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

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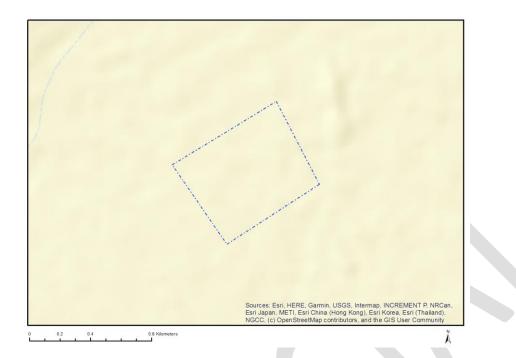
Proposed Project Location

Orientation map 1: General location



General Orientation: PV Solar Plant

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	DUINEN	258	0	31°33'21.49S	18°43'35.73E	Farm
2	DUINEN	258	0	31°33'26.6S	18°43'41.76E	Farm Portion
3	DUINEN	258	0	31°34'51.09S	18°44'39.07E	Farm Portion
4	DUINEN	258	7	31°34'56.84S	18°44'39.77E	Farm Portion

Development footprint¹ 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 application	Distance from proposed area (km)
1	12/12/20/2677	Solar PV	Approved	0
2	12/12/20/2571	Solar PV	Approved	26.5
3	14/12/16/3/3/1/1049	Solar PV	Approved	20.3
4	12/12/20/2123	Solar PV	Approved	26.5

¹ "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.

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Environmental Management Frameworks relevant to the application

No intersections with EMF areas found.

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: Utilities Infrastructure | Electricity | Generation | Renewable | Solar | PV.

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	Implication
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Strategic	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Co
Transmissi	mbined EGI.pdf
on	
Corridor-	
Western	
corridor	
Strategic	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Co
Gas	mbined GAS.pdf
Pipeline	
Corridors-	
Phase 5:	
Abraham	
Villiers Bay	
(Northern	
Cape) to	
Saldanha	



Map indicating proposed development footprint within applicable development incentive, restriction, exclusion or prohibition zones

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 sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
Agriculture Theme			Х	
Animal Species Theme		Х		
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Aquatic Biodiversity Theme				Х
Archaeological and Cultural		Х		
Heritage Theme				
Avian Theme				Х
Civil Aviation (Solar PV)			Х	
Theme				
Defence Theme				Х
Landscape (Solar) Theme	Х			
Paleontology Theme			Х	
Plant Species Theme			Х	
RFI Theme				Х
Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme	Х			

Specialist assessments identified

Based on the selected classification, and the environmental sensitivities of the proposed development footprint, 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.

N	Special	Assessment Protocol
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1	Agricult ural Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_WindAndSolar_Agriculture_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
2	Landsca pe/Visu al Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
3	Archaeo logical and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted General Requirement Assessment Protocols.pdf
4	Palaeon tology Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted General Requirement Assessment Protocols.pdf
5	Terrestri al Biodiver sity Impact Assessm ent	<u>https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols</u> /Gazetted_Terrestrial_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
6	Aquatic Biodiver sity	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_Aquatic_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf

7	Impact Assessm ent Civil Aviation Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_Civil_Aviation_Installations_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
8	Defense Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_Defence_Installations_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
9	RFI Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
1 0	Geotech nical Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
1 1	Socio- Economi c Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
1 2	Plant Species Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted Plant Species Assessment Protocols.pdf
1 3	Animal Species Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted Animal Species Assessment Protocols.pdf

Results of the environmental sensitivity of the proposed area.

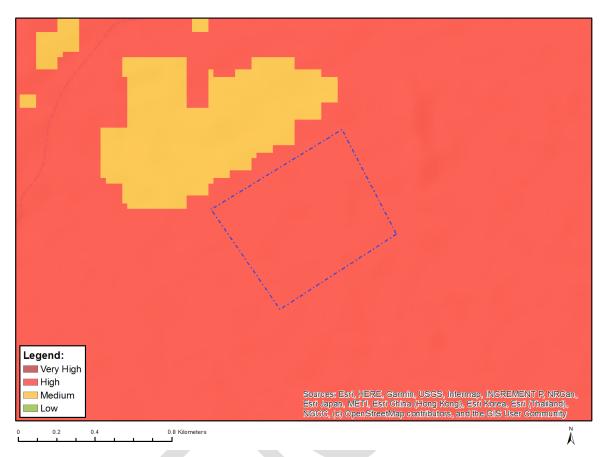
The following section represents the results of the screening for environmental sensitivity of the proposed site for relevant environmental themes associated with the project classification. It is the duty of the EAP to ensure that the environmental themes provided by the screening tool are comprehensive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



MAP OF RELATIVE AGRICULTURE THEME SENSITIVITY

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Land capability;01. Very low/02. Very low/03. Low-Very low/04. Low-Very low/05. Low
Medium	Land capability;06. Low-Moderate/07. Low-Moderate/08. Moderate

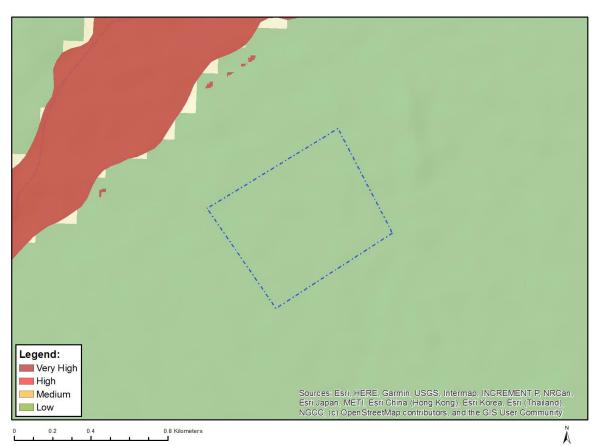


MAP OF RELATIVE ANIMAL SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY

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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Aves-Circus maurus
High	Aves-Neotis ludwigii
High	Aves-Afrotis afra
Medium	Sensitive species 32
Medium	Invertebrate-Brinckiella mauerbergerorum
Medium	Invertebrate-Brinckiella aptera

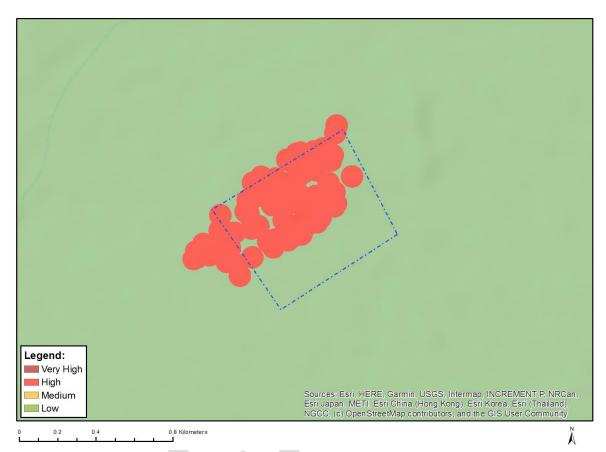


MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low sensitivity

MAP OF RELATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Within 50m of a Grade IIIc Heritage site
Low	Low sensitivity

MAP OF RELATIVE AVIAN THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity

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MAP OF RELATIVE CIVIL AVIATION (SOLAR PV) THEME SENSITIVITY

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Medium	Within 8 km of an other civil aviation aerodrome

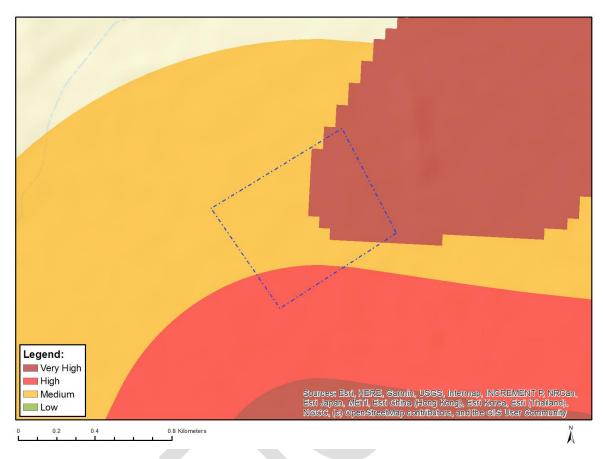
MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low sensitivity

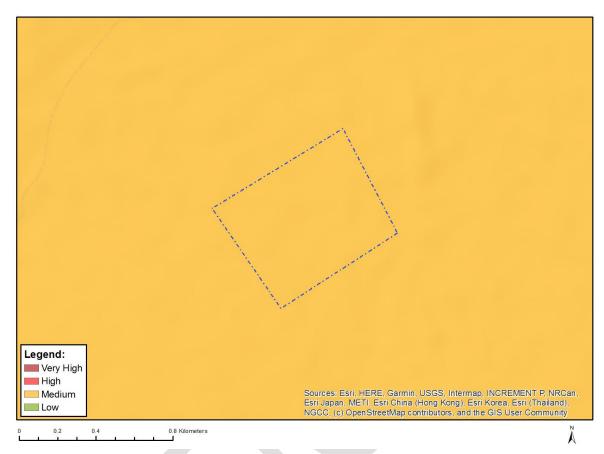
MAP OF RELATIVE LANDSCAPE (SOLAR) THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
High	Between 500 and 1000 m of a town or village	
Medium	Between a and 2 km of a town or village	
Very High	Mountain tops and high ridges	

MAP OF RELATIVE PALEONTOLOGY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		Х	

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

MAP OF RELATIVE PLANT SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY



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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Medium	Aspalathus cuspidata
Medium	Sensitive species 225
Medium	Sensitive species 392
Medium	Romulea multisulcata
Medium	Sensitive species 36
Medium	Oxalis blastorrhiza
Medium	Oxalis salteri
Medium	Sensitive species 956
Medium	Sensitive species 288
Medium	Oxalis dines

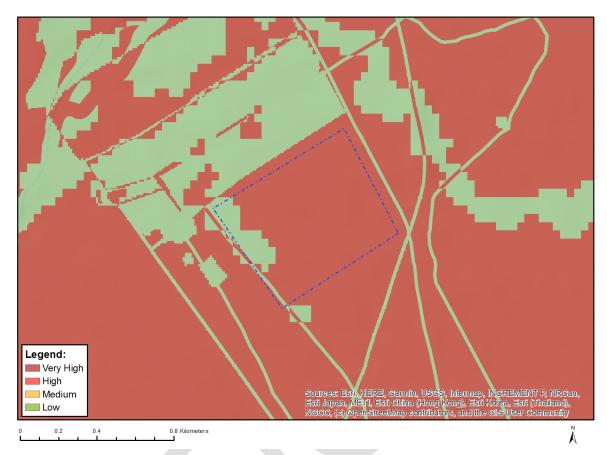
MAP OF RELATIVE RFI THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Х

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)
Low	Low Sensitivity
Very High	Ecological support area 1
Very High	Ecological support area 2