# Palaeontological Impact Assessment for the proposed Prospecting Right Application on the Remaining Extent of the Farm Nchwaning 267, near Hotazel, Northern Cape Province

**Desktop Study (Phase 1)** 

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Experience: 33 years research and lecturing in Palaeontology

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# **Declaration of Independence**

This report has been compiled by Professor Marion Bamford, of the University of the Witwatersrand, sub-contracted by Archaeological and Heritage Services Africa (Pty) Ltd, Pretoria, South Africa. The views expressed in this report are entirely those of the author and no other interest was displayed during the decision making process for the Project.

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### **Executive Summary**

A Palaeontological Impact Assessment was requested for the proposed Prospecting Right Application on a portion of the Remaining Extent of the Farm Nchwaning 267 near Hotazel in the District of Kuruman, Northern Cape Province

To comply with the regulations of the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) in terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) (NHRA), a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) was completed for the proposed development.

The proposed site lies on the potentially fossiliferous Quaternary sands and alluvium, however there is no evidence of fossil traps such as palaeo-pans or palaeo-springs in the satellite imagery. Nonetheless, a Fossil Chance Find Protocol should be added to the EMPr. Based on this information it is recommended that no further palaeontological impact assessment is required unless fossils are found by the contractor, environmental officer or other designated responsible person once excavations or prospecting activities have commenced. As far as the palaeontology is concerned, the impact is very low and the project should be authorised.

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### 1. Background

A Palaeontological Impact Assessment was requested for the proposed Prospecting Right Application on a portion of the Remaining Extent of the Farm Nchwaning 267 near Hotazel in the District of Kuruman, Northern Cape Province.

The site is on the northern and eastern part of the Farm Nchwaning 267 and surrounds an existing mine. It is northwest of Hotazel and there are a number of active manganese and iron ore mines in the vicinity (Figures 1-3).

A Palaeontological Impact Assessment was requested for the Nchwaning Prospecting Right Application project. To comply with the regulations of the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) in terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) (NHRA), a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) was completed for the proposed development and is reported herein.

Table 1: National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended) - Requirements for Specialist Reports (Appendix 6).

	A specialist report prepared in terms of the Environmental Impact Regulations of 2017 must contain:	Relevant section in report
ai	Details of the specialist who prepared the report,	Appendix B
aii	The expertise of that person to compile a specialist report including a curriculum vitae	Appendix B
b	A declaration that the person is independent in a form as may be specified by the competent authority	Page 2
С	An indication of the scope of, and the purpose for which, the report was prepared	Section 1
ci	An indication of the quality and age of the base data used for the specialist report: SAHRIS palaeosensitivity map accessed – date of this report	Yes
cii	A description of existing impacts on the site, cumulative impacts of the proposed development and levels of acceptable change	Section 5
d	The date and season of the site investigation and the relevance of the season to the outcome of the assessment	N/A
е	A description of the methodology adopted in preparing the report or carrying out the specialised process	Section 2
f	The specific identified sensitivity of the site related to the activity and its associated structures and infrastructure	Section 4
g	An identification of any areas to be avoided, including buffers	N/A

	A specialist report prepared in terms of the Environmental Impact Regulations of 2017 must contain:	Relevant section in report
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;	N/A
i	A description of any assumptions made and any uncertainties or gaps in knowledge;	Section 5
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	Section 4
k	Any mitigation measures for inclusion in the EMPr	Section 8, Appendix A
l	Any conditions for inclusion in the environmental authorisation	N/A
m	Any monitoring requirements for inclusion in the EMPr or environmental authorisation	Section 8, Appendix A
ni	A reasoned opinion as to whether the proposed activity or portions thereof should be authorised	Section 6
nii	If the opinion is that the proposed activity or portions thereof should be authorised, any avoidance, management and mitigation measures that should be included in the EMPr, and where applicable, the closure plan	Sections 6, 8
0	A description of any consultation process that was undertaken during the course of carrying out the study	N/A
р	A summary and copies of any comments that were received during any consultation process	N/A
q	Any other information requested by the competent authority.	N/A
2	Where a government notice gazetted 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.	N/A

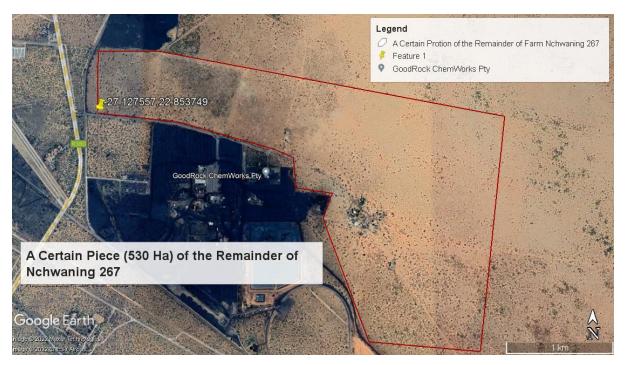


Figure 1: Google Earth map of the prospecting right area on Rem of Farm Nchwaning 267 general area to show the relative land marks. The R380 links Hotazel to the south and the road to the border.

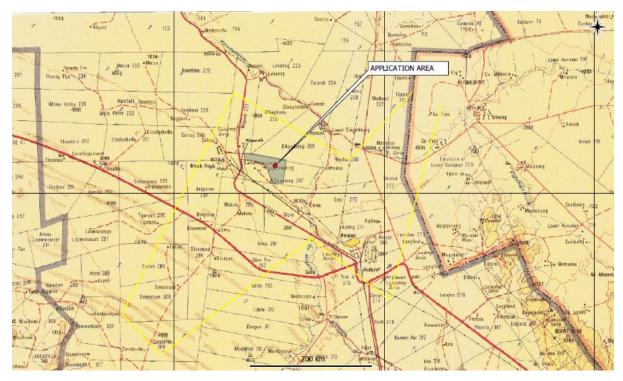


Figure 2: Topographic Map of the proposed PRA on RE of Farm Nchwaning 267 with the section shown by the grey shading.

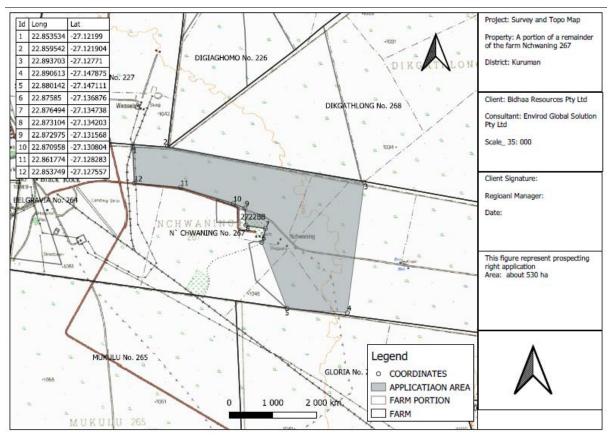


Figure 3: Annotated 1: 250 000 topographic map to show the project area in relation to the neighbouring farms. Note the scale should be in metres, not kilometres

#### 2. Methods and Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference (ToR) for this study were to undertake a PIA and provide feasible management measures to comply with the requirements of SAHRA. The methods employed to address the ToR included:

- 1. Consultation of geological maps, literature, palaeontological databases, published and unpublished records to determine the likelihood of fossils occurring in the affected areas. Sources included records housed at the Evolutionary Studies Institute at the University of the Witwatersrand and SAHRA databases;
- 2. Where necessary, site visits by a qualified palaeontologist to locate any fossils and assess their importance (*not applicable to this assessment*);
- 3. Where appropriate, collection of unique or rare fossils with the necessary permits for storage and curation at an appropriate facility (not applicable to this assessment); and
- 4. Determination of fossils' representivity or scientific importance to decide if the fossils can be destroyed or a representative sample collected (*not applicable to this assessment*).

### 3. Geology and Palaeontology

#### i. Project location and geological context

The project lies in the southern margin of the Griqualand West Basin that has sediments of the Transvaal Supergroup and the northwestern margin of the younger Karoo Basin where the basal sediments are exposed (Figure 4).

The Late Archaean to early Proterozoic Transvaal Supergroup is preserved in three structural basins on the Kaapvaal Craton (Eriksson et al., 2006). In South Africa are the Transvaal and Griqualand West Basins, and the Kanye Basin is in southern Botswana. The Griqualand West Basin is divided into the Ghaap Plateau sub-basin and the Prieska sub-basin. Sediments in the lower parts of the basins are very similar but they differ somewhat higher up the sequences. Several tectonic events have greatly deformed the south western portion of the Griqualand West Basin between the two sub-basins

The Transvaal Supergroup comprises one of world's earliest carbonate platform successions (Beukes, 1987; Eriksson et al., 2006; Zeh et al., 2020). In some areas there are well preserved stromatolites that are evidence of the photosynthetic activity of blue green bacteria and green algae. These microbes formed colonies in warm, shallow seas. There are two Formations in the Schmidtsdrift Subgroup and occur in both of the subbasins of the Griqualand West Basin. The lower Boomplaas Formation comprises stromatolitic and oolitic platform carbonates. Only the upper 100m is visible in surface outcrops but it extends another 185m in borehole core (Beukes, 1979, 1983). They represent deep lagoonal deposits, transported oolites and carbonate shelf rocks. The upper Clearwater Formation comprises shales, tuffites and BIF-like cherts and is interpreted as a transgressive deposit over the Boomplaas Formation (ibid; Eriksson et al., 2006).

According to de Wit (1999) and Partridge et al., (2006) the history of post-Gondwana major rivers in the western part of South Africa is very important because these rivers were instrumental in the establishment of diamondiferous placers along the west coast of southern Africa. The evolution of the drainage system that developed after breakup of west Gondwana can be viewed in three timeslots: the middle to Late Cretaceous, the early to middle Cenozoic, and the late Cenozoic periods.

During the middle to Late Cretaceous there were two main river systems, the southern Karoo River, and the northern Kalahari River that was closer to the present day Orange River. Erosion by the palaeo rivers released most of the diamonds from the Cretaceous kimberlites in central South Africa at different times and they were transported by the Karoo River to the coast initially, and the Kalahari River later.

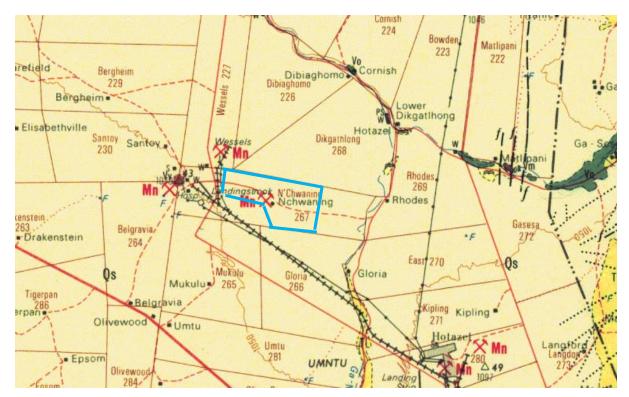


Figure 4: Geological map of the area around the Farm Nchwaning 267 RE with the location of the proposed project indicated within the turquoise polygon. Abbreviations of the rock types are explained in Table 2. Map enlarged from the Geological Survey 1: 250 000 map 2722 Kuruman.

Table 2: Explanation of symbols for the geological map and approximate ages (Johnson et al., 2006; Partridge et al., 2006). SG = Supergroup; Fm = Formation; Ma = million years; grey shading = formations impacted by the project.

Symbol	Group/Formation	Lithology	Approximate Age
Qs	Quaternary alluvium and sand	Sand and sandy soil	Quaternary ca 1.0 Ma to present
T-Qc	Tertiary- Quaternary calcrete	Calcrete	Tertiary to Quaternary
C-Pd	Dwyka Group, Karoo SG	Tillites, sandstone, mudstone, shale	Late Carboniferous to Early Permian, ca 300 Ma

The **Quaternary Kalahari sands** form an extensive cover of much younger deposits over much of the Northern Cape Province and Botswana. Based on the early works of Leicester King, Partridge and Maud (1987, 2000) developed a model of three African Erosion Surfaces for southern Africa, from the Cretaceous to the Pliocene. During the Cretaceous Africa was very high, averaging about 2500-2000m above sea level but the rifting apart of Gondwanaland and formation of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, coastal erosion was rapid and the escarpment rapidly receded about 120km inland along the east and south coasts, but only 50km along the west coast. The newly exposed surface was called the African Erosion Surface. Their model has been challenged and modified by a number of researchers (Burke, 2011; Braun et al., 2014) who propose that mantle

plumes caused uplift of the continent during the late Cretaceous, followed by erosion and further uplift about 30-20 million years ago, The newer interpretations have been followed here.

Haddon and McCarthy (2005) proposed that the Kalahari basin formed as a response to down-warp of the interior of the southern Africa, probably in the Late Cretaceous. This, along with possible uplift along epeirogenic axes, back-tilted rivers into the newly formed Kalahari basin and deposition of the Kalahari Group sediments began. Sediments included basal gravels in river channels, sand and finer sediments. A period of relative tectonic stability during the mid-Miocene saw the silcretisation and calcretisation of older Kalahari Group lithologies, and this was followed in the Late Miocene by relatively minor uplift of the eastern side of southern Africa and along certain epeirogenic axes in the interior. More uplift during the Pliocene caused erosion of the sand that was then reworked and redeposited by aeolian processes during drier periods, resulting in the extensive dune fields that are preserved today.

Underlying the Quaternary sands in this part of the Griqualand Basin is the main Kalahari Deposit of iron and manganese known as the BIF-hosted Kalahari Manganese Field (KMF) and is the largest terrestrial deposit in the world (Beukes et al., 2016; their fig 6 reproduced here as Figure 5).

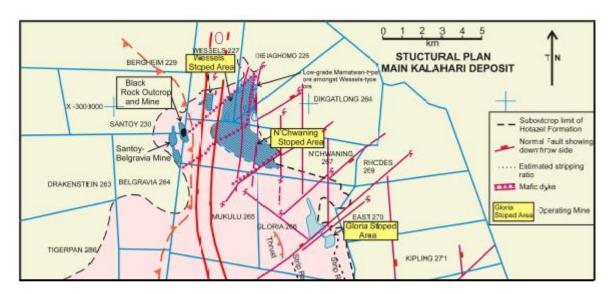


Figure 5: Top section of fig 6 of Beukes et al., 2016 to show the distribution of the Kalahari Manganese Field (KMF) in the Hotazel area – pink shading. The project area for prospecting is around the eastern arm of the blue area that represents the N'Chwaning Stoped area.

#### ii. Palaeontological context

The palaeontological sensitivity of the area under consideration is presented in Figure 6. The site for prospecting is overlain by Quaternary sands and alluvium (green; moderate sensitivity). The target manganese and iron deposits for prospecting do not preserve fossils because the banded iron formation is a microbially-induced chemical deposit but

contains no microbes. The manganese deposition is from some metamorphic processes that do not involve life forms. Only the overlying Quaternary sands may have covered traps for fossils such as palaeo-pans or palaeo-springs.

Palaeo-pans and palaeo-springs are visible in satellite imagery because of their topography and often are associated with lunette dunes. Vegetation changes are also common. No such features are seen in the Google Earth images. Aeolian sediments that cover most of the region, do not preserve fossils because they have been reworked and windblown.



Figure 6: SAHRIS palaeosensitivity map for the site for the proposed PRA on RE of Farm Nchwaning 267 shown within the turquoise polygon. Background colours indicate the following degrees of sensitivity: red = very highly sensitive; orange/yellow = high; green = moderate; blue = low; grey = insignificant/zero.

# 4. Impact assessment

An assessment of the potential impacts to possible palaeontological resources considers the criteria encapsulated in Table 3:

Table 3a: Criteria for assessing impacts

PART A: DEFINITION AND CRITERIA				
	Н	Substantial deterioration (death, illness or injury). Recommended level will often be violated. Vigorous community action.		
	M	Moderate/ measurable deterioration (discomfort). Recommended level will occasionally be violated. Widespread complaints.		
Criteria for ranking of the SEVERITY/NATURE of environmental	L	Minor deterioration (nuisance or minor deterioration). Change not measurable/ will remain in the current range. Recommended level will never be violated. Sporadic complaints.		
impacts	L+	Minor improvement. Change not measurable/ will remain in the current range. Recommended level will never be violated. Sporadic complaints.		
	M+	Moderate improvement. Will be within or better than the recommended level. No observed reaction.		
	Н+	Substantial improvement. Will be within or better than the recommended level. Favourable publicity.		
Criteria for ranking	L	Quickly reversible. Less than the project life. Short term		
the DURATION of	M	Reversible over time. Life of the project. Medium term		
impacts	Н	Permanent. Beyond closure. Long term.		
Criteria for ranking	L	Localised - Within the site boundary.		
the SPATIAL SCALE	M	Fairly widespread – Beyond the site boundary. Local		
of impacts	Н	Widespread – Far beyond site boundary. Regional/ national		
PROBABILITY	Н	Definite/ Continuous		
(of exposure to	M	Possible/ frequent		
impacts)	L	Unlikely/ seldom		

**Table 3b: Impact Assessment** 

PART B: Assessment			
	Н	-	
	M	-	
SEVERITY/NATURE	L	Transported sands do not preserve fossils; only traps such as palaeo-pans or palaeo-dunes in sands or calcrete might preserve fossils. So far there are no records Quaternary sands of plant or animal fossils in this region so it is very unlikely that fossils occur on the site. The impact would be negligible	
	L+	-	
	M+	-	
	H+	-	
	L	-	
DURATION	M	-	
	Н	Where manifest, the impact will be permanent.	

PART B: Assessment			
SPATIAL SCALE	L	Since the only possible fossils within the area would be fossils trapped in palaeo-pan or palaeo-dunes, the spatial scale will be localised within the site boundary.	
	M	-	
	Н	-	
	Н	-	
	M	-	
PROBABILITY	L	It is extremely unlikely that any fossils would be found in the loose soils and sands that cover the area as there is no evidence of traps. Nonetheless, a Fossil Chance Find Protocol should be added to the eventual EMPr.	

Based on the nature of the project, surface activities may impact upon the fossil heritage if preserved in the development footprint. The geological structures suggest that the rocks are the correct age to contain fossils but there is no evidence of features such as palaeo-pans or palaeo-dunes to trap any fossils. Furthermore, the material to be mined is the sands for diamonds and this does not preserve fossils. However, a Fossil Chance Find Protocol has been added to this report. Taking account of the defined criteria, the potential impact to fossil heritage resources is extremely low.

# 5. Assumptions and uncertainties

Based on the geology of the area and the palaeontological record as we know it, it can be assumed that the formation and layout of the dolomites, sandstones, shales and sands are typical for the country and only if there such features as palaeo-pas or palaeo-dunes to trap any fossil plant, insect, invertebrate or vertebrate material would any occur in the area. The sands of the Quaternary period would not preserve fossils.

#### 6. Recommendation

Based on experience and the lack of any previously recorded fossils from the area, it is extremely unlikely that any fossils would be preserved in the sandstones or the sands of the Quaternary. There is a very small chance that fossils may occur in features such as palaeo-pans or palaeo-dunes that could trap fossils are present as no such feature is visible in the satellite imagery. Therefore, a Fossil Chance Find Protocol should be added to the EMPr. If fossils are found by the contractors, environmental officer or other responsible person once prospecting has commenced then they should be rescued and a palaeontologist called to assess and collect a representative sample. The impact on the palaeontological heritage would be low, therefore, as far as the palaeontology is concerned, the project should be authorised and a prospecting permit granted.

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#### 8. Chance Find Protocol

Monitoring Programme for Palaeontology – to commence once the excavations / drilling activities begin.

- 1. The following procedure is only required if fossils are seen on the surface and when drilling/excavations commence.
- 2. When excavations begin the rocks and must be given a cursory inspection by the environmental officer or designated person. Any fossiliferous material (plants, insects, bone, invertebrates) should be put aside in a suitably protected place. This way the project activities will not be interrupted.
- 3. Photographs of similar fossils must be provided to the developer to assist in recognizing the fossil plants, vertebrates, invertebrates or trace fossils in the shales and mudstones (for example see Figure 7). This information will be built into the EMP's training and awareness plan and procedures.
- 4. Photographs of the putative fossils can be sent to the palaeontologist for a preliminary assessment.

- 5. If there is any possible fossil material found by the contractor, environmental officer or miners then the qualified palaeontologist sub-contracted for this project, should visit the site to inspect the selected material and check the dumps where feasible.
- 6. Fossil plants or vertebrates that are considered to be of good quality or scientific interest by the palaeontologist must be removed, catalogued and housed in a suitable institution where they can be made available for further study. Before the fossils are removed from the site a SAHRA permit must be obtained. Annual reports must be submitted to SAHRA as required by the relevant permits.
- 7. If no good fossil material is recovered then no site inspections by the palaeontologist will be necessary. A final report by the palaeontologist must be sent to SAHRA once the project has been completed and only if there are fossils.
- 8. If no fossils are found and the excavations have finished then no further monitoring is required.
- 9. Appendix A Examples of fossils from the Quaternary









Figure 7: Photographs of robust but fragmentary fossils that have been recovered from fluvial deposits of the Quaternary.

# 10. Appendix B – Details of specialist

# Curriculum vitae (short) - Marion Bamford PhD July 2022

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#### ii) Academic qualifications

Tertiary Education: All at the University of the Witwatersrand:

1980-1982: BSc, majors in Botany and Microbiology. Graduated April 1983.

1983: BSc Honours, Botany and Palaeobotany. Graduated April 1984.

1984-1986: MSc in Palaeobotany. Graduated with Distinction, November 1986.

1986-1989: PhD in Palaeobotany. Graduated in June 1990.

NRF Rating: C-2 (1999-2004); B-3 (2005-2015); B-2 (2016-2020); B-1 (2021-2026)

#### iii) Professional qualifications

Wood Anatomy Training (overseas as nothing was available in South Africa):

1994 - Service d'Anatomie des Bois, Musée Royal de l'Afrique Centrale, Tervuren, Belgium, by Roger Dechamps

1997 - Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France, by Dr Jean-Claude Koeniguer

1997 - Université Claude Bernard, Lyon, France by Prof Georges Barale, Dr Jean-Pierre Gros, and Dr Marc Philippe

#### iv) Membership of professional bodies/associations

Palaeontological Society of Southern Africa

Royal Society of Southern Africa - Fellow: 2006 onwards

Academy of Sciences of South Africa - Member: Oct 2014 onwards

International Association of Wood Anatomists - First enrolled: January 1991

International Organization of Palaeobotany - 1993+

**Botanical Society of South Africa** 

South African Committee on Stratigraphy - Biostratigraphy - 1997 - 2016

SASQUA (South African Society for Quaternary Research) - 1997+

PAGES - 2008 - onwards: South African representative

ROCEEH / WAVE - 2008+

INQUA - PALCOMM - 2011+onwards

#### vii) Supervision of Higher Degrees

All at Wits University

Degree	Graduated/completed	Current		
Honours	13	0		
Masters	11	3		
PhD	13	4		
Postdoctoral fellows	15	2		

#### viii) Undergraduate teaching

Geology II – Palaeobotany GEOL2008 – average 65 students per year Biology III – Palaeobotany APES3029 – average 45 students per year Honours – Evolution of Terrestrial Ecosystems; African Plio-Pleistocene Palaeoecology;

Micropalaeontology – average 12-20 students per year.

#### ix) Editing and reviewing

Editor: Palaeontologia africana: 2003 to 2013; 2014 - Assistant editor

Guest Editor: Quaternary International: 2005 volume

Member of Board of Review: Review of Palaeobotany and Palynology: 2010 -

Associate Editor Open Science UK: 2021 -

Review of manuscripts for ISI-listed journals: 30 local and international journals Reviewing of funding applications for NRF, PAST, NWO, SIDA, National Geographic, Leakey Foundation

### x) Palaeontological Impact Assessments

Selected from the past five years only – list not complete:

- Mala Mala 2017 for Henwood
- Modimolle 2017 for Green Vision
- Klipoortjie and Finaalspan 2017 for Delta BEC
- Ledjadja borrow pits 2018 for Digby Wells
- Lungile poultry farm 2018 for CTS
- Olienhout Dam 2018 for JP Celliers
- Isondlo and Kwasobabili 2018 for GCS
- Kanakies Gypsum 2018 for Cabanga
- Nababeep Copper mine 2018
- Glencore-Mbali pipeline 2018 for Digby Wells
- Remhoogte PR 2019 for A&HAS
- Bospoort Agriculture 2019 for Kudzala
- Overlooked Quarry 2019 for Cabanga
- Richards Bay Powerline 2019 for NGT
- Eilandia dam 2019 for ACO
- Eastlands Residential 2019 for HCAC
- Fairview MR 2019 for Cabanga
- Graspan project 2019 for HCAC
- Lieliefontein N&D 2019 for EnviroPro
- Skeerpoort Farm Mast 2020 for HCAC
- Vulindlela Eco village 2020 for 1World
- KwaZamakhule Township 2020 for Kudzala
- Sunset Copper 2020 for Digby Wells
- McCarthy-Salene 2020 for Prescali
- VLNR Lodge 2020 for HCAC
- Madadeni mixed use 2020 for EnviroPro
- Frankfort-Windfield Eskom Powerline 2020 for 1World
- Beaufort West PV Facility 2021 for ACO Associates
- Copper Sunset MR 2021 for Digby Wells
- Sannaspos PV facility 2021 for CTS Heritage
- Smithfield-Rouxville-Zastron PL 2021 for TheroServe

#### xi) Research Output

Publications by M K Bamford up to July 2022 peer-reviewed journals or scholarly books: over 160 articles published; 5 submitted/in press; 10 book chapters.

Scopus h-index = 30; Google scholar h-index = 35; -i10-index = 92 Conferences: numerous presentations at local and international conferences.