

THE PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATION FOR A PROSPECTING RIGHT OF DIAMONDS ALLUVIAL, DIAMONDS GENERAL, DIAMONDS & DIAMONDS IN KIMBERLITE, COMBINED WITH A WASTE LICENCE APPLICATION OF WOUTERSPAN MINING (PTY) LTD, ON THE REMAINING EXTENT, PORTION 1 (UITZICHT) OF THE FARM 392 AND PORTION 1 (TEVREDE) OF THE FARM WINDHOEK 393, REGISTRATION DIVISION: HAY; NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE. (NC 30/5/1/1/2/12646 PR)

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

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1.(1) (a) (i) Details of the specialist who prepared the report	and Appendix A	
(ii) The expertise of that person to compile a specialist	Section 2 - refer to	-
report including a curriculum vitae	Appendix A	
(b) A declaration that the person is independent in a form	Page ii of the report	-
as may be specified by the competent authority	age if of the report	
(c) An indication of the scope of, and the purpose for	Section 4 – Objective	-
which, the report was prepared		
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	Geological and	
(cA) An indication of the quality and age of base data	Palaeontological	
used for the specialist report	history	
(cB) a description of existing impacts on the site,		-
cumulative impacts of the proposed development	Section 9	
and levels of acceptable change;		
(d) The duration, date and season of the site		
investigation and the relevance of the season to the	Desktop Assessment	
outcome of the assessment		
(e) a description of the methodology adopted in		-
preparing the report or carrying out the specialised	Section 7 Approach	
process inclusive of equipment and modelling used	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		
alternatives;	Section 1 and 10	
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		areas of
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environmental sensitivities of the site including areas	Palaeontological	
to be avoided, including buffers;	history	
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(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, including identified alternatives, on the	Section 1 and 10	
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(k) Any mitigation measures for inclusion in the EMPr	Section 1 and 10	
(I) Any conditions for inclusion in the environmental		None
authorisation	N/A	required
(m) Any monitoring requirements for inclusion in the		
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(n)(i) A reasoned opinion as to whether the proposed	Section 1 and 10	
activity, activities or portions thereof should be		
authorised and		
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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	Section 1 and 10	
measures that should be included in the EMPr,		
and where applicable, the closure plan		
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		applicable. A
		public
		consultation
		process wil
		be conducted
(o) A description of any consultation process that was		as part of the
undertaken during the course of carrying out the		EIA and EMP
study	N/A	process.
(p) A summary and copies if any comments that were		
received during any consultation process	N/A	

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(q) Any other information requested by the competent		Not
authority.	N/A	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 Milnex CC to conduct the Palaeontological Desktop Assessment (PDA) assessing the proposed Prospecting Right Application on the remaining extent, Portion 1 (Uitzicht) of the farm 392 and Portion 1 (Tevrede) of the farm Windhoek 393, Registration Division: Hay; Northern Cape Province. In agreement with the National Heritage Resources Act (No 25 of 1999, section 38) (NHRA), a Palaeontological Assessment (PA) is necessary to determine if fossil material is present within the planned development. This study is therefore necessary to evaluate the effect of prospecting on the palaeontological finds.

The proposed development footprint is largely underlain by Quaternary alluvium, while a small portion in the far north is underlain by scree and rubble, Late Tertiary to Quaternary calcrete is present while the western area is underlain by small exposures of the Permo-Carboniferous Dwyka Group. The latter Palaeozoic sediments underlie the study area underneath the superficial sediment cover. The fossil assemblages of the Quaternary are generally Low in diversity, occur over a wide range and mostly has a Low Paleontologically Sensitivity but locally High. The Permo-Carboniferous Dwyka sediments are of moderate palaeontological sensitivity.

A low Palaeontological significance has been allocated to the proposed development. From a Palaeontological point of view the prospecting development may be authorised, but if fossil remains or trace fossils are discovered during any phase of construction, either on the surface or exposed by excavations the **Chance Find Protocol** must be implemented by the Environmental Control Officer (ECO) in charge of these developments. These discoveries ought to be protected 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: <u>www.sahra.org.za</u>) so that mitigation can be carry out by a paleontologist.

Preceding any collection of fossil material, the palaeontologist 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 required by SAHRA.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Milnex 189 CC was commissioned by Wouterspan Mining (Pty) Ltd as the independent environmental consultant to conduct the Scoping and EIA process for a Prospecting Right of Diamonds Alluvial (DA), Diamonds General (D), Diamonds (DIA) & Diamonds in Kimberlite (DK) on the remaining extent, Portion 1 (Uitzicht) of the farm 392 and, Portion 1 (Tevrede) of the farm Windhoek 393, Registration Division: Hay; Northern Cape Province (Figure1-2). The proposed application area will be 3 708.3484 ha in extent.

The Northern Cape is the largest province in South Africa, with a surface area of 360 000 km². Diamond mining in the province forms a significant portion of the economy. Almond and Pether (2009) noted that mining impends on palaeontological heritage in the province (along ancient river systems; and on and off- shore along the coast).

Information provided by Milnex CC

The extensive diamondiferous gravels of the Lower Vaal, Harts, and Middle Orange River ("MOR") valleys are associated with remnants of outwash deposits formed during the retreat of the ancient Ghaap (Kaap) Valley glacial system and subsequent reworking and alluvial deposition by major rivers. These rivers included the proto- Vaal, - Orange, - Harts, and -Riet Rivers and their modem antecedents.

Past and present work has shown that the majority of the alluvial diamonds found in gravel deposits along all of the middle Orange River terraces are, typically, found in two distinct gravel horizons. These comprise an upper, deflation deposit (locally known as Rooikoppie gravels) overlying fluvial-alluvial units, often known as Primary gravels.

The older gravel sequence formed deposits of considerable thickness, often in excess of 15m and consisting of rapidly aggraded (or dumped) material. The sequence is compacted and frequently cemented with secondary calcrete. Basal gravels, typically, comprise the lower half to one third of the fluvial-alluvial sedimentary sequence and rest directly on the bedrock. The unit (around 5m thick) generally comprises a poorly sorted assemblage of large boulders (up to 45 cm in diameter at the base of the unit), cobbles and pebbles set in a sandy matrix that is considered to have been deposited by a large, high-energy braided system that would be readily capable of transporting diamonds.

The overlying suspended gravels represent gravel bars that have migrated down the river system and have not incised into the bedrock. The units have also been shown to contain diamonds. Diamond grades are usually lower than for the basal deposits owing to their being diluted by finer-grained pebble, sand and silt lenses. The thickness of the suspended gravel unit varies from 3 - 7m and may represent large volumes of material.

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2 QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF THE AUTHOR

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, 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.

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".

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

This Palaeontological Impact Assessment forms part of the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) and adhere to the conditions of the Act. According to **Section 38 (1)**, a 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 300m in length;
- the construction of a bridge or similar structure exceeding 50m in length;
- any development or other activity which will change the character of a site
 - a. (exceeding 5 000 m² in extent; or
 - b. involving three or more existing erven or subdivisions thereof; or
 - c. involving three or more erven or divisions thereof which have been consolidated within the past five years; or
 - d. the costs of which will exceed a sum set in terms of regulations by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority
 - e. the re-zoning of a site exceeding 10 000m² in extent;
- or any other category of development provided for in regulations by SAHRA or a Provincial heritage resources authority.

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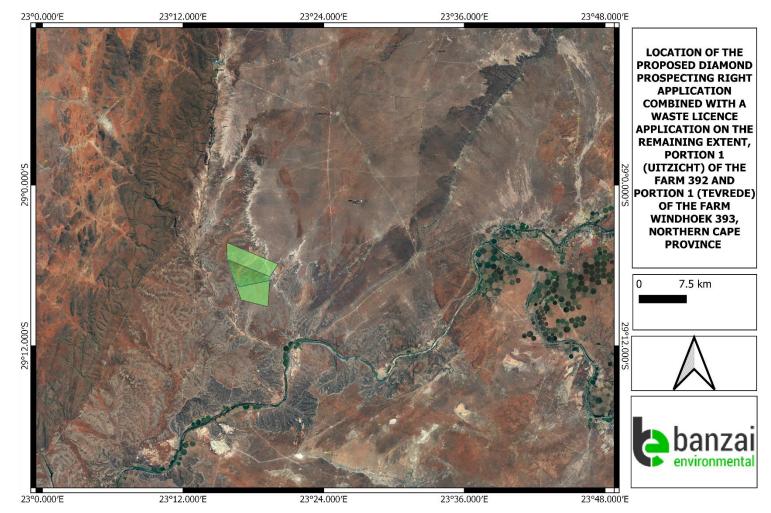


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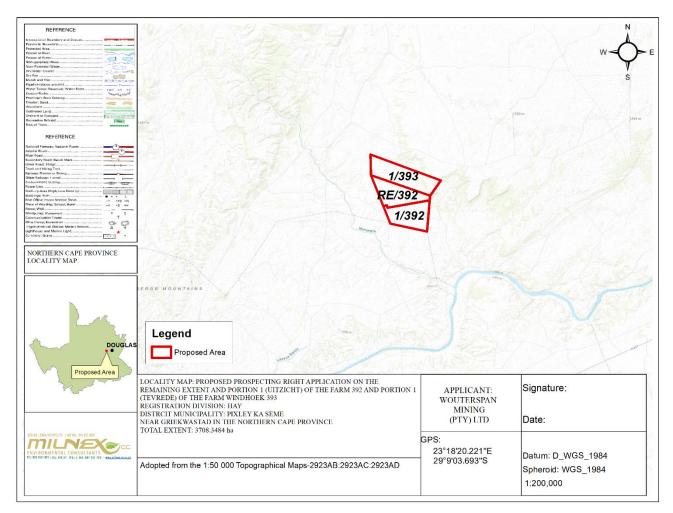


Figure 2: Locality of the proposed prospecting Right Application on of the farm 392 and, Portion 1 (Tevrede) of the farm Windhoek 393, Registration Division: Hay; Northern Cape Province, Pixley ka Seme District Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

4 OBJECTIVE

The objective of a Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) is to determine the impact of the development on potential palaeontological material at the site.

According to the "SAHRA APM Guidelines: Minimum Standards for the Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports" the aims of the PIA are: 1) to **identify** the palaeontological status of the exposed as well as rock formations just below the surface in the development footprint 2) to estimate the **palaeontological importance** of the formations 3) to determine the **impact** on fossil heritage; and 4) to recommend how the developer ought to protect or mitigate damage to fossil heritage.

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/kmls) 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** are impacts that 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

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 Implications of specialist findings for the proposed development (such as permits, licenses etc).

5 GEOLOGICAL AND PALAEONTOLOGICAL HISTORY

The proposed Prospecting Right Application on the remaining extent, Portion 1 (Uitzicht) of the farm 392 and Portion 1 (Tevrede) of the farm Windhoek 393, Registration Division: Hay; Northern Cape Province is depicted on the 1:250 000 2922 Prieska Geological Map (Council of Geoscience) (Figure 3). The 2922 Prieska Geological Map indicates that the development footprint is largely covered by Quaternary alluvium (yellow single bird image), a small portion in the far north is underlain by scree and rubble (yellow triangles), Late Tertiary to Quaternary calcrete (dark yellow; carbonate-cemented surface deposits; T-Qc) is present while the western area is underlain by small exposures of the Permo-Carboniferous Dwyka Group (grey; C-Pd; Karoo Supergroup) (Figure 3). The latter Palaeozoic sediments underlie the study area underneath the superficial sediment cover. The fossil assemblages of the Quaternary are generally Low in diversity, occur over a wide range and mostly has a Low Paleontologically Sensitivity but locally High. The Permo-Carboniferous Dwyka sediments are of moderate palaeontological sensitivity.

Superficial deposits in the Douglas area consists of alluvial gravels, aeolan sands, calcretes of the Quaternary and 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 Douglas and is known to have heavily calcretized "Older Gravels". These gravels have been allocated to the Windsorton Formation and are supposed to be Miocene-Pliocene in age (Partridge & Brink 1967, De Wit *et al.*, 2000). The 'Younger gravels' of the Vaal River System comprise of the Rietputs Formation.

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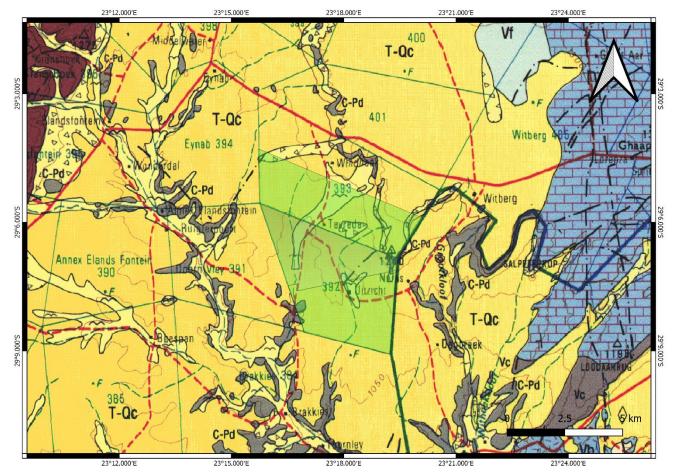
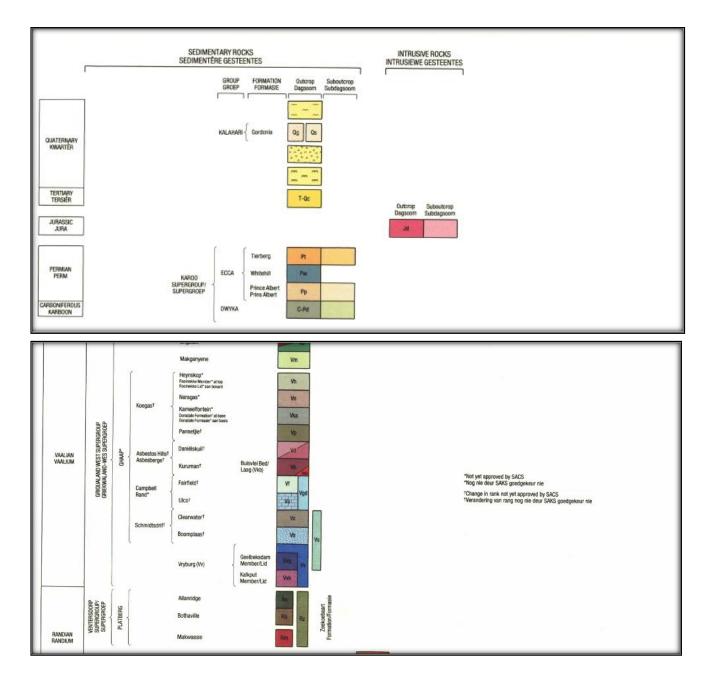


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Legend to Map and short explanation.

T-Qc – Quaternary Calcrete

C-Pd – Dwyka Group, Karoo Supergroup

- Vk Kuruman Formation Asbestos Hills Subgroup; Ghaap Group of the Transvaal Supergroup
- Vu Ulco Formation, Campbell Rand Subgroup, Ghaap Group of the Transvaal Supergroup
- Vc Clearwater Formation, Schmidsdrift Subgroup; Ghaap Group of the Transvaal Supergroup
- Vv Vryburg Formation

Mining activity –(DA) Diamonds

The Quaternary sands 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

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the Quaternary are generally Low in diversity and occur over a wide range and mostly has a Low 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 Dwyka Group is Late Carboniferous to Early Permian in age (300-290 Million years ago (Ma) and overlies glaciated Precambrian bedrock faces along the northern margin of the basin. In the south the Dwyka overlies the Cape Supergroup unconformably/paraconformably and in the east it unconformably overlies the Natal Group and Msikaba Formation. Underlying rocks, especially in the north, is well-developed striated glacial pavements that formed in places. Visser (1986) identified several types of lithofacies which he perceived to be deposited in a marine basin.

The Dwyka Group is divided into northern and southern facies (Visser, 1981) due to the distinctive lithological variations over the basin. Visser *et al.* (1990) and Von Brunn and Visser (1999) found that the Dwyka rocks in the Douglas-Prieska area (close to the northern edge of the Main Karoo Basin) belong to the Mbizane Formation which can be up to 190 m thick. The Mbizane Formation of the Dwyka Group consists mainly of the northern inlet facies which is characterised by thickness changes, extremely varying lithology and low massive diamictite (~20 %) and high mudrock (~40%) content. The Elandsvlei Formation is the southern platform and are depicted by a high massive diamictite (~70%) and low mudrock (~8%) content, while there is a gradual southernly increase in thickness (100 m to 800 m). Debris eroded, from the highlands and was deposited by a ground ice sheet but in the west fluctuations in the ice front caused bedded diamictons and subaqueous and subglacial outwash sediments (Visser *et al* 1987). The key Reference Stratotype C section for the Mbizane Formation is situated a few km west of Douglas on the northern side of the Vaal River (Von Brunn & Visser, 1999)

The Permo-Carboniferous Dwyka sediments are of moderate palaeontological sensitivity and known for its track ways (Ichnofacies) formed by fish and arthropods. Fossilized faeces or coprolites have also been recovered. Body fossils consists of gastropods, invertebrates, and marine fish, as well as fossil plants. A rich diversity of conifers, cordaitaleans, glossopterids, ginkgoaleans, pollens and spores have been described from this Group while ferns, horsetails and lycopods, are also found.

West of the proposed development is sediments of the Campbell Rand Subgroup, (Ghaap Group Transvaal Supergroup). The Transvaal Supergroup is divided into two groups in Griqualand West namely the lower Ghaap and upper Postmasburg Groups. In turn the Ghaap Group is divided in the Schmidtsdrift, Campbell Rand, Asbestos Hills and Koegas Subgroups (oldest to youngest) (Eriksson Palaeontological Desktop Assessment for a prospecting Right Application on the remaining extent, Portion 1 (Uitzicht) of the farm 392 and Portion 1 (Tevrede) of the farm Windhoek 393, Registration Division: Hay; Northern Cape Province

et al., 2006). The Postmasburg Group underlays the Koegas Subgroup and is divided into the lower Makganyene Formation and the Ongeluk Formation (ibid). The Koegas Subgroup (Postmasburg Group) comprises of mixed sediments, namely mixed jasperoidal iron formation, quartzites, shales, siliciclastics, siltstones, and some stromatolitic carbonates (Eriksson et al., 2006). The Campbell Rand Subgroup comprises of eight formations with the oldest ones at the bottom are the Monteville and Reivilo Formations, while the iron formations of the Asbestos Subgroup comprise of the Kliphuis, Kuruman and Danielskuil Formations (oldest to youngest).

The Ghaap Group represents 200 Ma of chemical sedimentation of which iron and manganese ores, cherts and carbonates with subordinate silicastic rocks are prominent. The Boomplaas Formation is known to contain well-preserved stromatolite assemblages. Stromatolites are layered mounds, columns and sheet-like sedimentary rocks. These structures were originally formed by the growth of layer upon layer of cyanobacteria, a single-celled photosynthesizing microbe. Cyanobacteria are prokaryotic cells (simplest form of modern carbon-bases life). Stromatolites are first found in Precambrian rocks and are known as the earliest known fossils. The oxygen atmosphere that we depend on was generated by numerous cyanobacteria photosynthesizing during the Archaean and Proterozoic Era.

The Boomplaas beds are characterized by grey dolomites which weathers reddish-brown with subordinate interbeds of limestone (weathering blue-grey), quartzite, flaggy sandstone and shale. Oolitic and stromatolitic dolomite alternating with intervals of carbonaceous possible lagoonal mudrocks containing interbeds of calcareous sandstone and mudclast breccias is present. The Boomplaas beds are overlain by the grey- to khaki-hued mudrocks and interbedded dolomites, flagstones, tuffites and BIF-like cherts of the Clearwater Formation (= Lokamonna Formation), the topmost unit of the Schmidtsdrif Subgroup. Stromatolites and oolites from the Transvaal Supergroup have been described by various authors (Keyser and Du Plessis, 1993; Truswell and Eriksson, 1973; Eriksson and Altermann, 1998).

Microbial stromatolites in the upper Vryburg Formation were described by Smith (1991). The stromatolitic carbonates are interpreted to be intertidal (Altermann and Wotherspoon, 1995). South African Archaean stromatolites have been discussed in detail (Altermann, 2001; Buick, 2001; and Schopf, 2006). Columnar stromatolites from the Schmidtsdrif Subgroup of the Northern Cape have been described by Bertrand-Sarfarti and Eriksson (1977).

An area north-east of the development is underlain by the Allanridge Formation (Ventersdorp Supergroup) (Figure 3). The best exposures of the Ventersdorp Supergroup are in the Northern Cape and North West Province as well as Gauteng and southern Botswana. This Supergroup consists of (from oldest to youngest) the Kliprivierberg Group, which is overlain by the Platberg Group, followed by the sedimentary Bothaville Formation and the volcanic Allanridge Formation (uppermost Ventersdorp unit and youngest Formation).

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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 (Visser et al, 1975-1976, Buck, 1980).

The Allanridge Formation comprise mostly of light-greenish grey porphyritic lava, dark-green amygdaloidal lava, and pyroclastic rocks (Keyser, 1992). The lavas are approximately 2700 million years old and comprise of basaltic andesites. The Vryburg Formation overlies the Ventersdorp Supergroup and is interpreted as a fluvial to marginal marine deposit that comprise of basal transgressive conglomerate and quartzites, subordinate stromatolitic carbonates and shales (Eriksson et al., 2006).

Geological Unit	Rock Types & Age	Fossil Heritage	Palaeontological
Geological Onit	Rock Types & Age	r ossii hentage	Sensitivity
Other	Fluvial, pan, lake and terrestrial	Bones and teeth of wide	High
Caenozoic	sediments, including diatomite	range of	
Fluvial,	(diatom deposits), pedocretes,	mammals, including	
Lacustrine &	spring tufa / travertine, cave	mammals (eg teeth &	
Terrestrial	deposits, peats, colluvium	bones of mastodont	
Deposits of	Late Cretaceous /Palaeocene to	proboscideans, rhinos,	
Interior	Holocene	bovids, horses,	
(Most too small		micromammals), reptiles	
to be indicated		(crocodiles, tortoises),	
on 1:		ostrich egg shells, fish,	
250 000		freshwater and terrestrial	
geological		molluscs (unionid	
maps)		bivalves, gastropods),	
eg		crabs, trace fossils (eg	
Kwaggaskop,		termitaria, horizontal	
Dasdap,		invertebrate burrows,	
Vaalputs,		stone artefacts), petrified	
Arries Drift,		wood, leaves, rhizoliths,	
Windsorton,		diatom floras, peats and	
Rietputs,		palynomorphs. Calcareous	
Riverton Fms		tufas at edge of Ghaap	
		Escarpment might be	

 Table 2: Fossil heritage of rocks represented in the proposed Diamond drilling Project (taken from

 Almond and Pether, 2008)

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			highly fossiliferous (cf	
			Taung in NW Province –	
			abundant Makapanian	
			Mammal Age vertebrate	
			-	
			remains, including	
12. DWYKA	12c. Mbizane	Varied glacially-	Low diversity non-marine	
		related		Madarata
GROUP	Fm		trace	Moderate
(C-Pd)	Early Permian	sediments,	fossil assemblages	
Late		including valley	(predominantly fish,	
Carboniferous -		glacier deposits	arthropod	
Early Permian		(tillites,	traces, Rhizocorallium)	
с. 320-290 Ма		conglomerates,	scattered	
		sandstones	vascular plant remains (eg	
		mudrocks)	Glossopteris leaves,	
			petrified	
			wood)	
	12b.	Predominantly	Interglacial mudrocks	Moderate
	Elandsvlei	massive tillites,	occasionally with low	
	Fm	with interglacial	diversity	
	Late	mudrocks at	marine fauna of	
	Carboniferous –	intervals	invertebrates	
	Early Permian		(molluscs, starfish,	
			brachiopods,	
			coprolites <i>etc</i>),	
			palaeoniscoid fish,	
			petrified wood, leaves	
			(rare) and	
			palynomorphs of	
			Glossopteris	
			Flora. Well-preserved	
			nonmarine	
			ichnofauna (traces of fish,	
			arthropods) in laminated	
			mudrocks. Possible	
			stromatolites, oolites	

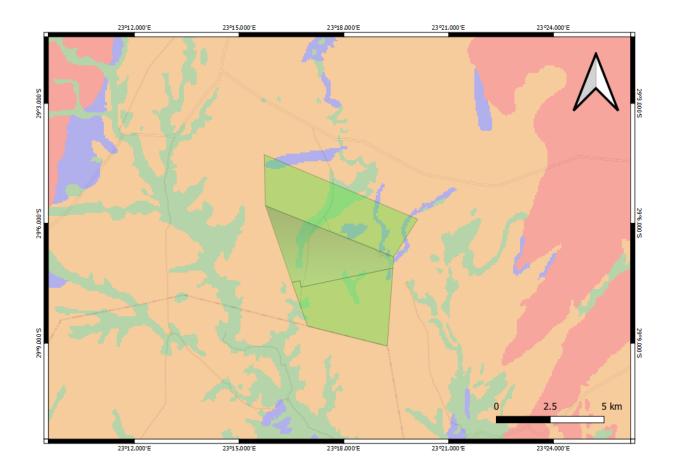


Figure 4: Extract of the 1 in 250 000 SAHRIS PalaeoMap map (Council of Geosciences). Approximate location of the proposed development is indicated in red.

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.

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According to the SAHRIS Palaeosensitivity map (Figure 4) there is a high chance (orange), and a moderate chance (green) and a low chance (blue) of finding fossils in this area. The orange area (T-Qc) triggers a desktop study in order to determine whether a field assessment is required.

6 GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE SITE

The proposed development on the remaining extent, Portion 1 (Uitzicht) of the farm 392 and Portion 1 (Tevrede) of the farm Windhoek 393, is located approximately 35km South of Griekwastad in the Northern Cape Province.

Farms		Longitude	Latitude
Portion 1 (Uitzicht) of the farm 392	0	23° 15' 42.727" E	29° 4' 16.910" S
Portion 1 (Tevrede) of the farm			
Windhoek 393	1	23° 20' 6.419" E	29° 5' 53.981" S
Remaining Extent of the Farm 392			
	2	23° 19' 25.438" E	29° 6' 50.531" S
	3	23° 15' 44.904" E	29° 5' 33.708" S
	4	23° 16' 30.468" E	29° 7' 28.712" S
	5	23° 16' 44.585" E	29° 7' 26.295" S
	6	23° 16' 45.900" E	29° 7' 35.967" S
	7	23° 19' 23.950" E	29° 7' 7.301" S
	8	23° 19' 14.264" E	29° 9' 4.482" S
	9	23° 16' 57.218" E	29° 8' 34.547" S

Table 3: Farms Co-ordinates

7 METHODS

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

7.1 Assumptions and Limitations

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 never been reviewed by palaeontologists and data is generally based on aerial photographs alone. Locality

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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 sourced to provide information on the existence of fossils in an area which was 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);
- 1: 250 000 2922 Prieska Geological map (Council of Geoscience);
- A Google Earth map with polygons of the proposed development was obtained from Milnex CC.;
- 1:50 000 Topographical Maps 2923 AB, 2923 AC; 2923AD
- Palaeontological Impact Assessments in the Douglas area include Almond 2010a, 2010b, 2010c, 2010d (see references)

9 IMPACT ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

9.1 Impact Rating System

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
- 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 4: The rating system

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NATURE

Include a brief description of the impact of environmental parameter being assessed in the context of the project. This criterion includes a brief written statement of the environmental aspect being impacted upon by a particular action or activity.

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.

PROBABILITY

This describes the chance of occurrence 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).

DURATION			
This de	This describes the duration of the impacts. Duration indicates the lifetime of the impact as a result		
of the p	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.
	NSITY/ MAGNITUDE	
Descr	ribes 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.
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REVERSIBILITY			
This des	This describes the degree to which an impact can be successfully reversed upon completion of the		
propose	proposed activity.		
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 des	scribes the degree to which resour	rces will be irreplaceably lost as a result of a proposed	
activity.			
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.
CUMUL	ATIVE EFFECT	
This de	scribes the cumulative effect of th	e impacts. A cumulative impact is an effect which in itself
may no	t be significant but may become	significant if added to other existing or potential impacts
emanat	ng from other similar or diverse ad	ctivities 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.

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.
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
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9.1.1 Summary of Impacts

Only the site will be affected (1). It is probable that the impact will occur (3). The expected duration of the impact is assessed as potentially permanent to long term (4). The impact on fossil heritage will be irreversible and a complete loss of fossil heritage will take place (4). The cumulative effect of the impact will be Low (1). The magnitude of the impact happening will be low (1)

Significance = (Extent (1) + probability (3) + reversibility (4) + irreplaceability (4) + duration (4) + cumulative effect) (2) x magnitude/intensity (1) = 18.

The Impact significance will therefore be a negative low Impact.

10 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The proposed development footprint is largely underlain by Quaternary alluvium, while a small portion in the far north is underlain by scree and rubble, Late Tertiary to Quaternary calcrete is present while the western area is underlain by small exposures of the Permo-Carboniferous Dwyka Group. The latter Palaeozoic sediments underlie the study area underneath the superficial sediment cover. The fossil assemblages of the Quaternary are generally Low in diversity, occur over a wide range and mostly has a Low Paleontologically Sensitivity but locally High. The Permo-Carboniferous Dwyka sediments are of moderate palaeontological sensitivity.

A low Palaeontological significance has been allocated to the proposed development. From a Palaeontological point of view the prospecting development may be authorised, but if fossil remains or trace fossils are discovered during any phase of construction, either on the surface or exposed by excavations the **Chance Find Protocol** must be implemented by the Environmental Control Officer (ECO) in charge of these developments. These discoveries ought to be protected 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: <u>www.sahra.org.za</u>) so that mitigation can be carry out by a paleontologist.

Preceding any collection of fossil material, the palaeontologist would need to apply for a collection permit from SAHRA. Fossil material must be curated in an accredited collection (museum or

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university collection), while all fieldwork and reports should meet the minimum standards for palaeontological impact studies required by SAHRA.

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B.Sc Botany and Zoology, 1988 University of the Orange Free State

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M. Sc. *Cum laude* (Zoology), 2009 University of the Free State

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MEMBERSHIP	
Palaeontological Society of South Africa (PSSA)	2006-currently
EMPLOYMENT HISTORY	
Part-time Laboratory assistant	Department of Zoology & Entomology University of the Free State Zoology 1989- 1992
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