



PALAEONTOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

PROPOSED BRONVILLE

132/11/6.6KV SUBSTATION IN

WELKOM, FREE STATE

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The heritage 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: Checklist for Specialist studies conformance with Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations of 2014 (as amended).

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 9,	-	
(d) The duration, date and season of the site investigation and the relevance of the season to the outcome of the assessment	Section 1& 10	Desktop Assessment	



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(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 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;5 & 10		
(g) An identification of any areas to be avoided, including buffers	Section 1;5 & 10		
(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 	Section 1 and 10		
(k) Any mitigation measures for inclusion in the EMPr	Section 1 and 10		
(I) Any conditions for inclusion in the environmental authorisation	Section 1 and 10		



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(n)(i) A reasoned opinion as to whether the proposed activity, activities or portions thereof should be authorised and	Section 1 & 11	
(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 included in the EMPr, and where applicable, the closure plan	Section 1 and 10	-
(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 was handled as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) process.



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(p) A summary and copies of any comments that were received during any consultation process	N/A	Not applicable. To date, no comments regarding heritage resources that require input from a specialist have been raised.
(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 **Royal Haskoning DHV (PTY) Ltd** to conduct the Palaeontological Desktop Assessment (PDA) to assess the proposed Bronville 132/11/6.6kV Substation in Welkom, Free State 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 and to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed development on the Palaeontological Heritage of the area.

The proposed Bronville 132/11/6.6kV Substation in Welkom, Free State Province is underlain by Quaternary aeolian sand. The PalaeoMap of SAHRIS indicates the Palaeontological Sensitivity of the Quaternary superficial deposits is Moderate (Almond et al, 2013; SAHRIS website). Updated geology compiled by the Council of Geosciences (Pretoria) indicates that the proposed development is underlain by alluvium, colluvium, elluvium and gravel. A Low Palaeontological significance has thus been allocated to the development. It is therefore considered that the development will not lead to detrimental impacts on the palaeontological resources of the area. The proposed development may be authorised, as the whole extent of the development footprint is not considered sensitive in terms of Palaeontological Heritage.

If fossil remains are discovered during any phase of construction, either on the surface or exposed by fresh excavations ECO in charge of these developmentsmust be notified immediately. These discoveries ought to be protected (if possible, *in situ*) and the ECO 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 suitable mitigation (*e.g.* recording and collection) can be carry out by a paleontologist.



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1 BACKGROUND

For Eskom and Matjhabeng Local Municipality to be in a position to electrify the newly proposed and existing housing developments in the Thabong and Bronville area it is imperative for Bronville Substation to be upgraded to a capacity to enable it to supply the whole area as Urania Substation cannot be upgraded due to the following factors:

- environmental factors (wetland),
- possibility of contaminated soil (due to sewer leakage),
- theft (break-ins in the substation and the recent vandalism that took place),
- location of the substation (outskirts of the area which will result in theft and allot of material for reticulation) and,
- future SANRAL plans to build an interchange which takes half of the substation land.

In the Thabong and Bronville areas there are approximately 8076 electrical consumers that will benefit from the project and this will also assist the Municipality to generated income, small businesses will also open and illegal connections will also be reduced as the community will have access to proper electricity/ electrical infrastructure.

The existing Eskom Substations in the area do not have capacity and will take up to five (5) years to build a new substation for this purpose.

Urania substation had one 132kV/ 11kV 20MVA Transformer feeding Bronville and Thabong surrounding areas. This transformer was struck by lightning and caught fire during 2008. From the visual inspections performed at the time, the transformer appeared to be badly damaged although tests that were conducted on the transformer showed that the main damage was on the on-load tap changer. The transformer as well as the 132kV equipment at Urania Substation have since been badly vandalized and considering the factors mentioned above it is highly recommended that the Substation be built at Bronville.

The objective is to secure external funding to be in position to provide a sustainable electrical supply to 8 076 electrical consumers in the Bronville and Thabong town ships.

The Bronville residential area is supplied from the 6.6/11 kV Bronville Substation which is supplied from the Urania 1 x 20 MVA, 132/11 kV Substation. Unfortunately, the Urania Substation has been out of service since 2008 due to lightning failure as well as vandalism of both its 20 MVA power transformer, 4 x 11 kV vacuum breakers and its 132 kV, 240 mm², single core, XLPE, aluminium cable (situated between the Urania and Welkom Main Intake 132 kV Substations).



Since 2008, the Urania Substation's 11 kV switchboard had been supplied with 11 kV from a 95 mm², 3-core, XLPE, copper cable from the Industries Substation via the local Wastewater Treatment Works. The 2×2.5 MVA, 6.6/11 kV step-up transformers at Industries Substation provide a limited (and temporary) solution to the expansion of electrification projects in the Bronville area.

Further to this, Eskom has approached the Matjhabeng Municipality to consider a wheeling agreement for the Municipality to supply residential houses inside the Eskom's (traditional) supply area.

As a result of the (1) vandalism experienced at the Urania Substation and (2) the limited transformer capacity at Industries Substation (presently supplying power to Urania 11kV switchboard and Bronville substations), it is paramount that a new Substation be built at a location that does not have any environmental challenges.

High-Level Scope of Work

High Voltage Installation:

- The completion and the extending of the existing HV overhead line to proposed new proposed position of the Bronville 132kV 20MVA Substation (incl. new 20MVA transformer installation)
- The provision and installation of the second transformer bay complete with compact switchgear, cabling and protection (excluding the 20MVA 132kV/11kV transformer unit for a firm connection)
- Connection of the existing 132kV overhead line to the Bulk Intake 132kV Substation

11kV Medium Voltage Switching Substation Installation:

The provision and installation of a complete new switching station that consist of the following:

- Vacuum breakers and protection to connect the existing 11kV Bronville networks and to allow for the proposed future developments in the area
- Rerouting of the exciting Bronville 11kV cable networks so to connect to the indicated new switching station

o 6.6kV Medium Voltage Transformer and Switching Substation Installation:

The provision and installation of a complete new switching station that consist of the following:

- Vacuum breakers and protection to connect the existing 6.6kV Bronville networks and to allow for the proposed future developments in the area
- Provision and installation of one (1) x 5MVA step-down 11kV /6.6kV transformer complete with NEC transformer
- Rerouting of the exciting Bronville 6.6kV cable networks so to connect to the indicated newly proposed transformer switching station

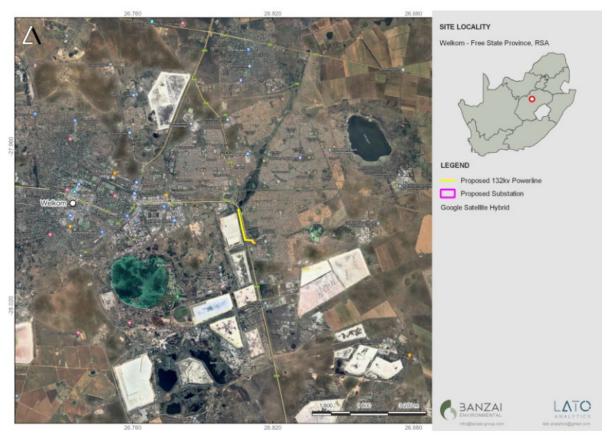


Figure 1:Locality Map.



Figure 2:Close-up image of the proposed development.

2 SPECILIST CREDENTIALS

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 the field of palaeontology for more than twenty-eight years. She has experience in locating, collecting, and curating fossils, including exploration field trips in search of new localities in the Karoo Basin. She has been a member of the Palaeontological Society of South Africa (PSSA) since 2006 and has been conducting PIAs since 2014.

Her Curriculum Vitae is included in Appendix 1 of this specialist input report.

3 LEGISLATION

National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999)
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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

MPRDA Regulations of 2014

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.

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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 as 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 (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 geology of the proposed Bronville Substation near Welkom in the Free State is depicted on the 1:250 000 Kroonstad 2726 (2000) Geological Map (Council for Geosciences, Pretoria) (**Figure 3, Table 2**). This map indicate that the proposed development underlain is by the Quaternary aeolian sand (Qs, yellow) and is most probably underlain at depth by the Adelaide Subgroup (Pa, green) of the Beaufort Group, Karoo Supergroup. The PalaeoMap of SAHRIS indicates the Palaeontological Sensitivity of the Quaternary superficial deposits is Moderate (**Figure 4**, **Table 3**) (Almond *et al*, 2013; SAHRIS website). Updated geology compiled by the Council of Geosciences (Pretoria) indicates that the proposed Bronville Substation is underlain by alluvium, colluvium, elluvium and gravel (**Figure 5**).



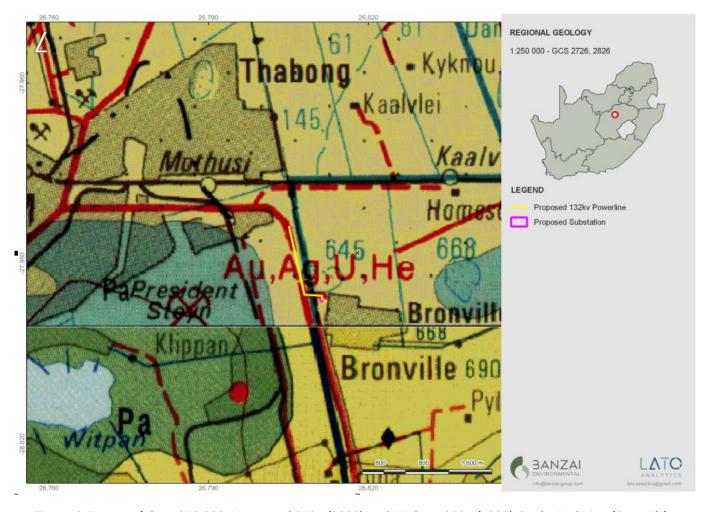
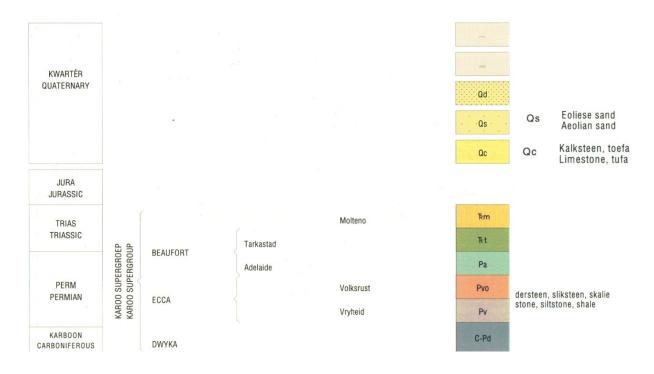


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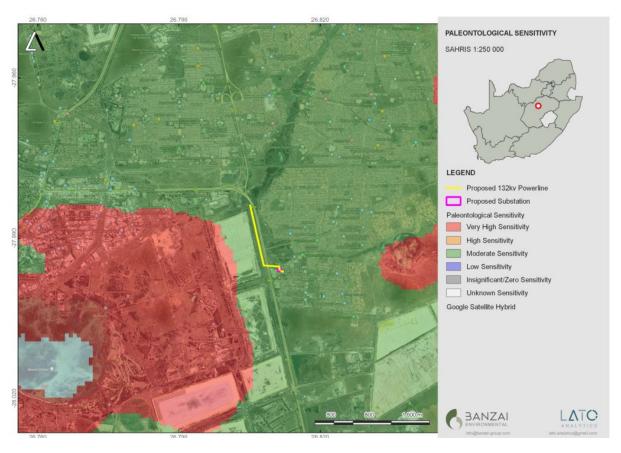


Figure 4: Extract of the 1 in 250 000 SAHRIS PalaeoMap map (Council of Geosciences) indicating the proposed development in blue.

The SAHRIS Palaeosensitivity map (**Figure 4**) indicates that the proposed development is underlain by sediments with a Moderate (green) Palaeontological Sensitivity.

Table 3:Palaeontological Sensitivitie according tho 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.



Figure 5: Updated geology compiled by the Council of Geosciences (Pretoria) indicates that the proposed Bronville Substation near Welkom in the Free State is underlain by alluvium, colluvium, elluvium and gravel.

The Viginia/Welkom District is known for the presence of fluvial deposits along the present river courses that are terrestrial sediments and includes diatomite (diatom deposits), calcareous tufa, pedocretes, peats, spring deposits, soils and gravel and other Tertiary clacrete deposits, that is very important for understanding the Early and Late Pliocene period in this region (De Ruiter et al, 2010). The late Cenozoic (Plio-Pleistocene) floodplain deposits (overbank sediments) found near the Sand-, Doring-, Vals- and Vet River systems including pan sites, contain confined but abundant mammal vertebrate fossil sites. In 1955, Meiring, described an *in situ* proboscidian fossil (mammoth), comprising of a lower molar, large part of a tusk as well as a proximal portion of an ulna from the Sand River near Virginia. This specimen BANZAI ENVIRONMENTAL (PTY) LTD.

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was found in pebbly channel-fill sediments about 40m above the current riverbed. This specimen was originally described as *Archidiskodon scotti* (Meiring 1955) but was later assigned to the Pliocene species *Mammuthus subplanifrons* (Coppens et al. 1978). Later investigations uncovered a diverse fauna that include amphibians, birds, fish, reptiles, as well as several proboscideans, perissodactyls and artiodactyls from the same site (De Ruiter 2010).

Terrace gravels above the Vet River, southwest of Welkom have uncovered Pliocene fossils while surveys along the Doring, Vals, Sand and Vet Rivers produced moderately fossiliferous overbank sediments and erosional gullies that comprise of a variety of Quaternary-aged mammals (Brink et al. 1999; De Ruiter et al. 2011) Ancient pan sites, for example near Whites produced rich Quaternary-aged mammal fossil remains.

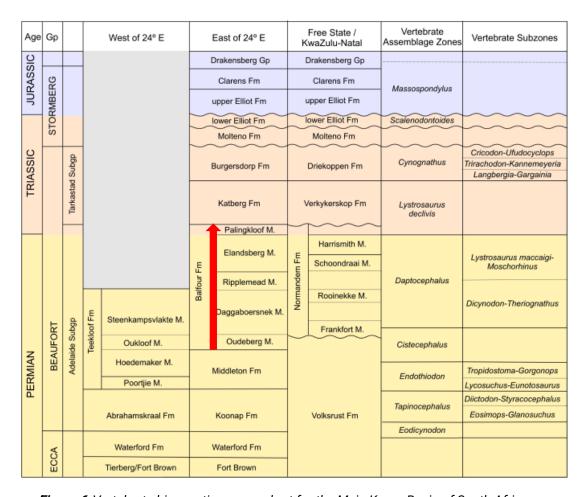


Figure 6: Vertebrate biozonation range chart for the Main Karoo Basin of South Africa.

Solid lines indicate known ranges, dotted lines indicate suspected but not confirmed ranges, single dot represents the stratigraphic position of the taxa that have only been recovered from a single bed. Wavy lines indicate unconformities. (PLYCSR=Pelycosauria and MAMMFMES+Mammaliaformes. Gp=group, Subgp-Supbroup, Fm=Formation, M=Member. The proposed cemetery development is indication by the blue arrow.



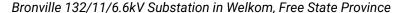


The Geological maps indicate that the development is most probably at depth underlain by the Adelaide Subgroup. The updated geology indicates the the Adelaide Subgroup is represented by the Balfour Formation in this area. The Adelaide Subgoup (Beaufort Group) comprise of a series of Karoo sandstones, mudstones, and shales, deposited under fluvial environments (Figure 6). The Beaufort Group is the third of the main subdivisions of the Karoo Supergroup. The Beaufort group overlays the Ecca Group and consists essentially of sandstones and shales, deposited in the Karoo Basin from the Middle Permian to the early part of the Middle Triassic periods and was deposited on land through alluvial processes. The Beaufort Group covers a total land surface area of approximately 200 000 km² in South Africa and is the first fully continental sequence in the Karoo Supergroup and is divided into the Adelaide subgroup and the overlying Tarkastad subgroup. The Adelaide subgroup rocks are deposited under a humid climate that allowed for the establishment of wet floodplains with high water tables and are interpreted to be fluvio-lacustrine sediments. The Adelaide Subgroup is approximately 5 000m thick in the southeast, but this decreases to about 800m in the centre of the basin which decreases to about 100 to 200m in the north.

The Adelaide Subgroup contains alternating greyish-red, bluish-grey, or greenish grey mudrocks in the southern and central parts of the Karoo Basin with very fine to medium-grained, grey lithofeldspathic sandstones. Thicker sandstones of the Adelaide are usually multi-storey and usually have cut-and-fill features. The sandstones are characterized internally by horizontal lamination together with parting lineation and less frequent trough crossbedding as well as current ripple lamination. The bases of the sandstone units are extensive beds, while ripple lamination is usually confined to thin sandstones towards the top of the thicker units. The mudrocks of the Adelaide Subgroup usually have massive and blocky weathering. Sometimes desiccation cracks and impressions of raindrops are present. In the mudstones of the Beaufort Group calcareous nodules and concretions occur throughout.

The flood plains of the Beaufort Group (Karoo Supergroup) are internationally renowned for the early diversification of land vertebrates and provide the worlds' most complete transition from early "reptiles" to mammals. The Beaufort Group is subdivided into a series of biostratigraphic units based on its faunal content (Kitching1977, 1978; Keyser *et al*, 1977, Rubidge 1995, Smith *et al*, 2020; Viglietti 2020). The south-western portion of the proposed development is underlain by the Balfour Formation which is divided in the *Daptocephalus* (DAZ) which in turn is divided in the upper (younger) *Lystrosaurus maccaigi - Moschorhinus* and lower (older) *Dicynodon-Theriognathus Subzones* (Figure 8, Viglietti, 2020).

The dicynodont, *Daptocephalus leoniceps* is the main biozone defining fossil of the Daptocephalus Assemblage Zone (Figure 6). The *Daptocephalus Assemblage Zone* (DaAZ) is characterised by the co-occurrence of the dicynodontoid *Daptocephalus leoniceps*, the therocephalian *Theriognathus microps*, and the cynodont *Procynosuchus delaharpeae*. The DaAZ comprise of two subzones representing the two distinct faunal assemblages in this assemblage zone. The Dicynodon -Theriognathus Subzone (Figure 8, in co-occurrence with *Daptocephalus*) is present in the lower Daptocephalus Assemblage Zone while the Lystrosaurus maccaigi – Moschorhinus kitchingi Subzone s present in the upper DaAZ. The





defining taxa of the latter subzone is *L. maccaigi, Daptocephalus* and *Moschorhinus*. This Zone is characterized by the co-occurrence of the two therapsids namely *Dicynodon* and *Theriognathus* (*Figure 9*). The *Daptocephalus* Assemblage Zone of the Beaufort Group shows the greatest vertebrate diversity and includes numerous well-preserved genera and species of dicynodonts, biarmosuchians, gorgonopsian, therocephalian and cynodont therapsid Synapsida. Captorhinid Reptilia are also present while eosuchian Reptilia, Amphibia and Pisces are rarer in occurrence. Trace fossils of vertebrates and invertebrates as well as *Glossopteris* flora plants have also been described.

The *Daptocephalus Assemblage Zone* (AZ) expands into the lower Palingkloof of the Upper Balfour Formation. The lower Palingkloof Member is of special importance as it precedes the Permo-Triassic Extinction Event which destroyed the vertebrate fauna and extinguished the diverse glossopterid plants. The lower *Lystrosaurus* declivis AZ forms part of the Katberg Formation. Fauna and flora from this assemblage zone is rare as few genera survived the Permo-Triassic Extinction Event. The *Lystrosaurus* declivis AZ (**Figure 10**) is characterized by the dicynodont, *Lystrosaurus*, and captorhinid reptile, *Procolophon*, biarmosuchian and gorgonopsian Therapsida thatdid not survive into the *Lystrosaurus* Assemblage Zone although the therocephalian and cynodont Therapsida are present in moderate quantities. Captorhinid Reptilia is reduced, but this interval is characterised by a unique diversity of oversize amphibians while fossil fish, millipedes and diverse trace fossils have also been recorded.



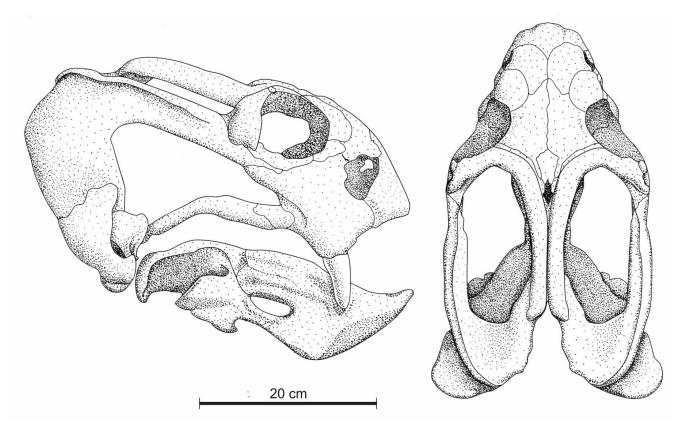


Figure 7: Lateral and dorsal views of skull of the dicynodont Daptocephalus leoniceps, the *main biozone* defining fossil (Image taken from Viglietti, 2020) and dorsal views (Image taken from Viglietti, 2020).

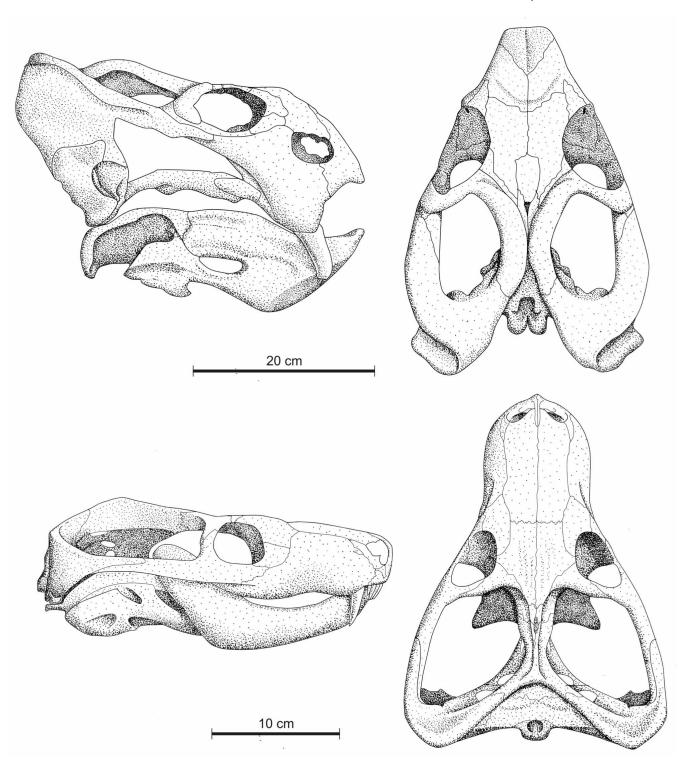


Figure 8: Skulls of the biozone defining fossils of the Dicynodon-Theriognathus Subzone in lateral and dorsal views. Dicynodon lacerticeps (top), Theriognathus microps (bottom) (Image taken from Viglietti, 2020).

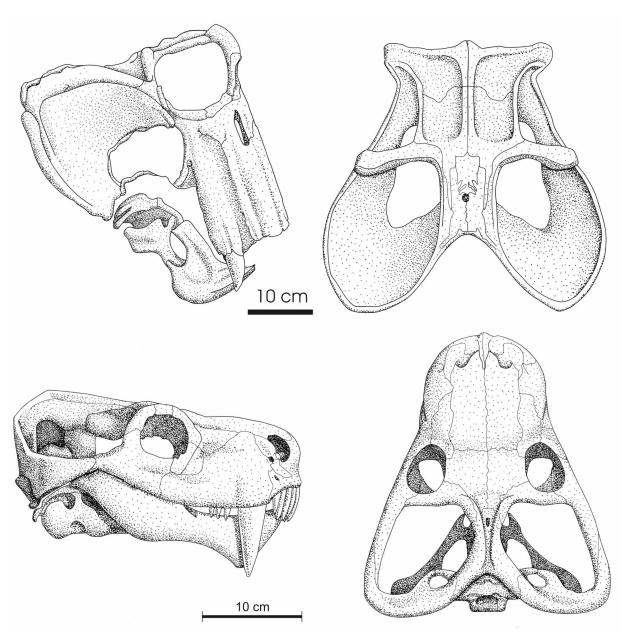


Figure 9: Biozone defining fossils of the Lystrosaurus maccaigi- Moschorhinus Subzone. The skulls of the Lystrosaurus maccaigi (top) and Moschorhinus kitchingi (bottom) in lateral.

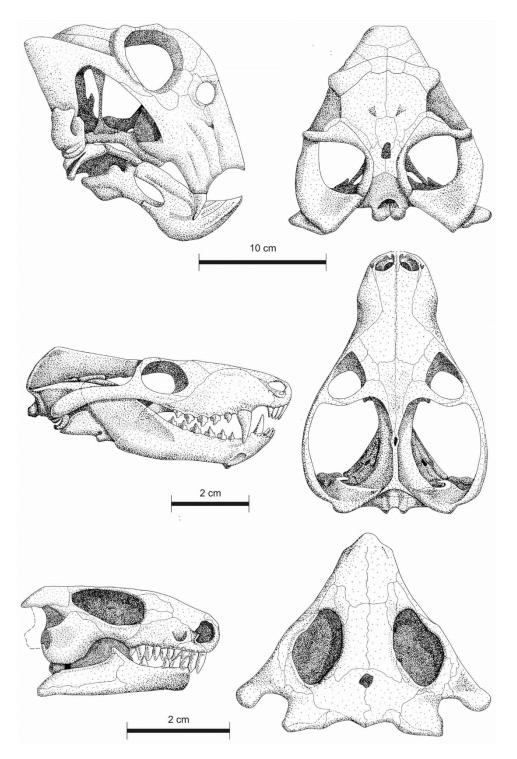


Figure 10: Lateral and dorsal views of the index taxa defining the Lystrosaurus declivis Assemblage Zone. (top) Lystrosaurus declivis, (centre) Thrinaxodon liorhinus, (bottom) Procolophon trigoniceps (Image taken from Botha and Smith, 2020).



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The Ecca Group (Karoo Supergroup) is a sedimentary rock sequence comprising of dark greenish-grey siltstone or shale and fine-grained sandstone. These shale and fine-grained sandstones of the Ecca are deeply weathered and rarely exposed. Weathered outcrops are usually scarce but if present the weathering expose thinly bedded, highly weathered shale with well-defined bedding planes. Botha and Botha (2002) came to the conclusion that these sediments are deep-water deposits accumulating in an off-shore marine environment. This Group is Early to Late Permian in age (~289–253 Ma).

Trace fossils and abundant plant fossils are known from the deep-water deposits of this Group. The plant fossils are especially abundant in the sandstone rich units in the northern parts of the Basin. The first occurrence of the bivalve *Megadesmus is reported from the* upper Volksrust Shale Formation in the north-eastern Karoo Basin. This genus is well-known in deposits in India, Siberia, Australia, and South America. This is the first reported occurrence of this bivalve genus in Africa. This fossil has both valves articulated, indicating minimal transport after death. This large fossil was enclosed in interbedded shale-siltstone indicating a deltaic deposition at the Beaufort -Ecca Boundary (Cairncross *et al*, 2005).

6 GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE SITE

The Bronville Substation is located is located about 10km south east of Welcome Central Business Destrict (CBD) (Figure 1-2).

Table 4: GPS coordinates

	Latitude	Longitude
North westernpoint	27°59'42.06"S	26°48'38.14"E
North eastern point	27°59'42.21"S	26°48'40.16"E
Eastern point	27°59'43.04"S	26°48'41.68"E
South eastern point	27°59'43.74"S	26°48'41.62"E
South western point	27°59'43.51"S	26°48'37.83"E



7 METHODS

The aim of a desktop study is to evaluate the possible risk to palaeontological heritage in the proposed development. This include 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 accuratetely documented.

Comparable Assemblage Zones in other areas is 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.

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 EIMS.
- 1:250 000 Winburg 2826 (1998) Geological Map (Council for Geosciences, Pretoria)
- 1:250 000 Kroonstad 2726 (2000) Geological Map (Council for Geosciences, Pretoria)
- Updated Geology (Council for Geosciences, Pretoria)

9 ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

9.1 Method of Environmental Assessment

Nature: A brief written statement of the environmental aspect being impacted upon by a particular action or activity;

 Although minimal, the excavations and ground disturbance during the construction phase will involve excavations into the superficial sediment cover as well as locally into the underlying bedrock. These



excavations will modify the current topography and may disrupt and destruct, or permanently seal-in fossils at or below the ground surface that are then no longer accessible for scientific research.

Extent: The area over which the impact will be expressed. Typically, the severity and significance of an impact have different scales. This is often useful during the detailed assessment phase of a project in terms of further defining the determined significance or intensity of an impact. For example, high at a local scale, but low at a regional scale;

• This impact is likely to occur only within the construction phase. No impacts are expected to occur during the operation phase. The extent of the area affected by this potential impact is restricted to the development footprint and therefore categorised as **local**.

Duration: Indicates what the lifetime of the impact will be;

• The expected duration of the impact is assessed as potentially permanent to long term. In the absence of mitigation procedures (should fossil material be present within the affected area) the damage or destruction of any palaeontological materials will be **permanent**.

Intensity: Describes whether an impact is destructive or benign;

The intensity of the impact on fossil heritage is rated as low.

Probability: Describes the likelihood of an impact actually occurring; and

 Impacts on palaeontological heritage during the construction phase could potentially occur but are regarded as improbable.

Cumulative: In relation to an activity, means the impact of an activity that in itself may not be significant but may become significant when added to the existing and potential impacts eventuating from similar or diverse activities or undertakings in the area.

Cumulative impacts: The cumulative effect of the proposed development is considered to be low.

Table 5:Criteria to be used for the Rating of Impacts

Criteria	Description			
EXTENT	National (4) The whole of South Africa	Regional (3) Provincial and parts of neighbouring provinces	Local (2) Within a radius of 2 km of the construction site	Site (1) Within the construction site
DURATION	Permanent (4) Mitigation either by man or natural process will not occur in such a way or in such a time span that the impact can be considered transient	Long-term (3) The impact 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. The only class of impact which will be non- transitory	Medium-term (2) The impact will last for the period of the construction phase, where after it will be entirely negated	Short-term (1) The impact will either disappear with mitigation or will be mitigated through natural process in a span shorter than the construction phase



Table 5:Criteria to be used for the Rating of Impacts

Criteria	Description			
INTENSITY	Very High (4) Natural, cultural and social functions and processes are altered to extent that they permanently cease	High (3) Natural, cultural and social functions and processes are altered to extent that they temporarily cease.	Moderate (2) Affected environment is altered, but natural, cultural and social functions and processes continue albeit in a modified way.	Low (1) Impact affects the environment in such a way that natural, cultural and social functions and processes are not affected.
PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE	Definite (4) Impact will certainly occur	Highly Probable (3) Most likely that the impact will occur	Possible (2) The impact may occur	Improbable (1) Likelihood of the impact materialising is very low

The total number of points scored for each impact indicates the level of significance of the impact

Table 6: Criteria for the Rating of Classified Impacts

Class	Description					
Any positive value	Any positive / beneficial 'impact', i.e. where no harm will occur due to the activity being undertaken.					
Low impact (1-5 points)	A low impact has no permanent impact of significance. Mitigation measures are feasible and are readily instituted as part of a standing design, construction of operating procedure.					
Medium impact (6-10 points)	Mitigation is possible with additional design and construction inputs.					
Medium-High impact (11 -15 points)	The design of the site may be affected. Mitigation and possible remediation are needed during the construction and/or operational phases. The effects of the impact may affect the broader environment					
High impact (16 -20 points)	The design of the site may be affected. Mitigation and possible remediation are essential during the construction and/or operational phases. The effects of the impact may affect the broader environment.					
Very high impact (21 - 25 points)	Permanent and important impacts. The design of the site may be affected. Intensive remediation is needed during construction and/or operational phases. Any activity which results in a "very high impact" is likely to be a fatal flaw.					
Status	Denotes the perceived effect of the impact on the affected area.					
Positive (+)	Beneficial impact.					
Negative (-)	Deleterious or adverse impact.					



Table 6: Criteria for the Rating of Classified Impacts

Class	Description		
Neutral (/)	Impact is neither beneficial nor adverse.		

It is important to note that the status of an impact is assigned based on the status quo - i.e. should the project not proceed. Therefore, not all negative impacts are equally significant.

o.	POTENTIAL ASPECT/ IMPACT	Mitigation	Extent	Duration	Intensity	Probability	Significance = E+D+I+P	Status Classification
	ASPECT							
	Incorrect design of bridges.	Without Mitigation	-1	-4	-1	-2	-8	Negative Medium
	IMPACT							
	Although minimal, the excavations and							
	ground disturbance during the construction phase will involve excavations into the							
	superficial sediment cover as well as locally							
	into the underlying bedrock. These							
	excavations will modify the current							
	topography and may disrupt and destruct, or permanently seal-in fossils at or below							
	the ground surface that are then no longer							
	accessible for scientific research							
		With Mitigation	-1	-4	-1	-1	-7	Negative Low
		In the event that fossil remains are discovered during any phase of construction, either on the surface or exposed by fresh excavations, the						
		ECO in charge of these developments ought to be informed immediately. These discoveries ought to be protected (preferably <i>in situ</i>) a ECO must warn SAHRA so that appropriate mitigation (<i>e.g.</i> recording, sampling or collection) can be undertaken by a professional professional content of the content of th					otected (preferably in situ) and	
		paleontologist.						

The numbering included in the above tables came as a result of Table 1 and 2.



10 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The proposed Bronville 132/11/6.6kV Substation in Welkom, Free State Province is underlain by Quaternary aeolian sand. The PalaeoMap of SAHRIS indicates the Palaeontological Sensitivity of the Quaternary superficial deposits is Moderate (Almond et al, 2013; SAHRIS website). Updated geology compiled by the Council of Geosciences (Pretoria) indicates that the proposed development is underlain by alluvium, colluvium, elluvium and gravel. A Low Palaeontological significance has thus been allocated to the development. It is therefore considered that the development will not lead to detrimental impacts on the palaeontological resources of the area. The proposed development may be authorised, as the whole extent of the development footprint is not considered sensitive in terms of Palaeontological Heritage.

If fossil remains are discovered during any phase of construction, either on the surface or exposed by fresh excavations the **Chance Find Protocol** must be implemented by the ECO in charge of these developments. These discoveries ought to be protected (if possible, *in situ*) and the ECO 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 suitable mitigation (*e.g.* recording and collection) can be carry out by a paleontologist.

Preceding any collection of fossil material, the specialist would need to apply for a collection permit from SAHRA. Fossil material must be curated in an accredited collection (museum or university collection), while all fieldwork and reports should meet the minimum standards for palaeontological impact studies suggested by SAHRA.



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