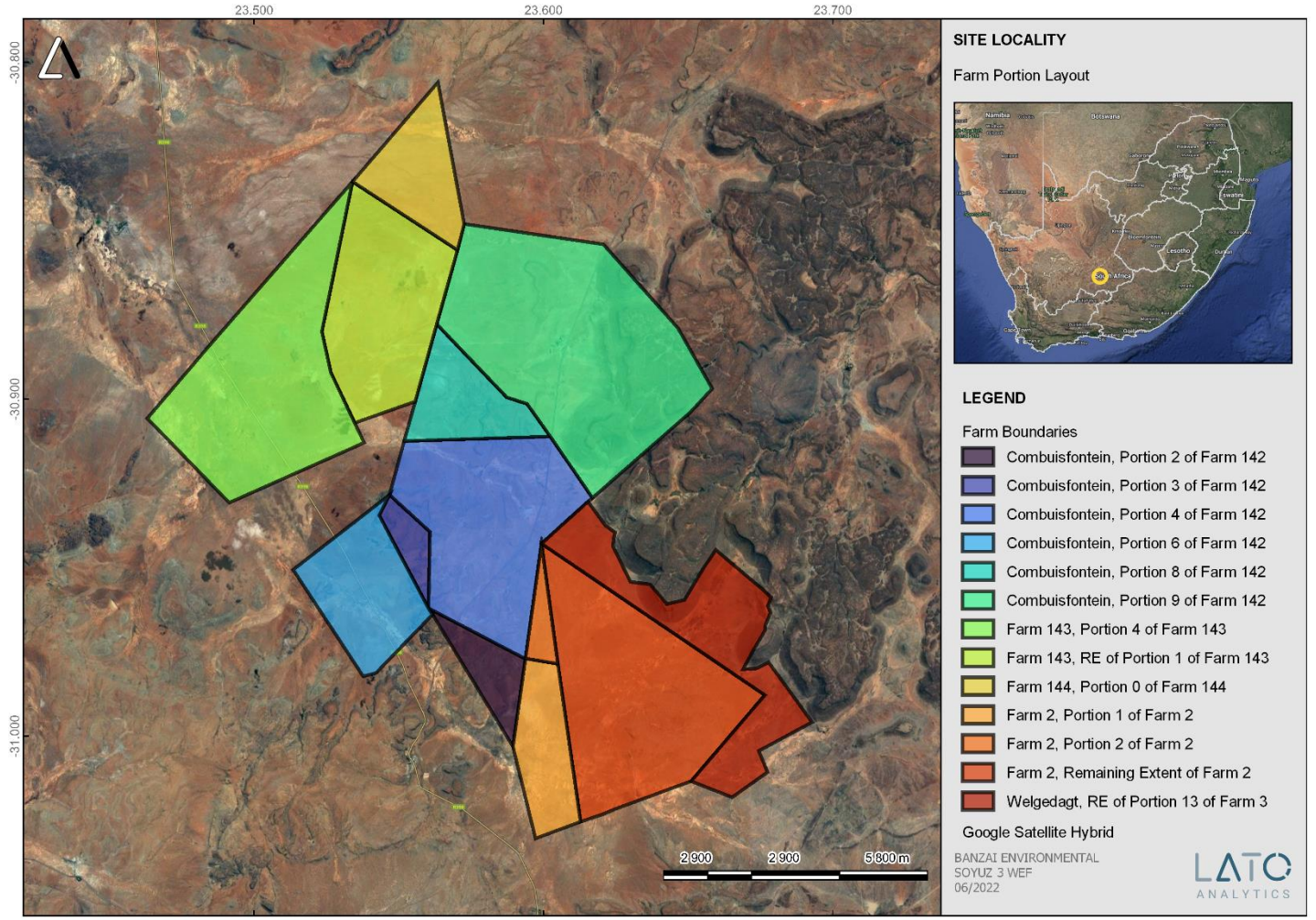

Figure 3: *Proposed Soyuz 3 Wind Energy Facility near Britstown in the Northern Cape*

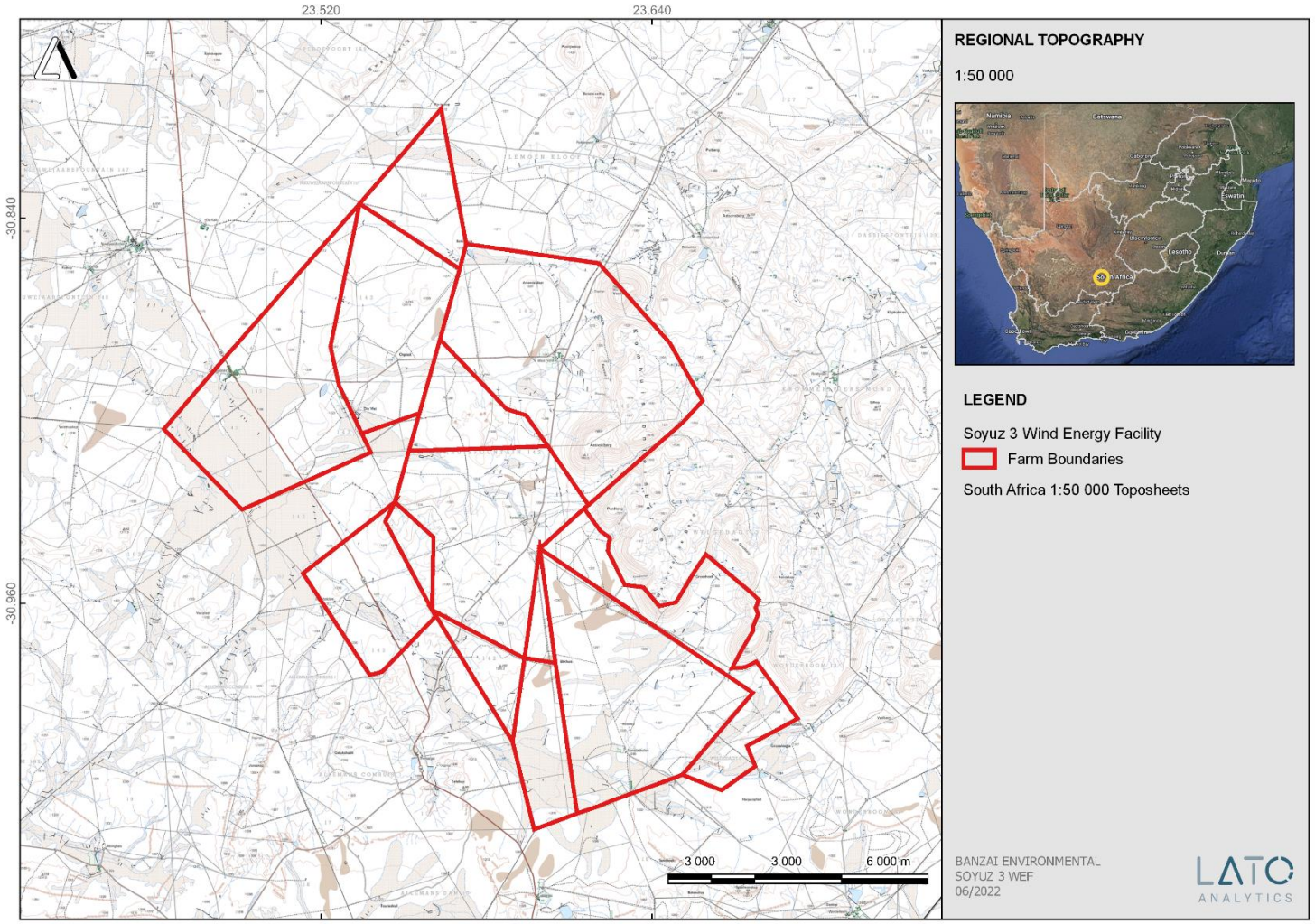

Figure 4: *Topographic image of the proposed Soyuz 3 Wind Energy Facility Project*

The Soyuz 3 WEF project site is proposed to accommodate the following infrastructure, which will enable the wind farm to supply a contracted capacity of up to 480 MW:

- Up to 75 wind turbines with a maximum hub height of up to 160 m and a rotor diameter of up to 200 m;
- A transformer at the base of each turbine;
- Concrete turbine foundations;
- Turbine, crane, and blade hardstands;
- Temporary laydown areas (with a combined footprint of up to 14 ha) which will accommodate the boom erection, storage, and assembly area;
- Battery Energy Storage System (with a footprint of up to 5 ha);
- Cabling between the turbines, to be laid underground where practical;
- Two on-site substations with a combined footprint of up to 4 ha in extent to facilitate the connection between the wind farm and the electricity grid;
- Access roads to the site and between project components inclusive of stormwater infrastructure. A 12 m road corridor may be temporarily impacted upon during construction and rehabilitated to 6m wide after construction. The WEF will have a total road network of up to 125 km.
- A temporary site camp establishment and concrete batching plants (with a combined footprint of up to 2 ha); and
- Operation and Maintenance buildings (with a combined footprint of up to 2 ha) including a gate house, security building, control centre, offices, warehouses, a workshop, and visitor's centre.

In order to evacuate the energy generated by the WEF to the national grid, separate Basic Assessments will be undertaken to assess two grid connection alternatives:

- Alternative 1: A 132 / 400kV overhead powerline (OHL) within a 500 m wide assessment corridor from the Switching Station on site to a proposed new 132 / 400 kV MTS located north of the WEF and adjacent to the Hydra – Kronos 400 kV line.

- Alternative 2: A 132 / 400 kV overhead powerline (OHL) within a 500 m wide assessment corridor from the Switching Station on site to a proposed new 132 / 400 kV MTS located south of the WEF and adjacent to the Droerivier - Hydra 400 kV line.

The EA applications for the wind farm project and grid connection infrastructure are being undertaken in parallel as they are co-dependent, i.e., one will not be developed without the other.

1.2 Legislative Context

In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the development of a WEF with a generation capacity of (or exceeding) 20 MW will require an Environmental Authorisation (EA) application supported by a full Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting process (S&EIR).

2 QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF THE AUTHOR

This study has been conducted by Mrs Elize Butler. She has conducted approximately 400 palaeontological impact assessments for developments in the Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Eastern, Central, and Northern Cape, Northwest, Gauteng, Limpopo, and Mpumalanga. She has an MSc (*cum laude*) in Zoology (specializing in Palaeontology) from the University of the Free State, South Africa and has been working in Palaeontology for more than twenty-eight years. She has experience in locating, collecting, and curating fossils. She has been a member of the Palaeontological Society of South Africa (PSSA) since 2006 and has been conducting PIAs since 2014.

3 LEGISLATION

National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999)

Cultural Heritage in South Africa, which includes all heritage resources, is protected by the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) (NHRA). Heritage resources as defined in Section 3 of the Act include "all objects recovered from the soil or waters of South Africa, including archaeological and palaeontological objects and material, meteorites and rare geological specimens".

The identification, evaluation and assessment of any cultural heritage site, artefact or finds in the South African context is required and governed by the following legislation:

- National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) Act 107 of 1998
- National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA) Act 25 of 1999
- Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA) Act 28 of 2002
- Notice 648 of the Government Gazette 45421- general requirements for undertaking an initial site sensitivity verification where no specific assessment protocol has been identified.

The next section in each Act is directly applicable to the identification, assessment, and evaluation of cultural heritage resources.

GNR 982 (Government Gazette 38282, 14 December 2014) promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) Act 107 of 1998

- Basic Assessment Report (BAR) – Regulations 19 and 23
- Environmental Impacts Assessment (EIA) – Regulation 23
- Environmental Scoping Report (ESR) – Regulation 21
- Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) – Regulations 19 and 23

National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA) Act 25 of 1999

- Protection of Heritage Resources – Sections 34 to 36
- Heritage Resources Management – Section 38

The NEMA (No 107 of 1998) states that an integrated EMP should (23:2 (b)) "*…identify, predict and evaluate the actual and potential impact on the environment, socio-economic conditions and cultural heritage*".

In agreement with legislative requirements, EIA rating standards as well as SAHRA policies, the following comprehensive and legally compatible PIA report has been compiled.

Palaeontological heritage is exceptional and non-renewable and is protected by the NHRA. Palaeontological resources may not be unearthed, broken moved, or destroyed by any development without prior assessment and without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority as per section 35 of the NHRA.

This Palaeontological Impact assessment will inform the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) and adhere to the conditions of the Act. According to Section 38 (1), an HIA is required to assess any potential impacts to palaeontological heritage within the development footprint where:

- the construction of a road, wall, power line, pipeline, canal or other similar form of linear development or barrier exceeding 300 m in length.
- the construction of a bridge or similar structure exceeding 50 m in length.
- any development or other activity which will change the character of a site—
- Exceeding 5 000 m^2 in extent; or
- involving three or more existing erven or subdivisions thereof; or
- involving three or more erven or divisions thereof which have been consolidated within the past five years; or
- the costs of which will exceed a sum set in terms of regulations by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority

- the re-zoning of a site exceeding 10 000 m² in extent.
- or any other category of development provided for in regulations by SAHRA or a Provincial heritage resources authority.

4 OBJECTIVE

The aim of a Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) is to minimize the potential impact of the proposed WEF development on potential fossils at the development site.

According to the "SAHRA APM Guidelines: Minimum Standards for the Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports" the purpose of the PIA is: 1) to identify the palaeontological importance of the rock formations in the footprint; 2) to evaluate the palaeontological magnitude of the formations; 3) to clarify the impact on fossil heritage; and 4) to suggest how the developer might protect and lessen possible damage to fossil heritage.

The palaeontological status of each rock section is calculated as well as the possible impact of the development on fossil heritage by a) the palaeontological importance of the rocks, b) the type of development and c) the quantity of bedrock removed.

When the development footprint has a moderate to high palaeontological sensitivity a field-based assessment is necessary. The desktop and the field survey of the exposed rock determine the impact significance of the planned development and recommendations for further studies or mitigation are made. Destructive impacts on palaeontological heritage usually only occur during the construction phase while the excavations will change the current topography and destruct or permanently seal-in fossils at or below the ground surface. Fossil Heritage will then no longer be accessible for scientific research.

Mitigation usually precedes construction or may occur during construction when potentially fossiliferous bedrock is exposed. Mitigation comprises the collection and recording of fossils. Preceding excavation of any fossils, a permit from SAHRA must be obtained and the material will have to be housed in a permitted institution. When mitigation is applied correctly, a positive impact is possible because our knowledge of local palaeontological heritage may be increased

The terms of reference of a PIA are as follows:

General Requirements:

- Adherence to the content requirements for specialist reports in accordance with Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
- Adherence to all applicable best practice recommendations, appropriate legislation, and authority requirements.

- Submit a comprehensive overview of all appropriate legislation, guidelines.
- Description of the proposed project and provide information regarding the developer and consultant who commissioned the study.
- Description and location of the proposed development and provide geological and topographical maps.
- Provide Palaeontological and geological history of the affected area.
- Identification sensitive areas to be avoided (providing shapefiles/kml's) in the proposed development.
- Evaluation of the significance of the planned development during the Pre-construction, Construction, Operation, Decommissioning Phases and Cumulative impacts. Potential impacts should be rated in terms of the direct, indirect, and cumulative:
    a. Direct impacts are impacts that are caused directly by the activity and generally occur at the same time and at the place of the activity.
    b. Indirect impacts of an activity are indirect or induced changes that may occur as a result of the activity.
    c. Cumulative impacts result from the incremental impact of the proposed activity on a common resource when added to the impacts of other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable future activities.
- Fair assessment of alternatives:
- Recommend mitigation measures to minimise the impact of the proposed development; and
- Implications of specialist findings for the proposed development (such as permits, licenses etc).

5 GEOLOGICAL AND PALAEONTOLOGICAL HISTORY

The Soyuz 3 WEF site is depicted on the 1:250 000 Britstown 3022 (1991) and 3122 Victoria West (1989) Geological Map (Council for Geosciences, Pretoria) (Figure 5, Table 2). The project is underlain by large areas of Late Caenozoic alluvium (Qs, yellow single bird figure), Tertiary-Quaternary Calcrete (T-Qc), Jurassic Karoo dolerite (Jd, red), the Abrahamskraal Formation (Pa-light green) (Beaufort Group) and the Ecca Group of the Karoo Supergroup. This part of the basin is extensively intruded by dolerite (Jd, red) dykes and sills and the surrounding Beaufort and Ecca Group sediments have been baked, thus compromising the fossil heritage of the area through thermal metamorphism. According to the PalaeoMap on the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) database, the Palaeontological Sensitivity of the Late Caenozoic superficial deposits is Moderate, that of the Jurassic dolerite is Zero while that of the Adelaide Subgroup and the Ecca Group is Very High (Almond *et al*, 2013; SAHRIS website).

The Late Caenozoic superficial deposits are the youngest geological deposits formed during the most recent geological period. Most of the superficial deposits are unconsolidated sediments and consist of clay, gravel, sand, silt, that form relatively thin, discontinuous patches of sediments. These sediments comprise of channel, floodplain, and stream deposits. These include Late Tertiary to Quaternary calcretes (T-Qc; i.e., carbonate-cemented surface deposits).

The Late Caenozoic deposits are very important because palaeoclimatic changes are reflected in the different geological formations (Hunter *et al*., 2006). During the climate fluctuations in the Cenozoic Era most geomorphologic features in southern Africa where formed (Maud, 2012). Barnosky (2005) indicated that various warming and cooling events occurred in the Cenozoic but states that climatic changes during the Late Caenozoic Period, specifically the last 1.8 Ma, were the most drastic climate changes relative to all climate variations in the past. Climate variations that occurred in the Late Caenozoic Period were both drier and wetter than the present and resulted in changes in river flow patterns, sedimentation processes and vegetation variation (Tooth *et al*., 2004).

Late Caenozoic fossil assemblages are generally rare and low in diversity and occur over a wide-ranging geographic area. These fossil assemblages may in some cases occur in extensive alluvial and colluvial deposits. In the past, palaeontologists did not focus on Late Caenozoic superficial deposits although they sometimes comprise of significant fossil deposits. These fossil assemblages resemble modern animals and may comprise of mammalian teeth, bones and horn corns, reptile skeletons and fragments of ostrich eggs. Microfossils, non-marine mollusc shells are also known from Late Caenozoic deposits. Plant material such as foliage, wood, pollens, and peats are recovered as well as trace fossils like vertebrate tracks, burrows, termitaria (termite heaps/ mounds) and rhizoliths (root casts).

A few dolerite dykes and sills are present in the development footprint while the area north and west of the development is extensively intruded by dolerite dikes and sills (Jd, red) of the Karoo Igneous Province. These dolerite intrusions have baked the surrounding potentially fossiliferous bedrock through thermal metamorphism thus influencing the quality of fossil preservation. The Karoo Igneous Province in southern Africa is a classic continental flood basalt province that was formed during the Early Jurassic Period. This province occurs over a comprehensive area in southern Africa and comprises a widespread system well developed igneous bodies (dykes, sills) that invaded the sediments of the Main Karoo Basin. Flood basalts do not typically form any visible volcanic structures, but with a series of outbursts form a suite of fissures of sub-horizontal lava flows that may vary in thickness. The Karoo is an old flood basalt province and is preserved today as erosional remnants of a more extensive lava cap that covered much of southern Africa in the geological past. This Suite is entirely unfossiliferous.

The flood plains of the Beaufort Group (Karoo Supergroup) are internationally renowned for the early diversification of land vertebrates and provide the world's most complete transition from early "reptiles" to mammals. The Beaufort Group is subdivided into a series of biostratigraphic units based on its faunal content (Figure 6; Kitching 1977; Keyser *et al*, 1977; Rubidge 1995; Smith *et al*, 2020; Viglietti 2020).

The eastern and central section of the Soyuz 3 WEF is underlain by the Abrahamskraal Formation that is biostratigraphically represented by the *Tapinocephalus* (Figure 7) and upper *Eodicynodon* AZ (Figure 8-10,). As the second oldest tetrapod biozone in the Karoo, the *Tapinocephalus* AZ is basically restricted to the Abrahamskraal Formation. The lower margin of the AZ is variable due to diachrony. This AZ comprises of the upper third of the *Abrahamskraal* Formation in the southwestern boundary of the basin. The Abrahamskraal Formation is present in the southern portion of the main Karoo Basin and consists of abundant greenish-grey and less common reddish-brown mudrock. Subordinate light grey fine-grained sandstone is arranged in fining - upward cycles. This Formation is at its thickest (2200 to 2565 m) in the southwestern part of the basin thinning north-eastward. In the southwestern portion of the basin the Abrahamskraal Formation comprises of several arenaceous zones. These sediments were deposited on a large alluvial plain (Cole et al, 2016) .

The *Tapinocephalus* AZ is characterised by the tapinocephalid dinocephalian species *Tapinocephalus atherstonei* and *Moschops capensis*, the dicynodont *Eosimops newtoni*, and *Robertia broomiana* and the pareiasaur *Bradysaurus baini*. The *Tapinocephalus* AZ is a rich tetrapod assemblage zone that consists of basal members of therapsid clades Biarmosuchia, Anomodontia, Dicynodontia, Therocephalia, and Gorgonopsia; basal members of the parareptilian clade Pareiasauria; and rare varanopids as well as derived members of the therapsid clade Dinocephalia.

This AZ includes dinocephalians (*Moschops capensis*), basal pareiasaurs (*Bradysaurus*) that co-occur with pylaecephalid dicynodonts *Eosimops*. and *Robertia*. This AZ has a maximum thickness of about 1500 m. The Assemblage Zone can be subdivided into two subzones based on the absence of the dicynodont *Diictodon feliceps*: in the lower Eosimops - Glanosuchus Subzone and the presence of Diictodon in the upper Diictodon Eosimops - Glanosuchus Subzone. The contact between these subzones is the first appearance of *Diictodon felips* at the base of the Moordenaars Member. The upper part of the biozone reflects the Capitanian mass extinction and the low diversity post extinction. The first appearance of *Endothiodon bathystoma* terminates the zone.

Rubidge et al (2000) described silicified wood fragments, leaves, and stems from this Formation while *Glossopteris* leaf impressions are abundant in the east (Mason, 2007). Bivalve fossils have

been uncovered in the Formation. Trace fossils include fish trails, arthropod trackways (*Monomorphichnus and Umfolozia)* with some occurrences of therapsid footprints and vertebrate burrow casts (Smith, 1986, 1990a; Smith and Keyser, 1995a).

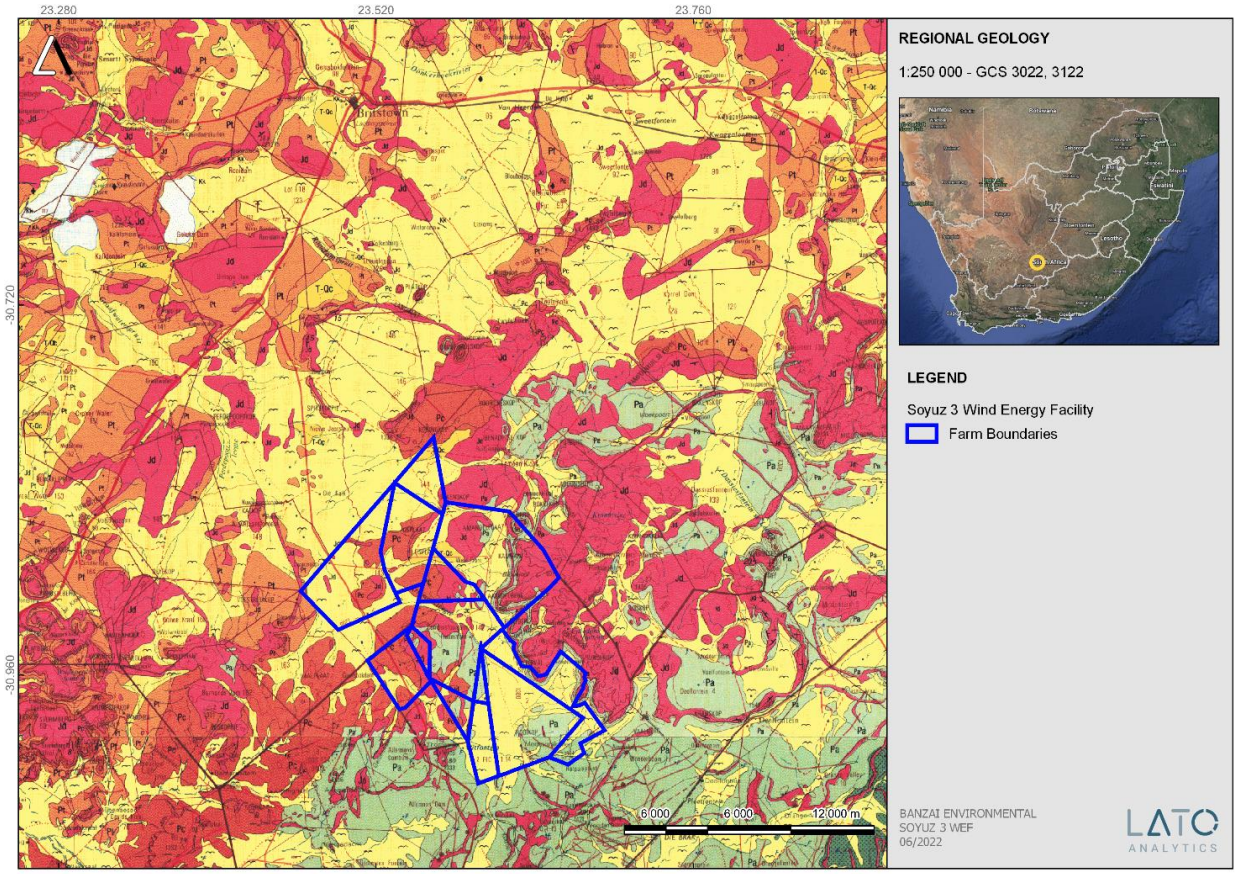

***Figure 5**: Extract of the 1:250 000 Geological map* Britstown 3022 (1991) and 3122 Victoria West (1989) Geological Map (Council for Geosciences, Pretoria) *indicating the proposed Soyuz 3 WEF in blue.*

The proposed WEF development is underlain by the Late Caenozoic alluvium (Qs, yellow single bird figure), These include Late Tertiary to Quaternary calcretes (T-Qc), Jurassic Karoo dolerite (Jd, red), the Abrahamskraal Formation (Pa- light green) (Beaufort Group) as well as the Ecca Group of the Karoo Supergroup.

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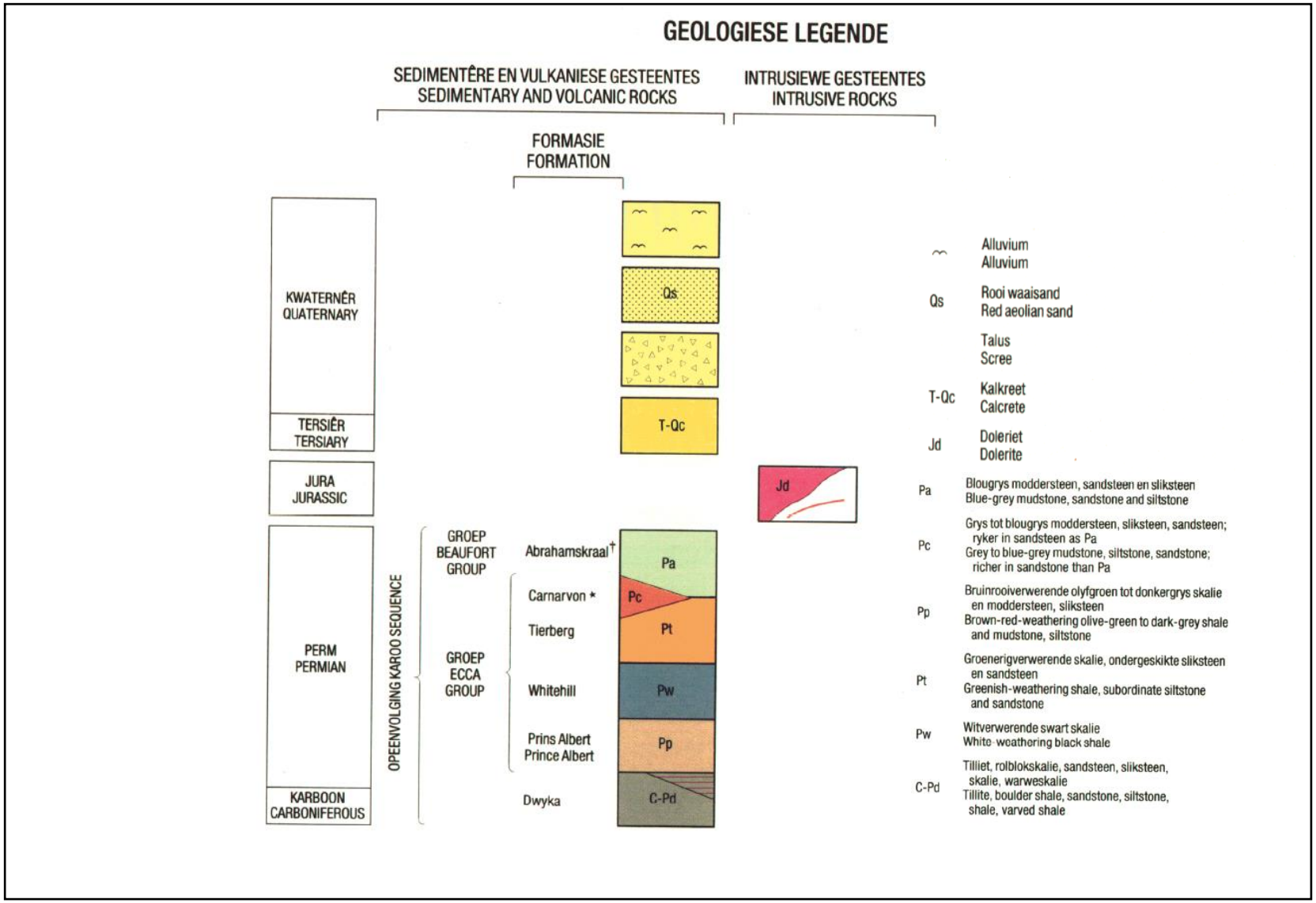

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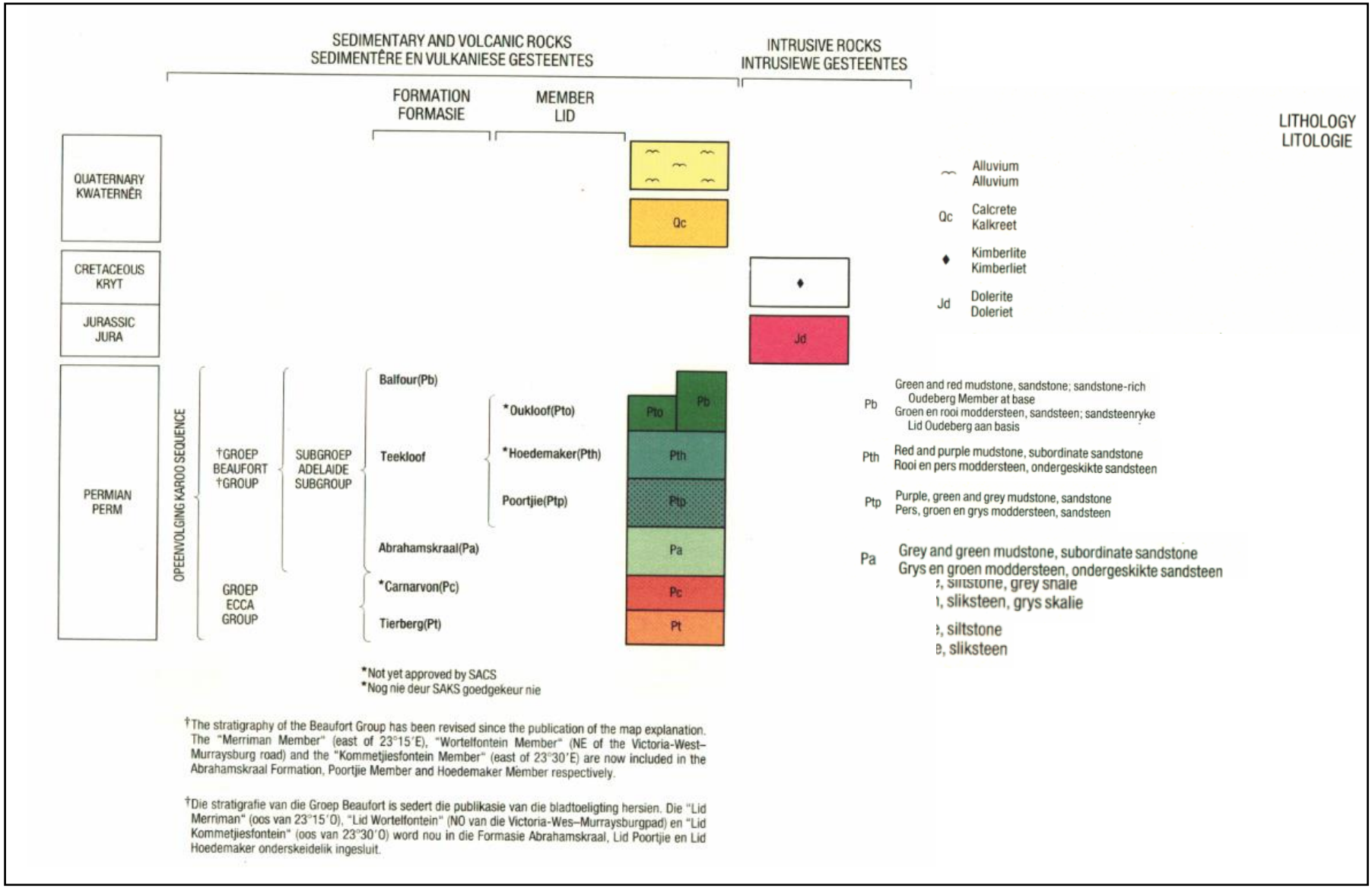

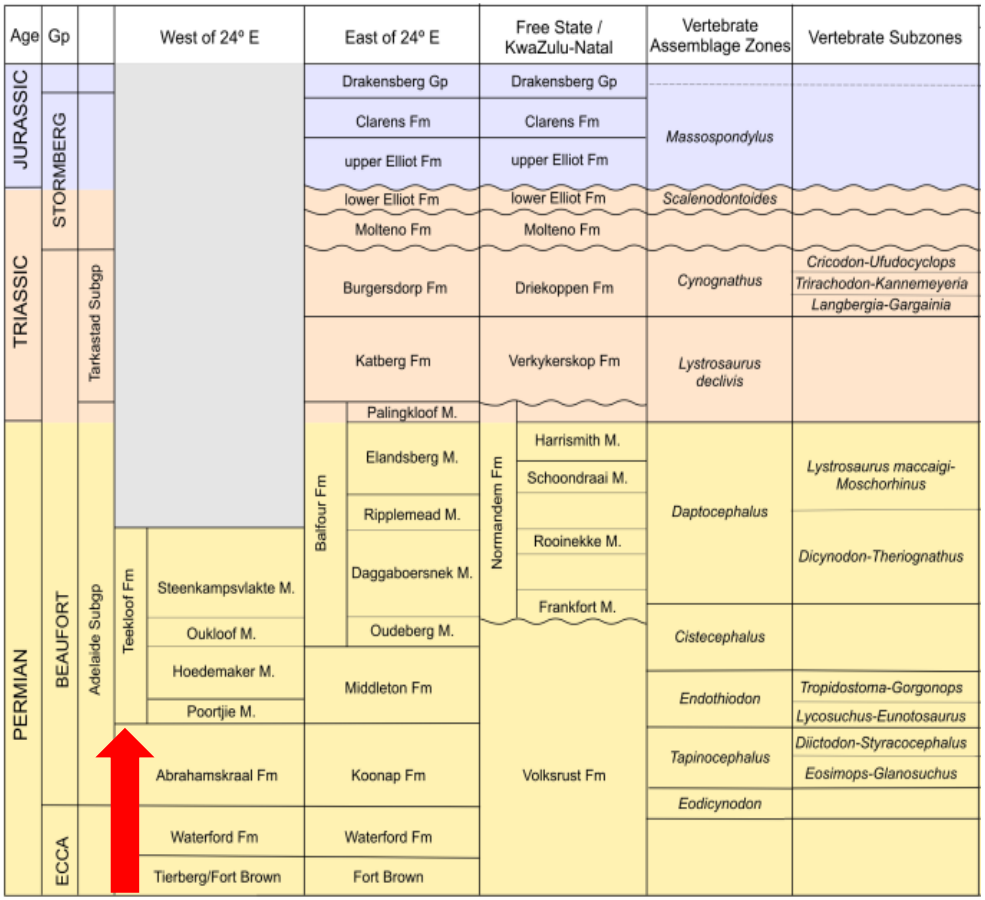

***Figure 6**: Vertebrate biozonation range chart for the Main Karoo Basin of South Africa. Solid lines indicate known ranges, wavy lines indicate unconformities. (PLYCSR=Pelycosauria and MAMMFMES+Mammaliaformes. Gp=group, Subgp-Supbroup, Fm=Formation, M=Member). The proposed SOYUZ 5 WEF are indicated by the red arrow (Image taken from Smith et al, 2020).*

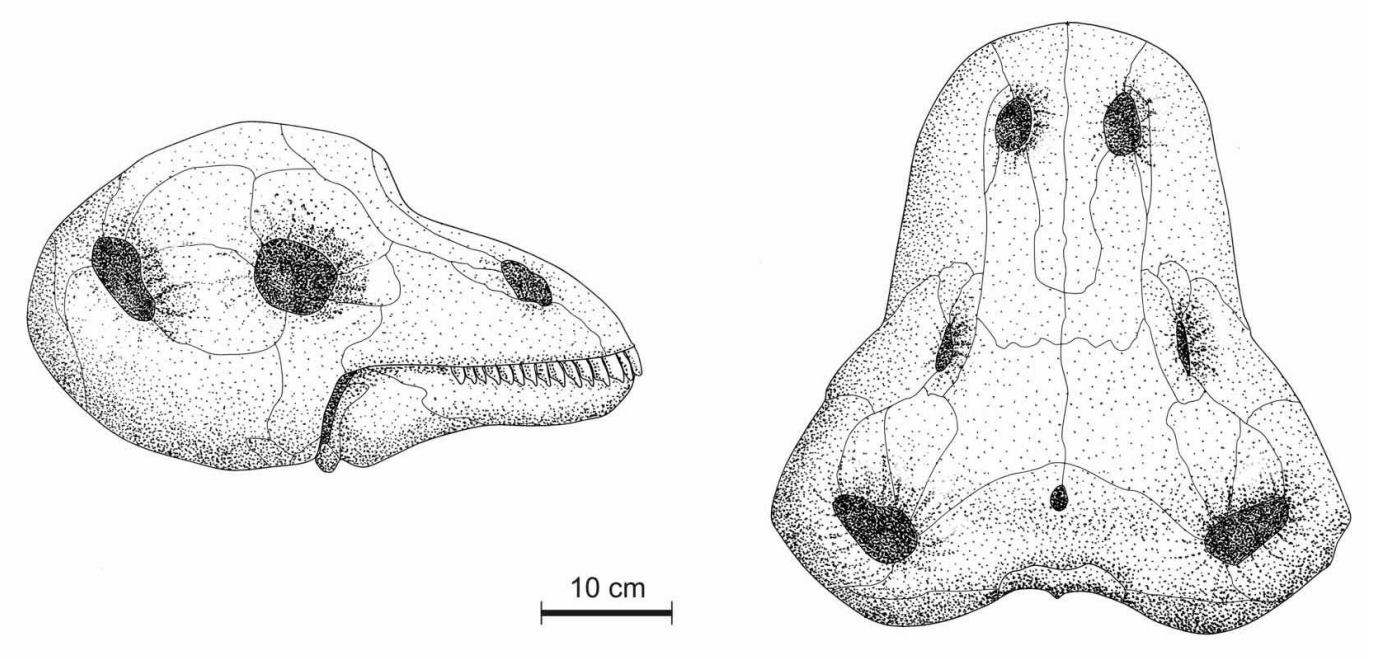

***Figure 7**: Tapinocephalus atherstonei, the index taxon of the Tapinocephalus Assemblage Zone, in lateral and dorsal view (Image taken from Day and Rubidge, 2020).*

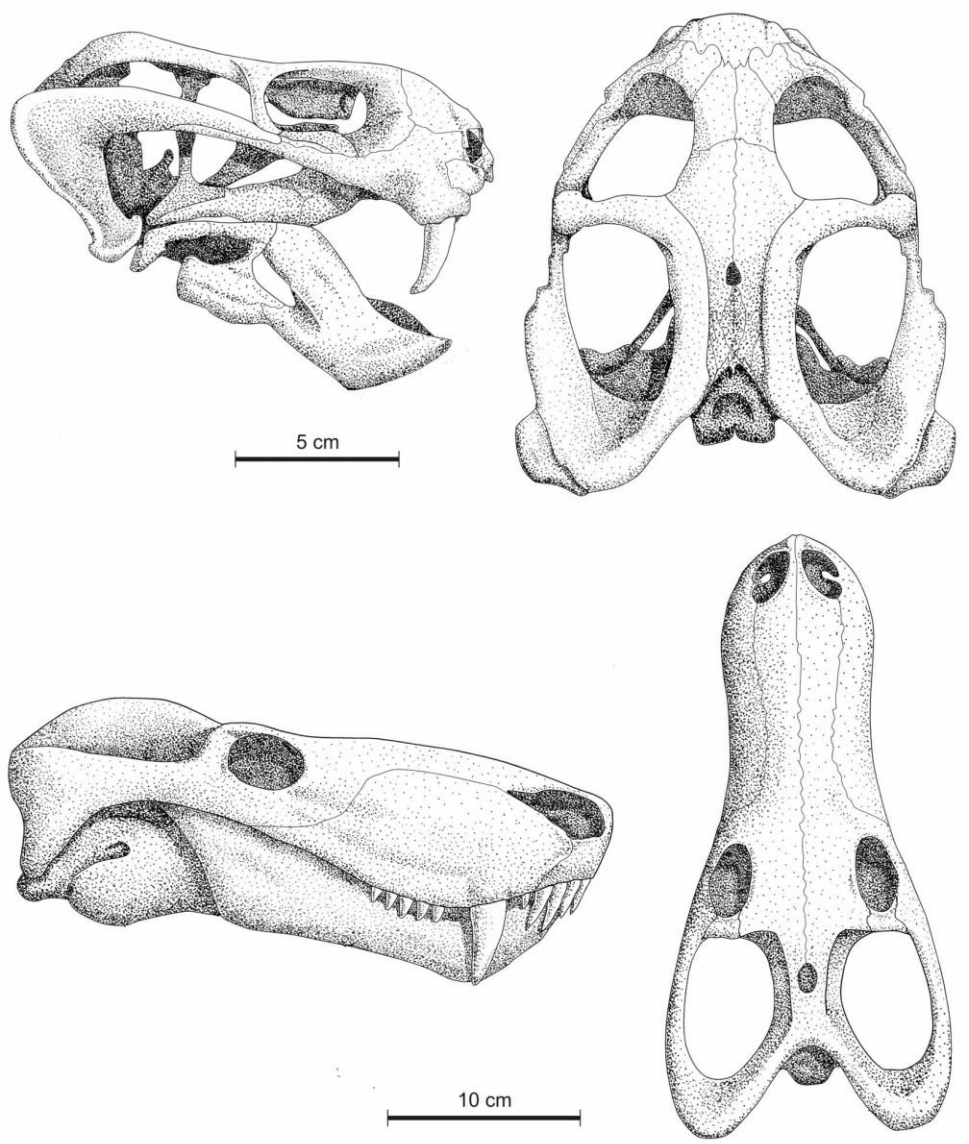

Figure 8: *Lateral and dorsal view of the index taxa of the Eosimops - Glanosuchus Subzone in (top) Eosimops newtoni; (bottom) Glanosuchus macrops (Image taken from Day and Rubidge, 2020)*

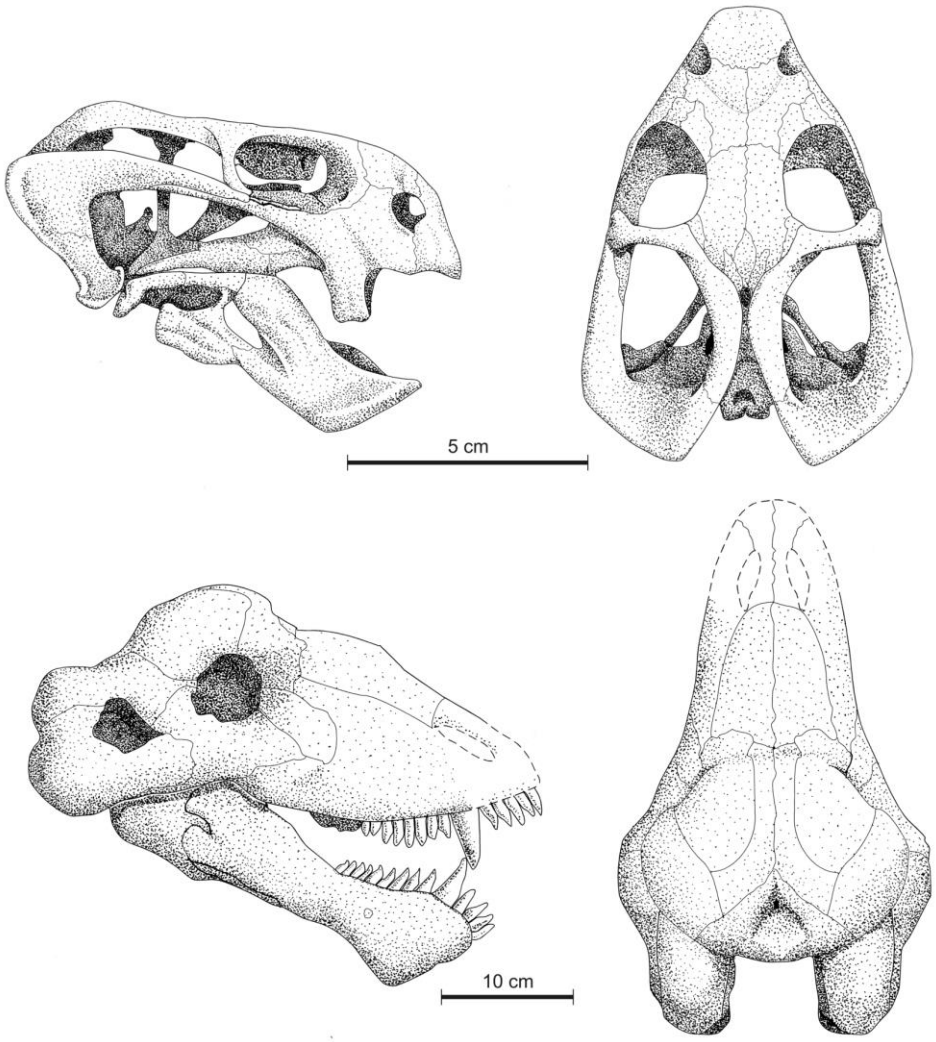

***Figure 9**: Illustration of the index taxa of the Diictodon - Styracocephalus Subzone in lateral and dorsal view. (top) Diictodon feliceps; (bottom) Styracocephalus platyrhynchus (Image taken from Day and Rubidge, 2020).*

Fossilized bones are generally encrusted with calcareous material and sometimes smaller fossils are entirely concealed in micritic nodules. In the northern margin of the basin the calcitic crusts is grey to greenish in colour while in the southern margin of the basin the nodules are very hard and often grey with orange weathering due to low-grade metamorphism related to the proximity of the Cape Fold Belt.

The lowermost biozone of the Beaufort Group occurs in the southwestern part of the main Karoo Basin and is known as the middle Permian Eodicynodon Assemblage Zone. In this biozone the basal therapsid *Eodicynodon* is the most abundant. The *Eodicynodon* AZ is 1100m at its thickest in the Prince Albert Road and thins to the west and east. This AZ documents the earliest middle Permian terrestrial environments of Gondwana. The sediments of this biozone were deposited on the southern shoreline of the Karoo Basin in a subaerial delta. This formed part of a large-scale fan system in the northeast and north within a second-order high-sand system tract.

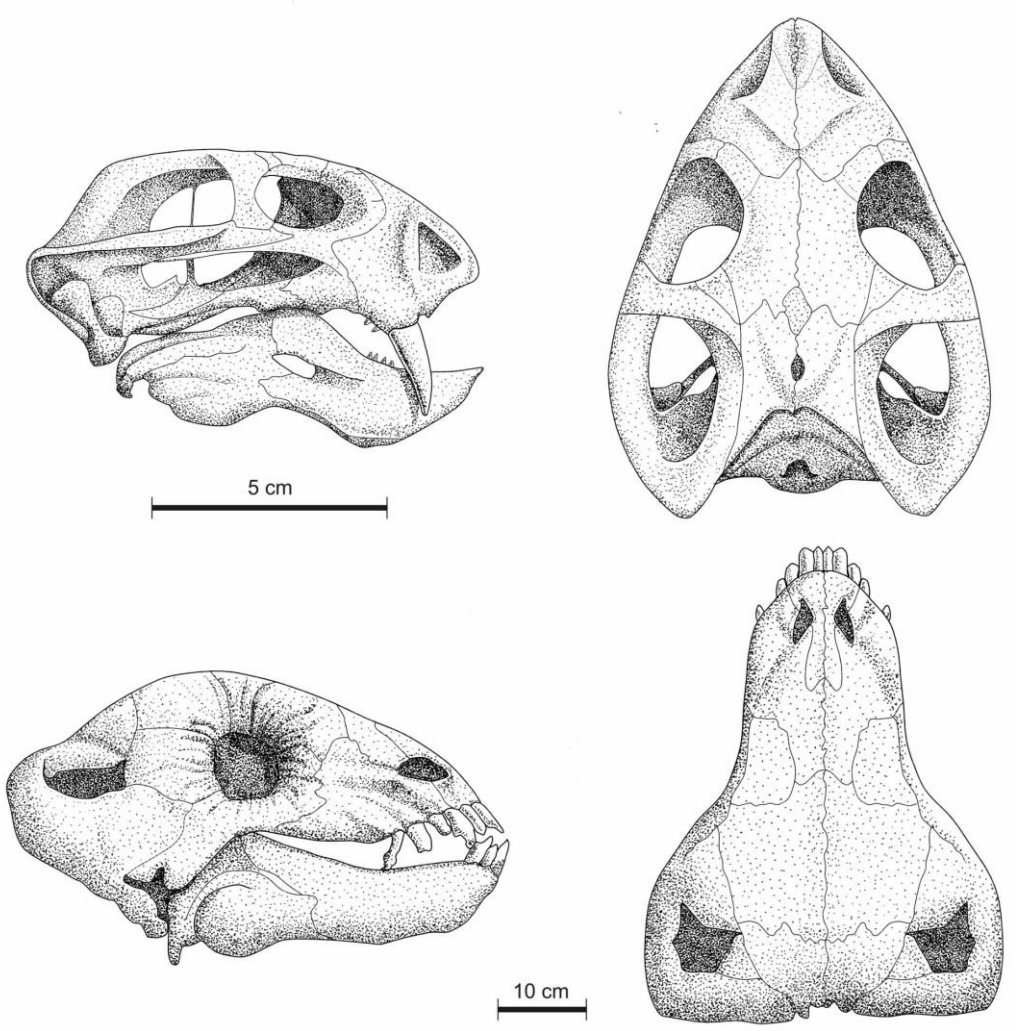

***Figure 10**:Lateral and dorsal views of biozone-defining fossils of the Eodicynodon Assemblage Zone: Eodicynodon oosthuizeni (top), Tapinocaninus pamelae (bottom) (Image taken from Rubidge and Day, 2020).*

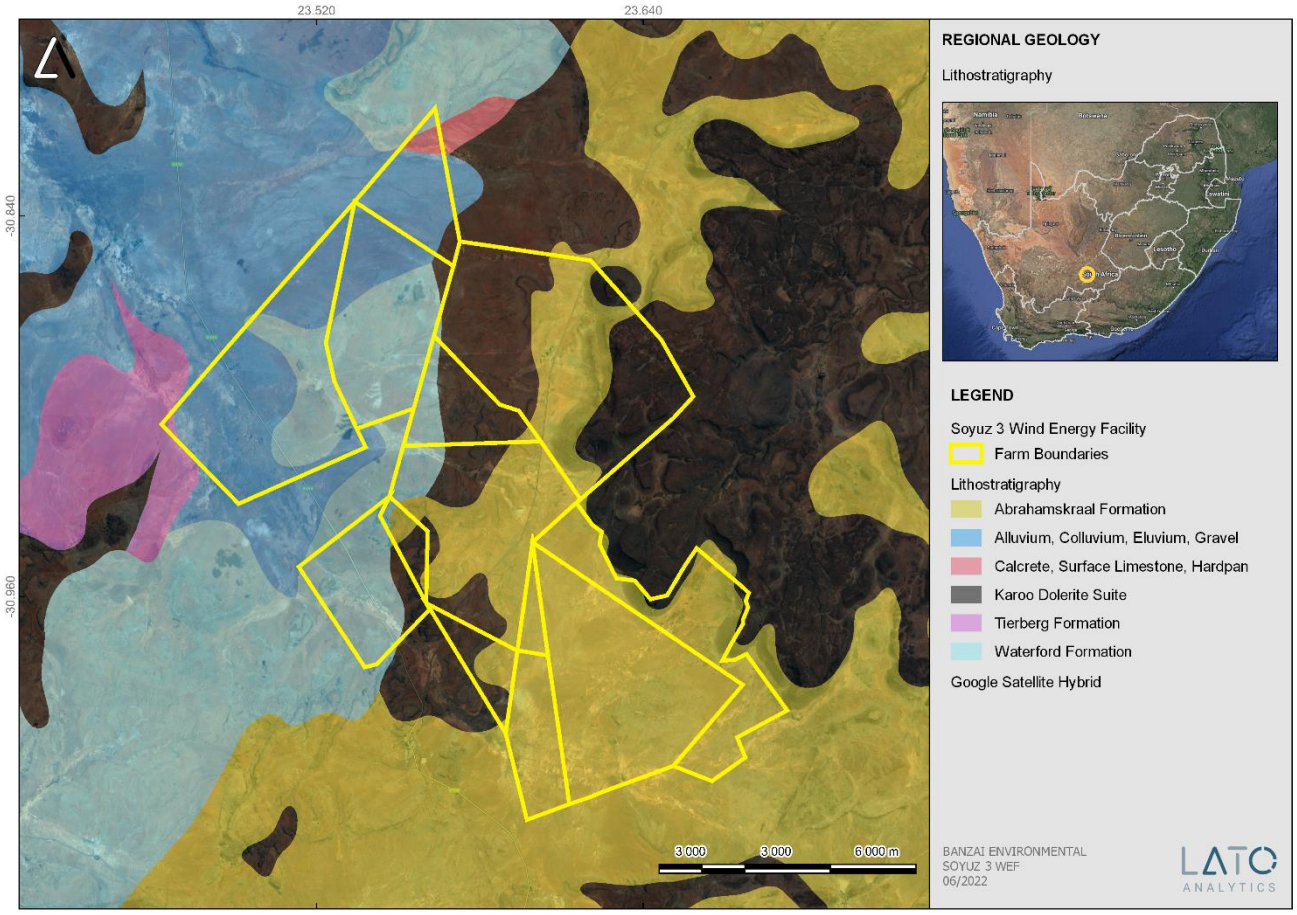

***Figure 11**: Updated geology (Council for Geosciences, Pretoria) indicates that the proposed SOYUZ 3 WEF is underlain by Jurassic Dolerite as well as the Abrahamskraal Formation (Beaufort Group) and the Waterford Formation of the Ecca Group (Karoo Supergroup).*

The 1:250 000 geological maps indicates that the development is underlain by the Carnarvon and Tierberg Formations of the Ecca Group. When these maps were published the Carnarvon Formation of the Ecca was not yet approved by SACS. (Figure 11) indicates that the proposed development is underlain by alluvium, colluvium, eluvium, and gravel; calcrete, surface limestones, Hardpan, and Jurassic Karoo Dolerite; the Abrahamskraal Formation as well as the Tierberg and Waterford Formations of the Ecca Group.

The Waterford Formation (Figure 11) of the Ecca Group is about 270 million years old and is a thick (500-770 m) deltaic deposit. The Beaufort- Ecca contact in the southern and western Karoo depicts a change from a subaqueous to a subaerial delta plain (Rubidge et al, 2000). This sandstone-rich, resistant-weathering Formation comprises of mudrock or clastic rhythmite units and very fine-grained, lithofeldspathic sandstones. Khaki to grey lithofeldspathic sandstones that may be speckled, while dark grey mudrocks are structured into broadly coarsening-upwards prograding cycles. Wave-ripple bedding planes are commonly present as well as ball-and pillow structures. Trace fossils are common in this formation and consist of burrows, tubes, and trails. Fossil plants are represented by petrified wood and equisetaleans.

The majority of the Tierberg Formation (Ecca Group; Karoo Supergroup) comprises of well-laminated, dark grey to black shale (Johnson et al 2006). Some yellowish tuffaceous beds up to 10cm thick occur in the lower part of the succession along the western and northern margins of the Basin. Calcareous concretions are common towards the top of the formation. Clastic rhythmites occur at various levels in the sequence (Cole, 2005). This formation is considered to be a deep-water deposit associated with event beds. The Tierberg formation is known for its rare trace fossils assemblages. Vascular plants (including petrified wood) and palynomorphs of Glossopteris flora have been found while crustaceans, shelly marine invertebrates, insects, and fish fossils as well as microfossils have been identified.

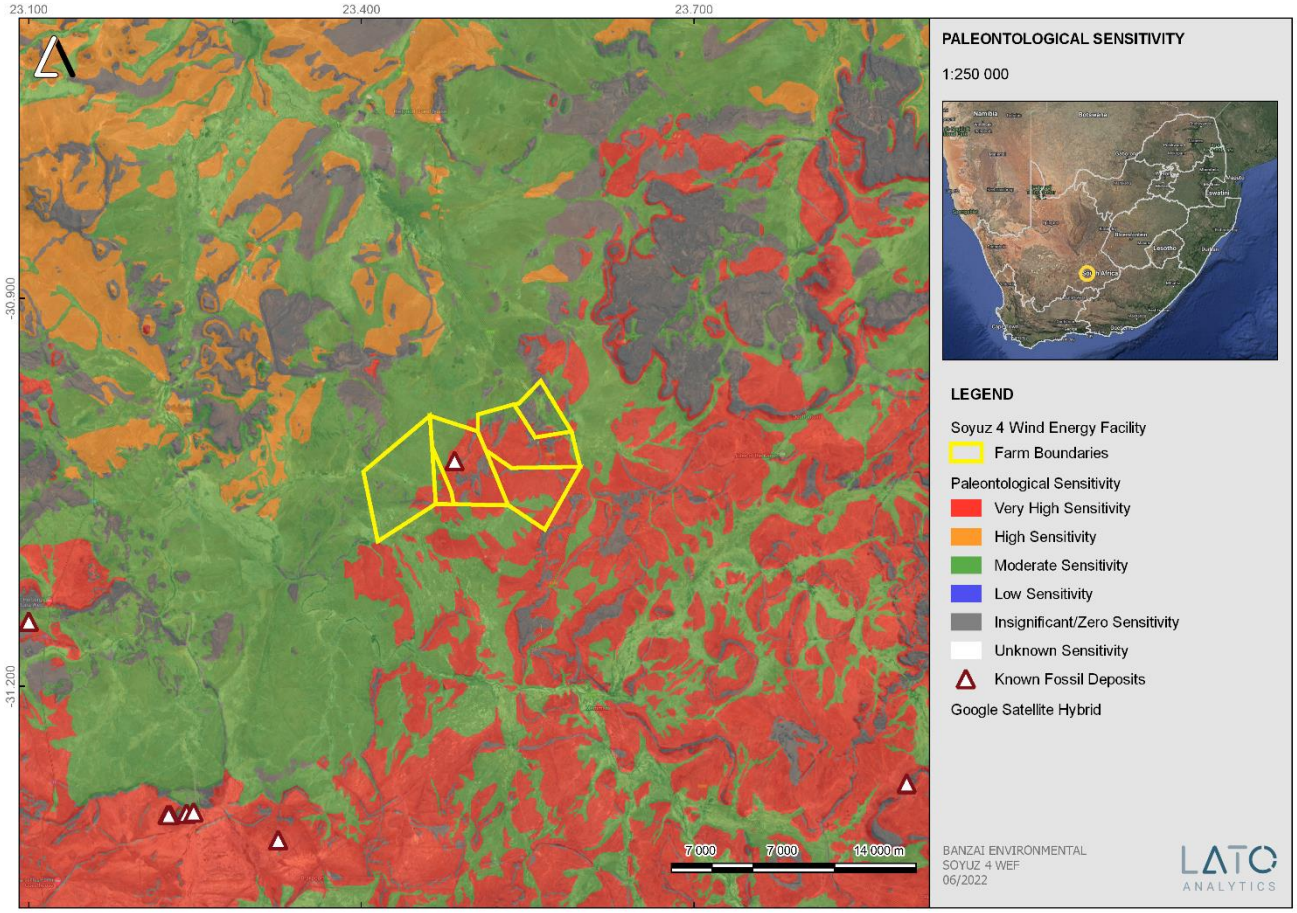

***Figure 12**: Extract of the 1 in 250 000 SAHRIS PalaeoMap map (Council of Geosciences) indicating the WEF development in yellow. Fossils found near the SOYUZ 3 WEF project area are indicated by white triangles.*

According to the SAHRIS Palaeosensitivity map (Figure 12) the development is underlain by sediments with a Very High (red), Moderate (green) and Zero (grey) Palaeontological Significance.

According to the National Palaeontology Database various fossils have been found in the Britstown area, while one fossils was recovered from the development footprint. Fossils in and in close proximity to the Soyuz 3 WEF is indicated in Figure 12 by white triangles.

Table 4: Palaeontological Sensitivity according to the SAHRIS PalaeoMap (Almond et al, 2013; SAHRIS website)

Colour	Sensitivity	Required Action
RED	VERY HIGH	Field assessment and protocol for finds is required
ORANGE/YELLOW	HIGH	Desktop study is required and based on the outcome of the desktop study; a field assessment is likely
GREEN	MODERATE	Desktop study is required
BLUE	LOW	No palaeontological studies are required however a protocol for finds is required
GREY	INSIGNIFICANT/ZERO	No palaeontological studies are required
WHITE/CLEAR	UNKNOWN	These areas will require a minimum of a desktop study. As more information comes to light, SAHRA will continue to populate the map.

The colors on the PalaeoMap indicate the following degrees of sensitivity: red = very highly sensitive; orange/yellow = high; green = moderate; blue = low; grey = insignificant/zero.

6 GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE SITE

Soyuz 3 and associated infrastructure is located approximately 35 km South of Britstown within the Emthanjeni Local Municipality and the Pixley ka Seme District Municipality in the Northern Cape Province (Figure 1-4).

7 METHODS

The aim of a desktop study is to evaluate the possible risk to palaeontological heritage in the proposed development. This includes all trace fossils as well as all fossils in the proposed footprint. All possible information is consulted to compile a desktop study, and this includes the following: all Palaeontological Impact Assessment reports in the same area; aerial photos and Google Earth images, topographical as well as geological maps.

7.1 Assumptions and Limitations

The focal point of geological maps is the geology of the area and the sheet explanations of the Geological Maps were not meant to focus on palaeontological heritage. Many inaccessible regions of South Africa have never been reviewed by palaeontologists and data is generally based on aerial photographs alone. Locality and geological information of museums and universities databases have not been kept up to date or data collected in the past have not always been accurately documented.

Areas located elsewhere that have similar Assemblage Zones are also used to provide information on the existence of fossils in an area which has not documented in the past. When using similar Assemblage Zones and

geological formations for Desktop studies it is generally assumed that exposed fossil heritage is present within the footprint. A field-assessment will thus improve the accuracy of the desktop assessment and thus this study has been commissioned.

8 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONSULTED

In compiling this report the following sources were consulted:

- Geological map 1:100 000, Geology of the Republic of South Africa (Visser 1984)
- Palaeontological Sensitivity Map on SAHRIS
- A Google Earth kmz files of the proposed development was obtained from CES – ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES as well as background information.
- Topographic maps (1:50 000) of the 3022 Britstown area.
- *1:250 000* Britstown 3022 (1991) *Geological map (Council of Geoscience, Pretoria)*
- *1:250 000* Victoria West 3122 (1989) Geological Map (Council for Geosciences, Pretoria)

9 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The project is underlain by small areas of Late Caenozoic alluvium and calcrete, Karoo Jurassic dolerite, the Abrahamskraal Formation (Beaufort Group) and Ecca Group of the Karoo Supergroup. This part of the basin is extensively intruded by dolerite dykes and sills and the surrounding Beaufort and Ecca Group sediments have been baked, thus compromising the fossil heritage of the area through thermal metamorphism. According to the PalaeoMap on the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) database, the Palaeontological Sensitivity of the Late Caenozoic superficial deposits is Moderate, that of the Jurassic dolerite is Zero while that of the Adelaide Subgroup is very High and the Ecca Group has a High (Almond *et al*, 2013; SAHRIS website).

As this study was only a desktop Assessment of the baseline environment it is recommended that a site investigation of the proposed development is completed during the EIA phase of the project. This study will assess the value and importance of fossils in the development area as well as the effect of the proposed development on the palaeontological heritage. The purpose of the Report is to elaborate on the issues and potential impacts identified during the EIA Assessment. A field-based assessment would be conducted with research in the site-specific study area, as well as a comprehensive assessment of the impacts identified during this desktop study.

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APPENDIX A

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