



PALAEONTOLOGICAL DESKTOP
ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED
PROSPECTING RIGHT COMBINED
WITH A WASTE LICENCE APPLICATION
TO PROSPECT FOR DIAMONDS ON THE
REMAINING EXTENT OF FARM 225,
NEAR BARKLY WEST, NORTHERN
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This Palaeontological Impact Assessment report 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	Relevant section	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	Section 2 – refer	-
report including a curriculum vitae (b) A declaration that the person is independent in a form as may be specified by the competent authority	to Appendix A 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 9	-
(d) The duration, date and season of the site investigation and the relevance of the season to the outcome of the assessment		Desktop Assessment
(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	-
(f) details of an assessment of the specific 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 alternative;	Section 1 and 10	

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(h) A map superimposing the activity including the	Section 5 -	
associated structures and infrastructure on the	Geological and	
environmental sensitivities of the site including areas	Palaeontological	
to be avoided, including buffers;	history	
	Section 7.1 -	-
(i) A description of any assumptions made and any	Assumptions and	
uncertainties or gaps in knowledge;	Limitation	
(j) A description of the findings and potential implications		
of such findings on the impact of the proposed activity,	Section 1 and 10	
including identified alternatives, on the environment		
(k) Any mitigation measures for inclusion in the EMPr	Section 1 and 10	
(I) Any conditions for inclusion in the environmental	0	
authorisation	Section 1 and 10	
(m) Any monitoring requirements for inclusion in the EMPr	Section 1 and 10	
or environmental authorisation	Section Fand To	
(n)(i) A reasoned opinion as to whether the proposed		
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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	Section 1 and 10	
that should be included in the EMPr, and where		
applicable, the closure plan		
(o) A description of any consultation process that was	N/A	
undertaken during the course of carrying out the study	IN/A	
(p) A summary and copies if any comments that were	N/A	
received during any consultation process	IN/A	



Requirements of Appendix 6 – GN R326 EIA Regulations of 7 April 2017	Relevant section in report	Comment where not applicable
(q) Any other information requested by the competent authority.	N/A	
(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 Milnex CC to conduct the Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) to assess the proposed Prospecting Right combined with a Waste Licence application to prospect for Diamond DIA, Diamond (Alluvial), Diamond (General) and Diamond (In Kimberlite) near Barkly West on the Remaining Extent of the Farm 225, Registration Division: Barkly West, Northern Cape Province. To comply with the National Heritage Resources Act (No 25 of 1999, section 38) (NHRA), this PIA is necessary to verify 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.

According to the Geological map the proposed development footprint is largely underlain by Quaternary aeolian sands as well as alluvial diamondiferous gravel; and inliers of the Allanridge Formation (Platberg Group, Ventersdorp Supergroup). Updated Shape files (Council of Geosciences, Pretoria) indicates that the proposed development is largely underlain by the Kalahari Group, while the northern portion is underlain by the Allanridge Formation (Platberg Group, Ventersdorp Supergroup while a portion in the northern to central area is underlain by calcrete, surface limestone and Hardpan sediments. The PalaeoMap of the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) indicates that the Palaeontological Sensitivity of the Quaternary calcrete, surface limestone and Hardpan sediments is High, that of the Kalahari Group is moderate and the Allanridge Formation of the Ventersdorp Supergroup has a Low Palaeontological Sensitivity (Almond and Pether 2008, SAHRIS website).

It is therefore considered that the proposed development will not lead to detrimental impacts on the palaeontological resources of the area. The construction and operation of the project may be authorised, as the whole extent of the development footprint is not considered sensitive in terms of palaeontological heritage. If fossil remains or trace fossils are discovered during any phase of construction, either on the surface or exposed by excavations the Environmental Control Officer (ECO) in charge of these developments must report to SAHRA (Contact details: SAHRA, 111 Harrington Street, Cape Town. PO Box 4637, Cape Town 8000, South Africa. Tel: 021 462 4502. Fax: +27 (0)21 462 4509. Web: www.sahra.org.za) so that mitigation can be carry out by a palaeontologist.

It is consequently recommended that no further palaeontological heritage studies, ground truthing and/or specialist mitigation are required pending the discovery of newly discovered fossils.

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Curriculum Vitae Elize Butler

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1 INTRODUCTION

Milnex CC was commissioned by Lesego Diamond Mining (Pty) Ltd as the independent environmental consultant conduct the Scoping and EIA process for a Prospecting Right combined with a Waste Licence application to prospect for Diamond DIA, Diamond (Alluvial), Diamond (General) and Diamond (In Kimberlite) near Barkly West on the Remaining Extent of the Farm 225, Registration Division: Barkly West, Northern Cape Province. Banzai Environment was in turn appointed to conduct the Palaeontological Desktop Assessment for this project.

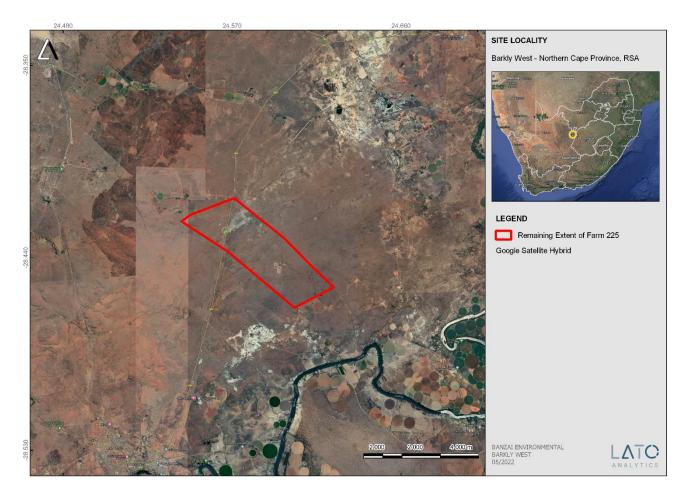


Figure 1: Location of the Prospecting Right combined with a Waste Licence application to prospect for Diamond DIA, Diamond (Alluvial), Diamond (General) and Diamond (In Kimberlite) near Barkly West on the Remaining Extent of the Farm 225, Registration Division: Barkly West, Northern Cape Province.

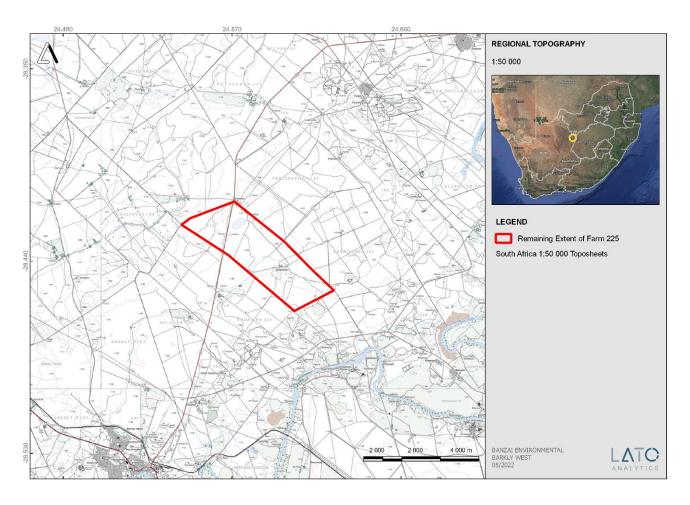


Figure 2: Regional Topography (2824BC) of the proposed development

Economic activity in modern-day South Africa has been centred on mining activities, their ancillary services and supplies. The country's stock exchange in Johannesburg was established in 1887, a decade after the first diamonds were discovered on the banks of the Orange River, and almost simultaneously with the gold rush on the world-famous Witwatersrand¹.

In many ways, South Africa's political, social and economic landscape has been dominated by mining, given that, for so many years, the sector has been the mainstay of the South African economy. Although gold, diamonds, platinum and coal are the most well-known among the minerals and metals mined, South Africa also hosts chrome, vanadium, titanium and a number of other lesser minerals¹.

In 2018 the mining sector contributed R351 billion to the South African gross domestic product (GDP). A total of 456,438 people were employed in the mining sector in 2018. Each person employed in the mining sector has up to nine indirect dependents. The mining sector has, for many years, attracted valuable foreign direct investment to South Africa. (Mineral Council, 2021)

Diamonds, arguably the ultimate luxury mineral, comprise an intricate lattice of carbon atoms, a crystalline structure that makes them harder than any other form in nature. This characteristic makes diamonds not only

popular in jewelry, but also desirable in high-tech cutting, grinding and polishing tools (Chamber of Mines, South Africa, 12:2016) 1.

According to the Chamber of Mines the country's diamond sector is far from reaching the end of its life even though diamond mining has been taking place in South Africa for almost a century and a half. The primary sources of all of South Africa's diamonds are kimberlites in ancient, vertically dipping volcanic pipes most of which were located in the vicinity of the city of Kimberley and which were initially amenable to open-cast. Economic growth - South Africa's total reserves remain some of the world's most valuable, with an estimated worth of R20.3-trillion. Overall, the country is estimated to have the world's fifth-largest mining sector in terms of GDP value¹.

With South Africa's economy built on gold and diamond mining, the sector is an important foreign exchange earner, with gold accounting for more than one-third of exports. In 2009, the country's diamond industry was the fourth largest in the world¹.

Mining is a cornerstone of the economy, making a significant contribution to economic activity, job creation and foreign exchange earnings. Mining and its related industries are critical to South Africa's socio-economic development¹.

¹ Information provided by Milnex CC

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF THE AUTHOR 2

This present study has been conducted by Mrs Elize Butler. She has conducted approximately 300 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-five 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.

The geology of this project was verified by Professor WA van der Westhuizen. He obtained his Ph.D. in geochemistry from the University of the Free State, South Africa, in 1984. He acted as departmental chairperson (Geology Department) from 1998 to 2013. He retired as full professor in 2015. Research in southern Africa includes the Ventersdorp Supergroup, volcanology, mineralogy, geology of eastern Namaqualand, vanadium deposits in the Otavi Mountainland. Consulting work was conducted in South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe, and

Malawi. Prof van der Westhuizen was an author and co-author for more than 70 peer reviewed articles and more than 70 conference presentations at national and international level. Apart from being a registered professional scientist, up to his retirement he was a member of the following societies: Fellow of the Geological Society of SA, Archaeological Society of SA, International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior, Spectroscopic Society of SA, International Liaison Group on Gold Mineralisation.

3 LEGISLATION

3.1 National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999)

Cultural Heritage in South Africa, 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

Environmental reports to be compiled for application of mining right - Regulation 48

- Contents of scoping report Regulation 49
- Contents of environmental impact assessment report Regulation 50
- Environmental management programme Regulation 51
- Environmental management plan Regulation 52

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 have been compiled.

Palaeontological heritage is exceptional and non-renewable and is protected by the NHRA. Palaeontological resources and 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 forms part of 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 m² 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 decrease the effect of the 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 precede 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.
 - 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 (infrastructure alternatives have been provided):
- 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 proposed prospecting and waste licence application near Barkly West on the Remaining Extent of the Farm 225, Registration Division: Barkly West, Northern Cape Province is depicted on the 1:250 000 Kimberley 2824 (Bosch, P.J.A. & Visser, D.J.L., 1994) Geological Map (Council of Geoscience, Pretoria) (**Figure 3; Table 2**). According to this map the proposed development is underlain by the following sediments: Quaternary (Qs-light yellow) red and grey aeolian sand; (Qa; dark yellow) alluvial diamondiferous gravel; and Allanridge Formation (Ra; green) of the Platberg Group (Ventersdorp Supergroup).

The largest (southern and middle) portion of the development is underlain by unconsolidated aeolian wind-blown sands (Qs, pale yellow) of the Kalahari Group (Gordonia Formation). Inliers of the Allanridge Formation (Ventersdorp Supergroup) is present in the north west and south west of the development while alluvial diamondiferous gravel occupies a patch in the northern margin of the development. Updated Shape files (Council of Geosciences, Pretoria) indicates that the proposed development is largely underlain by the Kalahari Group, while the northern portion is underlain by the Allanridge Formation (Platberg Group, Ventersdorp Supergroup while the patch in the northern to central area is underlain by calcrete, surface limestone and Hardpan sediments (**Figure 4-5**).

The PalaeoMap of the South African Heritage Resources Information System indicates that the Palaeontological Sensitivity of the Quaternary calcrete, surface limestone and Hardpan sediments is High, that of the Kalahari Group is moderate while the Allanridge Formation of the Ventersdorp Supergroup has a Low Palaeontological Sensitivity (**Figure 6**).



Superficial deposits in the Barkly West area consists of alluvial gravels, aeolian sands, calcretes of the Quaternary that overlies the older sediments. Quaternary deposits are the most widespread body of terrestrial sediments in southern Africa. The sands and calcretes range in thickness from a few metres to more than 180m (Partridge et al., 2006). The pan sediments of the area contain white to brown fine-grained silts, sands and clays. Some of the pans consist of clayey material mixed with evaporates that shows seasonal effects of shallow saline groundwaters. Quaternary alluvial gravels also known as high level gravels is mapped along both the Vaal and Orange River and is associated with diamond mining (De Wit et al., 2000). Windsorton is located northeast of the development and is known to have heavily calcretized "Older Gravels". These gravels have been allocated to the Windsorton Formation and are proposed to be Miocene-Pliocene in age (Partridge & Brink 1967, De Wit et al., 2000, Partridge et al. 2006). The 'Younger gravels' of the Vaal River System comprise of the Rietputs Formation.

The Quaternary Gordonia Formation (Kalahari Group) are dated as Late Pliocene/Early Pleistocene to Recent times by the Middle to Later Stone Age stone tools recovered from them (Dingle et al (1983). The fossil assemblages of the Quaternary are generally Low in diversity and occur over a wide range and mostly has a Moderate Paleontologically Sensitivity but locally High. These fossils represent terrestrial plants and animals with a close resemblance to living forms. Fossil assemblages include bivalves, diatoms, gastropod shells, ostracods and trace fossils. The palaeontology of the Quaternary superficial deposits has been relatively neglected in the past. Late Cenozoic calcrete may comprise of bones, horn corns as well as mammalian teeth. Tortoise remains have also been uncovered as well as trace fossils which includes termite and insect's burrows and mammalian trackways. Amphibian and crocodile skeletons have been uncovered where the depositional settings in the past were wetter.

The Quaternary superficial deposits are the youngest geological deposits formed during the most recent geological period (approximately 2.6 million years ago to present). Most of the superficial deposits are unconsolidated sediments and consist of clay, gravel, sand, silt, that form relatively thin, discontinuous patches of sediments or larger spreads onshore. These sediments comprise of channel, floodplain and stream deposits, talus gravels and glacial drift sediments. The Quaternary 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 Quaternary 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 Quaternary 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).

The Ventersdorp Supergroup comprise of the biggest and most wide-spread system of volcanic rocks in the Kaapvaal Craton. This Supergroup unconformably overlies the Witwatersrand Supergroup and is also BANZAI ENVIRONMENTAL (PTY) LTD.

unconformably overlain by the Transvaal Supergroup. The elliptical basin is approximately 300 000km² in extent. The type-area is located between Klerksdorp (North West), and Welkom and Bothaville (Free State). This Supergroup mantles most of the distribution area of the Witwatersrand Supergroup as well as the Dominion Group.

The best exposures of the Ventersdorp Supergroup are in the North West Province as well as in the Northern Cape Province, Gauteng, and southern Botswana. This Supergroup is divided in the Klipriviersberg Group (oldest) which is overlain by the Platberg Group followed by the sedimentary Bothaville Formation and the volcanic Allanridge Formation (uppermost Ventersdorp unit, youngest Formation) (**Figure 5**).

The Platberg Group is subdivided in four formations namely the Kameeldoorns-, Goedgenoeg-, Makwassie-, and Rietgat Formations. These formations consist of heterogenous rock varying from chemical and classic sediments, to felsic and mafic volcanics. These rocks were deposited in linear vault troughs during grabed developments (Visser et al, 1975-1976, Buck, 1980). These deep intermontane grabens formed in older underlying andesitic terranes and formed areas of alluvial fan deposits and debris as well as scree flows. Ooids and stromatolites accumulated under lacustrine conditions in fine-grained chemical and terrigenous sediments. (Buck, 1980) Stromatolites were identified in the Rietgat Formation between Prieska and Britstown. In time fluvial processes prevailed causing widespread prograding of alluvial fans across basins (Buck, 1980).

The Platberg is mostly absent in the north-east of the Ventersdorp depository while the outcrops are erratic with changes in thickness. The type-area of the Platberg Group is between Welkom and Klerksdorp and was described by Winter (1976), while the Klerksdorp area was described by J.M. Myers (1990). The Rietgat Formation crops out in the, north, northwest, and southwest of Vryburg, south-southeast of Douglas, Taungs-Hartswater area, west of Klerksdorp, T'Kuip in the Northern Cape Province and southwest of Ventersdorp. The Rietgat Formation consist of alternating sedimentary and volcanic rocks which varies in thickness across the basin.

The uppermost volcanic Allanridge Formation crops out in the North West, Northern Cape, and Free State Provinces. Witmer (1976) came to the conclusion that the Allanridge Formation has a conformable relationship with the Bothaville Formation (deeper parts of the basin) while Keyser (1998), found a very prominent unconformable relationship in the direction of the northwestern boundary of the Ventersdorp depository. The Allanridge formations consists primary of light green—grey porphyritic lava and pyroclastic rocks as well as dark-green amygdaloidal lava. The dark-green lava is the thickest unit in the Allanridge Formation. Both lava types consist of amygdales but is more widespread in the dark-green lava. The Allanridge is igneous in origin and thus unfossiliferous.



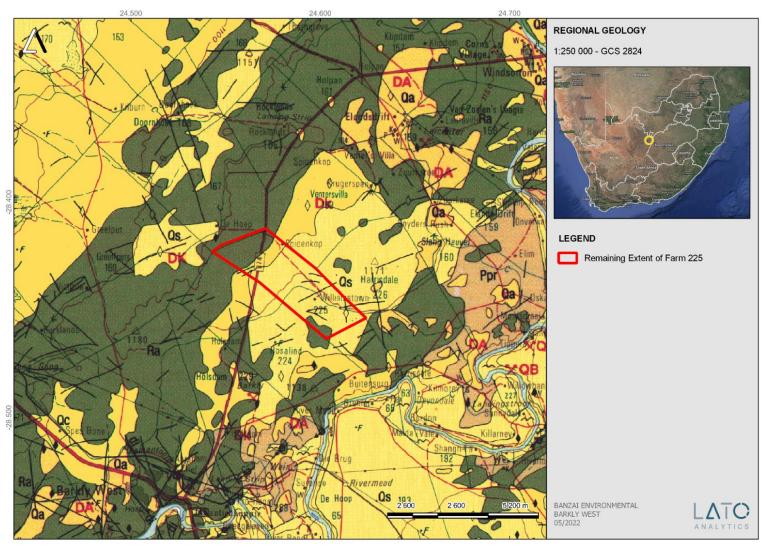
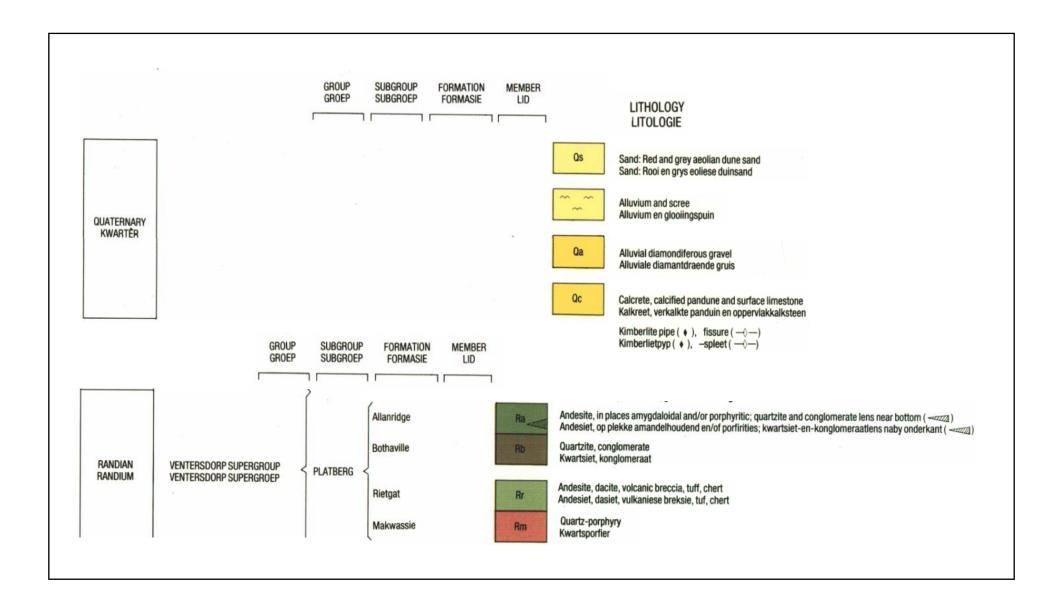


Figure 3: Extract of the 1: 250 000 Kimberly 2824 Geological Map (1994) (Council of Geosciences, Pretoria) indicating the geology of the proposed prospecting and waste licence application near Barkly West on the Remaining Extent of the Farm 225, Registration Division: Barkly West, Northern Cape Province.



Table 2:Legend of the 1: 250 000 Kimberly 2824 geological map (1994) (Council of Geosciences, Pretoria)





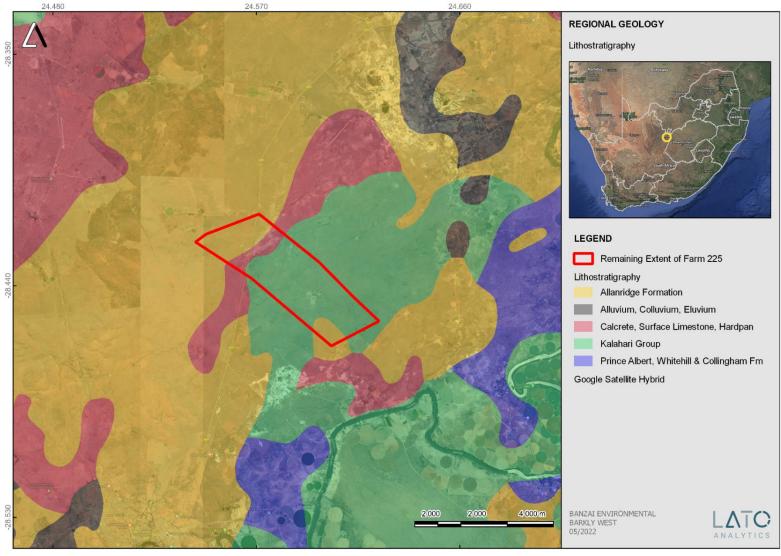


Figure 4: Geology indicated by Shape Files (Council for Geosciences, Pretoria).

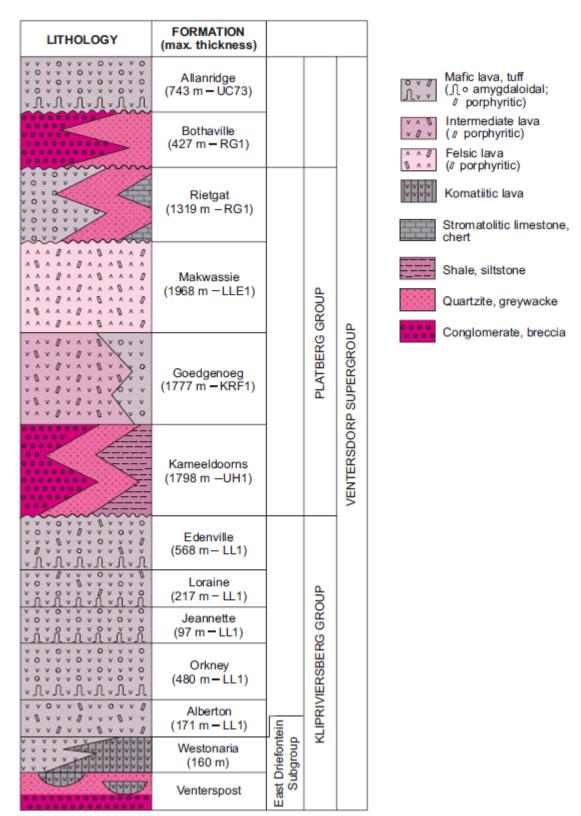


Figure 5: Ventersdorp stratigraphy (Taken from Van Der Westhuizen and Bruiyn, 2006 after Winter, 1965, 1976; Linton et al., 1990 Meyers, 1990 and Meintjies, 1978).



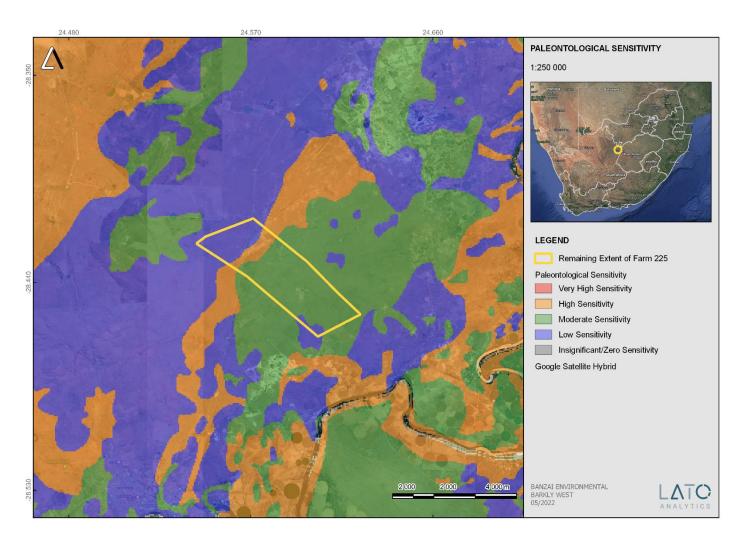


Figure 6: Extract of the 1:250 000 SAHRIS PalaeoMap (Council of Geosciences, Pretoria) indicating the proposed development near Barkly West in the Northern

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According to the SAHRIS Palaeosensitivity map (**Figure 6**) the proposed development is underlain by sediments of High (orange), Moderate (green) and Blue (low) Palaeontological Sensitivity.

Table 3: Palaeontological Significance

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

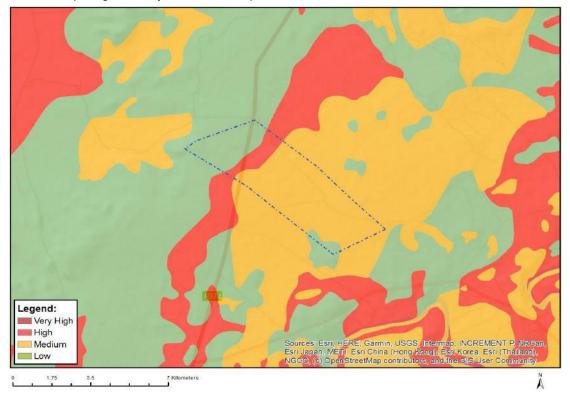


Figure 7: Palaeontological Sensitivity generated by the National Environmental Web-Based Screening indicating the proposed development

According to the DEA Screening Report the proposed area falls within low, medium and high Palaeontology Theme Sensitivity.

6 GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE SITE

The following information was obtained from Milnex CC.

Table 4: Locality of the proposed development

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Farm Name:	Remaining extent of the Farm 225	
Extent of the area required for prospecting	1776.2518 Ha	
Magisterial district:	Frances Baard District Municipality	
Local Municipality	Dikgatlong Local Municipality	
Registration Division	Barkly West	
Distance and direction from nearest town	The property is located approximately 10.8km North-east of the town Barkly West in the Northern Cape Province.	
21 digit Surveyor General Code for each farm portion	1) C0070000000022500000	
Minerals Applied for	Diamond DIA Diamond (Alluvial) Diamond (General) Diamond (In Kimberlite)	

Table 5:Farm coordinates

Farms	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude
	24° 32' 34.830" E	28° 25' 22.895" S	24° 37' 27.088" E	28° 27' 13.592" S
	24° 32' 51.382" E	28° 25' 12.037" S	24° 36' 11.298" E	28° 27' 48.210" S
1) Remaining extent of the Farm 225	24° 34' 16.085" E	28° 24' 43.698" S	24° 34' 39.621" E	28° 26' 40.165" S
	24° 35' 51.207" E	28° 25' 50.635" S	24° 34' 4.566" E	28° 26' 14.016" S
	24° 36' 47.732" E	28° 26' 40.876" S		

7 METHODS

The aim of a desktop study is to evaluate the risk to palaeontological heritage in the proposed development. This includes all trace fossils and fossils. All available information is consulted to compile a desktop study and includes Palaeontological impact assessment reports in the same area, aerial photos, and Google Earth images, topographical as well as geological maps. Scientific research articles of research conducted in the area is also sourced and included in the Impact Assessment.

7.1 Assumptions and Limitations

When conducting a PIA several factors can affect the accuracy of the assessment. The focal point of geological maps is the geology of the area, and the sheet explanations were not meant to focus on palaeontological heritage. Many inaccessible regions of South Africa have not been reviewed by palaeontologists and data is generally based on aerial photographs. 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.

Comparable Assemblage Zones in other areas is used to provide information on the existence of fossils in an area which was not yet been documented. When similar Assemblage Zones and

geological formations for Desktop studies is used it is generally **assumed** that exposed fossil heritage is present within the footprint.

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).
- A Google Earth map with polygons of the proposed development was obtained from Milnex cc.
- 1: 250 000 Kimberly 2824 Geological Map (1994) (Council of Geosciences, Pretoria)
- Shape files produced by the Council of Geosciences (Pretoria).

9 IMPACT ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Impact assessment must take account of the nature, scale and duration of impacts on the environment whether such impacts are positive or negative. Each impact is also assessed according to the following project phases:

- · Construction.
- Operation; and
- · Decommissioning.

Where necessary, the proposal for mitigation or optimisation of an impact should be detailed. A brief discussion of the impact and the rationale behind the assessment of its significance should also be included. The rating system is applied to the potential impacts on the receiving environment and includes an objective evaluation of the mitigation of the impact. In assessing the significance of each impact, the following criteria is used:

Table 6: The rating system

NATU	NATURE			
The N	The Nature of the Impact is the possible destruction of fossil heritage			
GEOG	GEOGRAPHICAL EXTENT			
This is defined as the area over which the impact will be experienced.				
1	Site	The impact will only affect the site.		
2	Local/district	Will affect the local area or district.		
3	Province/region	Will affect the entire province or region.		

4	International and National	Will affect the entire country.			
PROB	_ ABILITY				
This d	lescribes the chance of occurrence	ce of an impact.			
1	Unlikely	The chance of the impact occurring is extremely low (Less			
		than a 25% chance of occurrence).			
2	Possible	The impact may occur (Between a 25% to 50% chance of			
		occurrence).			
3	Probable	The impact will likely occur (Between a 50% to 75% chance			
		of occurrence).			
4	Definite	Impact will certainly occur (Greater than a 75% chance of			
		occurrence).			
DURA	TION				
This d	lescribes the duration of the impa	acts. Duration indicates the lifetime of the impact as a result			
of the	proposed activity.				
1	Short term	The impact will either disappear with mitigation or will be			
		mitigated through natural processes in a span shorter			
		than the construction phase $(0 - 1 \text{ years})$, or the impact			
		will last for the period of a relatively short construction			
		period and a limited recovery time after construction,			
		thereafter it will be entirely negated $(0 - 2 \text{ years})$.			
2	Medium term	The impact will continue or last for some time after the			
		construction phase but will be mitigated by direct human			
		action or by natural processes thereafter (2 – 10 years).			
3	Long term	The impact and its effects will continue or last for the			
		entire operational life of the development, but will be			
		mitigated by direct human action or by natural processes			
		thereafter (10 – 30 years).			
4	Permanent	The only class of impact that will be non-transitory.			
		Mitigation either by man or natural process will not occur			
		in such a way or such a time span that the impact can be			
		considered indefinite.			

	INTENSITY/ MAGNITUDE		
Describ	Describes the severity of an impact.		
1	Low	Impact affects the quality, use and integrity of the system/component in a way that is barely perceptible.	
2	Medium	Impact alters the quality, use and integrity of the system/component but system/component still continues to function in a moderately modified way and maintains general integrity (some impact on integrity).	
3	High	Impact affects the continued viability of the system/ component and the quality, use, integrity and functionality of the system or component is severely impaired and may temporarily cease. High costs of rehabilitation and remediation.	
4	Very high	Impact affects the continued viability of the system/component and the quality, use, integrity and functionality of the system or component permanently ceases and is irreversibly impaired. Rehabilitation and remediation often impossible. If possible rehabilitation and remediation often unfeasible due to extremely high costs of rehabilitation and remediation.	
REVER	SIBILITY		
	scribes the degree to which an imed activity.	pact can be successfully reversed upon completion of the	
1	Completely reversible	The impact is reversible with implementation of minor mitigation measures.	
2	Partly reversible	The impact is partly reversible but more intense mitigation measures are required.	
3	Barely reversible	The impact is unlikely to be reversed even with intense mitigation measures.	
4	Irreversible	The impact is irreversible, and no mitigation measures exist.	
IRREPLACEABLE LOSS OF RESOURCES			

This de	This describes the degree to which resources will be irreplaceably lost as a result of a proposed		
activity.	activity.		
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1	No loss of resource	The impact will not result in the loss of any resources.	
2	Marginal loss of resource	The impact will result in marginal loss of resources.	
3	Significant loss of resources	The impact will result in significant loss of resources.	
4	Complete loss of resources	The impact is result in a complete loss of all resources.	

CUMULATIVE EFFECT

This describes the cumulative effect of the impacts. A cumulative impact is an effect which in itself may not be significant but may become significant if added to other existing or potential impacts emanating from other similar or diverse activities as a result of the project activity in question.

1	Negligible cumulative impact	The impact would result in negligible to no cumulative					
		effects.					
2	Low cumulative impact	The impact would result in insignificant cumulative effects.					
3	Medium cumulative impact	The impact would result in minor cumulative effects.					
4	High cumulative impact	The impact would result in significant cumulative effects					

SIGNIFICANCE

Significance is determined through a synthesis of impact characteristics. Significance is an indication of the importance of the impact in terms of both physical extent and time scale, and therefore indicates the level of mitigation required. The calculation of the significance of an impact uses the following formula:

(Extent + probability + reversibility + irreplaceability + duration + cumulative effect) x magnitude/intensity = X.

The summation of the different criteria will produce a non-weighted value. By multiplying this value with the magnitude/intensity, the resultant value acquires a weighted characteristic which can be measured and assigned a significance rating.

Points	Impact significance rating	Description
6 to 28	Negative low impact	The anticipated impact will have negligible negative effects and will require little to no mitigation.
6 to 28	Positive low impact	The anticipated impact will have minor positive effects.

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29 to 50	Negative medium impact	The anticipated impact will have moderate negative effects and will require moderate mitigation measures.
29 to 50	Positive medium impact	The anticipated impact will have moderate positive effects.
51 to 73	Negative high impact	The anticipated impact will have significant effects and will require significant mitigation measures to achieve an acceptable level of impact.
51 to 73	Positive high impact	The anticipated impact will have significant positive effects.
74 to 96	Negative very high impact	The anticipated impact will have highly significant effects and are unlikely to be able to be mitigated adequately. These impacts could be considered "fatal flaws".
74 to 96	Positive very high impact	The anticipated impact will have highly significant positive

9.1 Summary of Impact Tables

Loss of fossil heritage will be a negative impact. Only the site will be affected by the proposed development. The expected duration of the impact is assessed as potentially permanent to long term. In the absence of mitigation procedures, the damage or destruction of any palaeontological materials will be permanent. Impacts on palaeontological heritage during the construction phase could potentially occur and are regarded as having a high probability. As fossil heritage will be destroyed the impact is irreversible. The significance of the impact occurring will be high pre-mitigation and low post-mitigation.

Table 7: Summary of Impact Tables

	Site	Probability	Duration	Magnitude	Reversibility	Irreplicable Loss	Cumulative Effect	Significance
Pre- mitigation	1	2	4	3	4	4	2	51
Post- mitigation	1	2	4	1	4	4	2	17



10 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

According to the Geological map the proposed development footprint is largely underlain by Quaternary aeolian sands as well as alluvial diamondiferous gravel; and inliers of the Allanridge Formation (Platberg Group, Ventersdorp Supergroup). Updated Shape files (Council of Geosciences, Pretoria) indicates that the proposed development is largely underlain by the Kalahari Group, while the northern portion is underlain by the Allanridge Formation (Platberg Group, Ventersdorp Supergroup while a portion in the northern to central area is underlain by calcrete, surface limestone and Hardpan sediments. The PalaeoMap of the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) indicates that the Palaeontological Sensitivity of the Quaternary calcrete, surface limestone and Hardpan sediments is High, that of the Kalahari Group is moderate and the Allanridge Formation of the Ventersdorp Supergroup has a Low Palaeontological Sensitivity (Almond and Pether 2008, SAHRIS website). A LOW Palaeontological Significance has been accolated to the proposed development.

It is therefore considered that the proposed development will not lead to detrimental impacts on the palaeontological resources of the area. The construction and operation of the project may be authorised, as the whole extent of the development footprint is not considered sensitive in terms of palaeontological heritage. If fossil remains or trace fossils are discovered during any phase of construction, either on the surface or exposed by excavations the Environmental Control Officer (ECO) in charge of these developments must report to SAHRA (Contact details: SAHRA, 111 Harrington Street, Cape Town. PO Box 4637, Cape Town 8000, South Africa. Tel: 021 462 4502. Fax: +27 (0)21 462 4509. Web: www.sahra.org.za) so that mitigation can be carry out by a palaeontologist.

It is consequently recommended that no further palaeontological heritage studies, ground truthing and/or specialist mitigation are required pending the discovery of newly discovered fossils.

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Curriculum Vitae

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School: Grey College Bloemfontein1968.

University Training: B.Sc. (Geology, chemistry) 1973

B.Sc. Honours (Geology) 1974

M.Sc. (Geology) 1977

Ph.D. (Geochemistry) 1984

All degrees obtained at the University of the Free State.

Research

Research included the following visits:

- 1 Mineral Exploration Research Institute (Universities of Montréal and McGill) in Montréal (1986).
- 2 Study volcanic successions in Channel Islands, France, and Whales in 1986.
- 3 Visit Australia in 1988 to study gold deposits (Kalgoorlie).
- 4 Study gold deposits in Brazil in 1991.
- 5 Excursion to the active volcanoes of Sicily and the Aeolian islands (1994).
- 6 Mineral Resource Management (value tracking) symposium in Australia in 2002.
- 7 Excursion to study high-pressure metamorphic rocks in Turkey in 2005.
- 8 Excursion to northern Spain with students from Wales and South Africa 2008.
- 9 Attended workshop on gold mineralisation in Namibia (±2007).
- 10 Visited New Zealand in 2019 to investigate volcanological aspects of active volcanoes.

Research in southern Africa includes the Ventersdorp Supergroup, volcanology, mineralogy, geology of eastern Namaqualand, vanadium deposits in the Otavi Mountainland, Witwatersrand geology and mineralisation.

Consulting work in South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

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Author and co-author of more than 70 peer reviewed articles and more than 70 conference presentations at national and international level.

Positions held:

Employed by the University of the Free State since 1974. Started as technical assistant at the Institute for Groundwater Studies and then the Department of Geology. Promoted to X-ray fluorescence analyst in charge of the analytical laboratory and later to lecturer, senior lecturer and associate professor.

Departmental chairperson (geology department) since 1998.

Professor and departmental chairperson from 2003 until 2013.

Supervised and co-supervised 16 M.Sc. students and 4 Ph.D. students. Involved with two more Ph.D. candidates.

Supervised 75 mini-dissertations from MRM (mineral resource management) students.

Retired end of 2015.

Appointed part-time 2016 - 2018.

Teaching

Taught courses in mineral exploration, geochemical exploration, economic geology and analytical techniques (geochemistry).

Introduced a course in Mineral Resource Management at the University of the Free State in 2000 in collaboration with private sector (Comparex, now Business Connection) and Kumba.

Societies

Member of the following societies:

Fellow of the Geological Society of SA.

Archaeological Society of SA.

International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior.

Spectroscopic Society of SA.

International Liaison Group on Gold Mineralisation.

Chairman Maccauw Gun Club (clay target shooting) for four years.

Registered as a professional scientist.

Most of above lapsed since retiring.



Business

Director Woodland Hills Wildlife Estate from 2001 until present (property development on the outskirts of Bloemfontein (includes houses, sectional title units and hospital).

Trustee of the Hillandale Homeowners association since inception (chairperson for four years).

Director and chairperson of the board of Hillandale Hospital (property investment and a private company leases the buildings.

Conducted some geotechnical and environmental work for Woodland Hills Wildlife Estate.