# SCREENING REPORT FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION AS REQUIRED BY THE 2014 EIA REGULATIONS – PROPOSED SITE ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY

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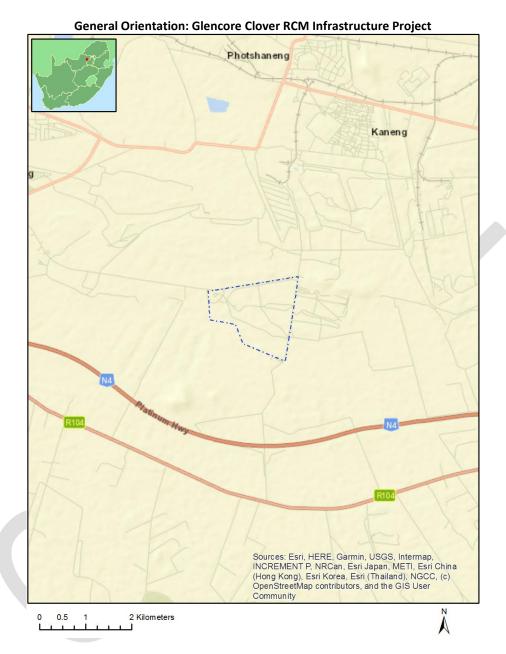
**Application Category:** Transformation of land Indigenous vegetation

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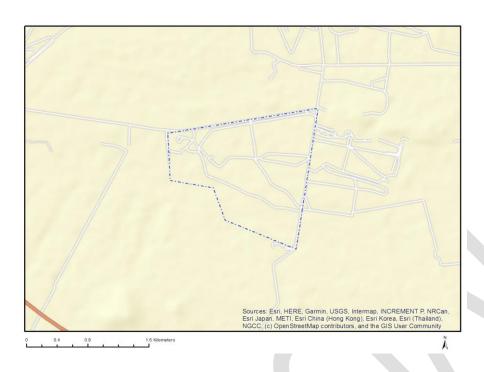
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# **Proposed Project Location**

# Orientation map 1: General location



# Map of proposed site and relevant area(s)



# Cadastral details of the proposed site

#### Property details:

No	Farm Name	Farm/ Erf No	Portion	Latitude	Longitude	Property Type
1	RIETFONTEIN	338	0	25°44'14.46S	27°22'28.03E	Farm
2	RIETFONTEIN	338	11	25°43'41.9S	27°21'59.38E	Farm Portion

Development footprint<sup>1</sup> vertices: No development footprint(s) specified.

Wind and Solar developments with an approved Environmental Authorisation or applications under consideration within 30 km of the proposed area

No	EIA Reference No	Classification	Status of	Distance from proposed
			application	area (km)
1	12/12/20/2283/AM2	Solar PV	Approved	4.7
2	12/12/20/2145	Solar PV	Approved	4.7
3	14/12/16/3/3/2/2119	Solar PV	Approved	16.3
4	12/12/20/2283/AM3	Solar PV	Approved	4.7
5	14/12/16/3/3/1/1297	Solar PV	Approved	25.3
6	12/12/20/2283	Solar PV	Approved	4.7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "development footprint", means the area within the site on which the development will take place and incudes all ancillary developments for example roads, power lines, boundary walls, paving etc. which require vegetation clearance or which will be disturbed and for which the application has been submitted.

7	14/12/16/3/3/1/431	Solar PV	Approved	3.9
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# Environmental Management Frameworks relevant to the application



Environmental	LINK
Management	
Framework	
Bojanala EMF	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/EMF/BojanalaEMF.pdf

# Environmental screening results and assessment outcomes

The following sections contain a summary of any development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions that apply to the proposed development site as well as the most environmental sensitive features on the site based on the site sensitivity screening results for the application classification that was selected. The application classification selected for this report is: **Transformation of land | Indigenous vegetation**.

#### Relevant development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions

The following development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions and their implications that apply to this site are indicated below.

Incentive, restriction   Implication
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or prohibition	
Air Quality-Waterberg-	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Developmen
Bojanala Priority Area	tZones/gg39489 nn1207a.pdf
Strategic Gas Pipeline	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Developmen
Corridors-Phase 3:	tZones/Combined GAS.pdf
Richards Bay to Gauteng	
South African	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Developmen
Conservation Areas	tZones/SACAD_OR_2023_Q4_Metadata.pdf

#### Proposed Development Area Environmental Sensitivity

The following summary of the development site environmental sensitivities is identified. Only the highest environmental sensitivity is indicated. The footprint environmental sensitivities for the proposed development footprint as identified, are indicative only and must be verified on site by a suitably qualified person before the specialist assessments identified below can be confirmed.

Theme	Very High	High	Medium	Low
	sensitivity	sensitivity	sensitivity	sensitivity
Agriculture Theme			X	
Animal Species Theme			X	
Aquatic Biodiversity Theme	X			
Archaeological and Cultural				Х
Heritage Theme				
Civil Aviation Theme		Х		
Defence Theme				Х
Paleontology Theme			Х	
Plant Species Theme				Х
Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme	X			

#### Specialist assessments identified

Based on the selected classification, and the known impacts associated with the proposed development, the following list of specialist assessments have been identified for inclusion in the assessment report. It is the responsibility of the EAP to confirm this list and to motivate in the assessment report, the reason for not including any of the identified specialist study including the provision of photographic evidence of the site situation.

No	Specialist	Assessment Protocol
	assessment	
1	Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
2	Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
3	Palaeontology Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment Protocols.pdf
4	Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Terrestrial_Biodiversity_AssessmentProtocols.pdf

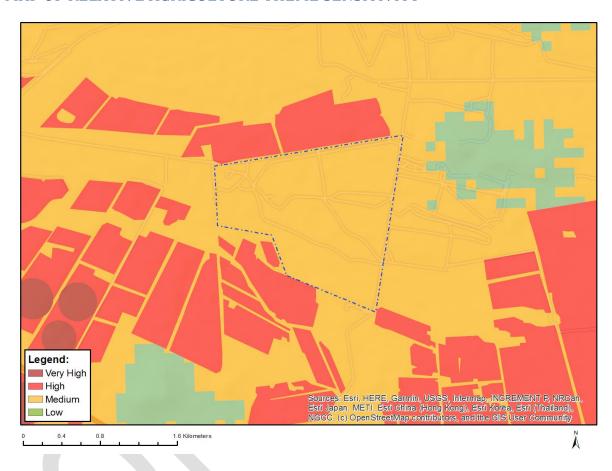
5	Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_Aquatic_Biodiversity_Assessment_Pr otocols.pdf
6	Socio-Economic Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_P rotocols.pdf
7	Plant Species Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted Plant Species Assessment Protocols. pdf
8	Animal Species Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_Animal_Species_Assessment_Protoco ls.pdf



# Results of the environmental sensitivity of the proposed area.

The following section represents the results of the screening for environmental sensitivity of the proposed site for relevant environmental themes associated with the project classification. It is the duty of the EAP to ensure that the environmental themes provided by the screening tool are comprehensive and complete for the project. Refer to the disclaimer.

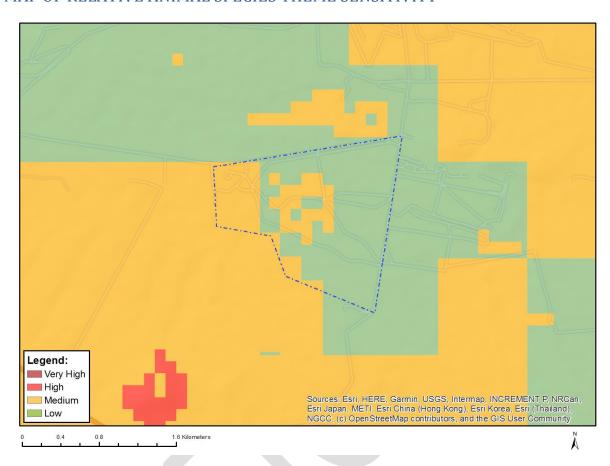
#### MAP OF RELATIVE AGRICULTURE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		Χ	

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Medium	Land capability;06. Low-Moderate/07. Low-Moderate/08. Moderate

#### MAP OF RELATIVE ANIMAL SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY

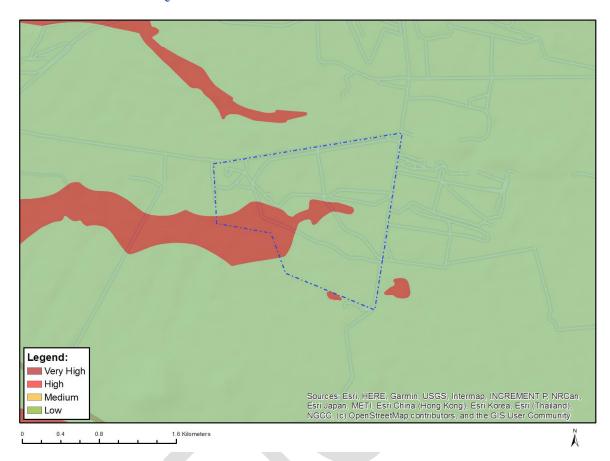


Where only a sensitive plant unique number or sensitive animal unique number is provided in the screening report and an assessment is required, the environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) or specialist is required to email SANBI at <a href="mailto:eiadatarequests@sanbi.org.za">eiadatarequests@sanbi.org.za</a> listing all sensitive species with their unique identifiers for which information is required. The name has been withheld as the species may be prone to illegal harvesting and must be protected. SANBI will release the actual species name after the details of the EAP or specialist have been documented.

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		Х	

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Subject to confirmation
Medium	Aves-Hydroprogne caspia
Medium	Aves-Aquila rapax
Medium	Mammalia-Dasymys robertsii

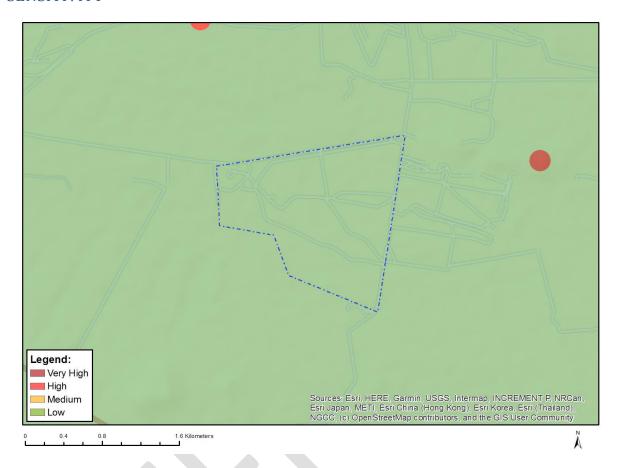
# MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low sensitivity
Very High	ESA 1
Very High	ESA 2
Very High	Wetlands_Central Bushveld Bioregion (Depression)

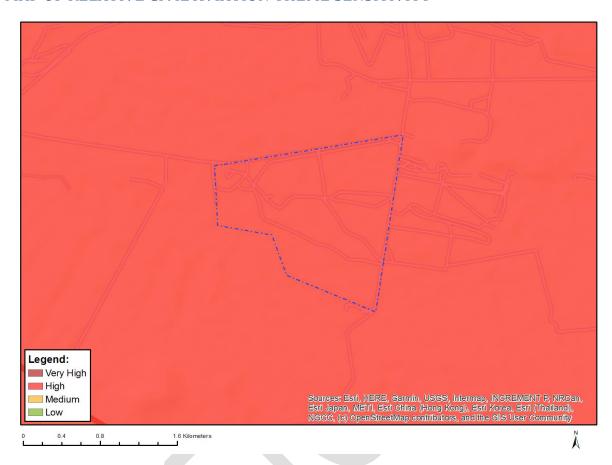
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low sensitivity	

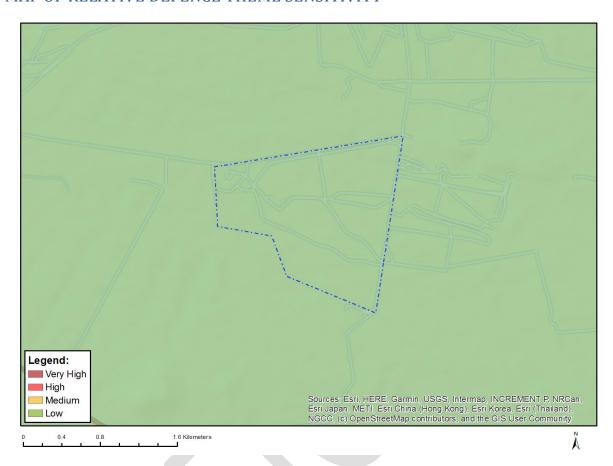
# MAP OF RELATIVE CIVIL AVIATION THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Within 8 km of other civil aviation aerodrome
High	Dangerous and restricted airspace as demarcated

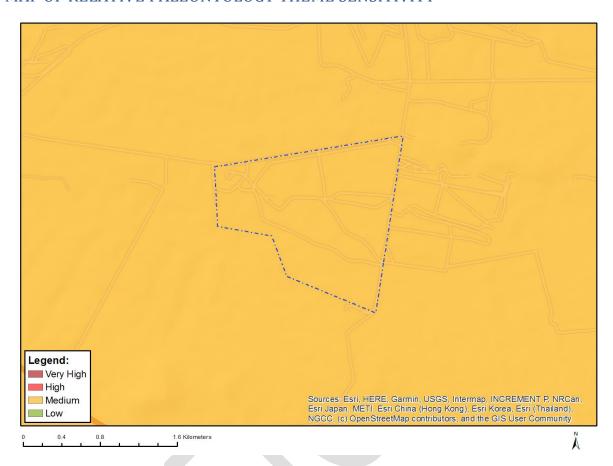
# MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Χ

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low Sensitivity	

# MAP OF RELATIVE PALEONTOLOGY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		X	

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Medium	Features with a Medium paleontological sensitivity

#### MAP OF RELATIVE PLANT SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY

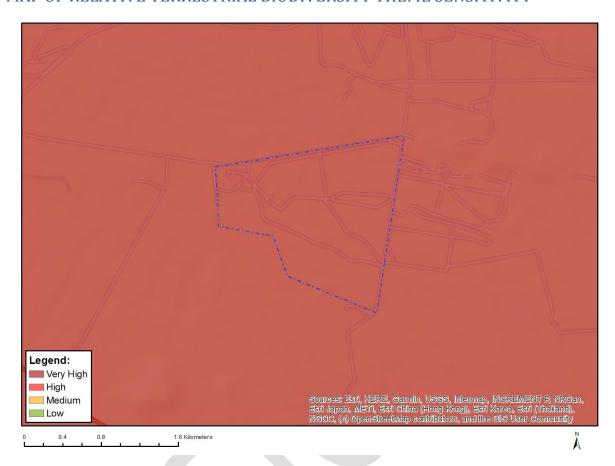


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			Χ

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity

# MAP OF RELATIVE TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Very High	CBA 2	
Very High	ESA 1	
Very High	ESA 2	
Very High	National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES)	
Very High	EN_Marikana Thornveld	