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

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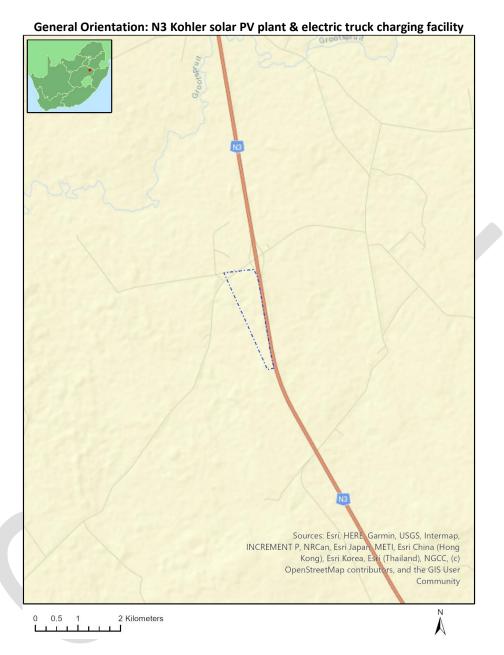
Application Category: Utilities Infrastructure | Electricity | Generation | Renewable | Solar | PV

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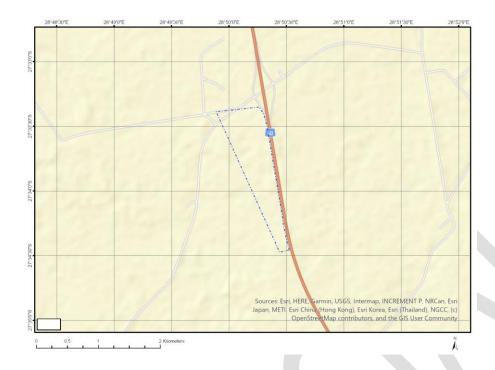
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# **Proposed Project Location**

# 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	ROOIRAND	990	0	27°33'48S	28°50'45.07E	Farm
2	ROOIRAND	990	0	27°33'45.78S	28°50'14.16E	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 nearby wind or solar developments found.

Environmental Management Frameworks relevant to the application

No intersections with EMF areas found.

<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.

# 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, restriction	Implication
or prohibition	
Strategic Gas Pipeline	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Developmen
Corridors-Phase 3:	tZones/Combined GAS.pdf
Richards Bay to Gauteng	<u>tzorics/ combined_dr.o.pur</u>

#### 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	,	X	,	,
Animal Species Theme		Х		
Aquatic Biodiversity Theme	X			
Archaeological and Cultural				Х
Heritage Theme				
Avian Theme				Х
Civil Aviation (Solar PV)				Х
Theme				
Defence Theme				Х
Landscape (Solar) Theme	X			
Paleontology Theme	Х			
Plant Species Theme			Х	
RFI Theme				Х
Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme	Х			

#### 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	
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	assessment	
1	Agricultural Impact	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
	Assessment	ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_WindAndSolar_Agriculture_Assessme
		nt_Protocols.pdf
2	Landscape/Visual Impact	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
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3	Archaeological and	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
	Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment	ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_P
	Assessment	<u>rotocols.pdf</u>
4	Palaeontology Impact	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
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5	Terrestrial Biodiversity	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
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6	Aquatic Biodiversity	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
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7	Civil Aviation Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
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8	Defense Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
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9	RFI Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
		ssmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment P
		<u>rotocols.pdf</u>
10	Geotechnical Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
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11	Socio-Economic	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
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12	Plant Species Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
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		<u>pdf</u>
13	Animal Species	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
	Assessment	ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_Animal_Species_Assessment_Protoco
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# 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.

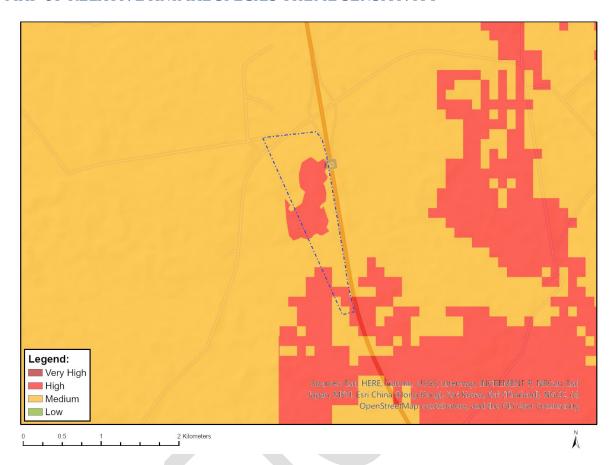
#### MAP OF RELATIVE AGRICULTURE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Land capability;09. Moderate-High/10. Moderate-High
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

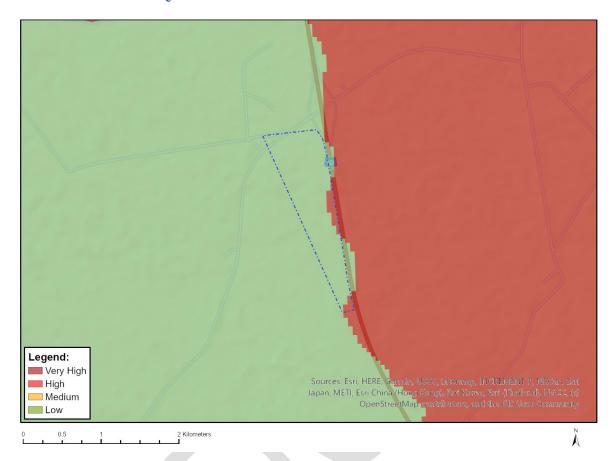


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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Aves-Geronticus calvus
High	Sensitive species 15
Medium	Aves-Sagittarius serpentarius
Medium	Aves-Eupodotis senegalensis
Medium	Mammalia-Hydrictis maculicollis
Medium	Sensitive species 15

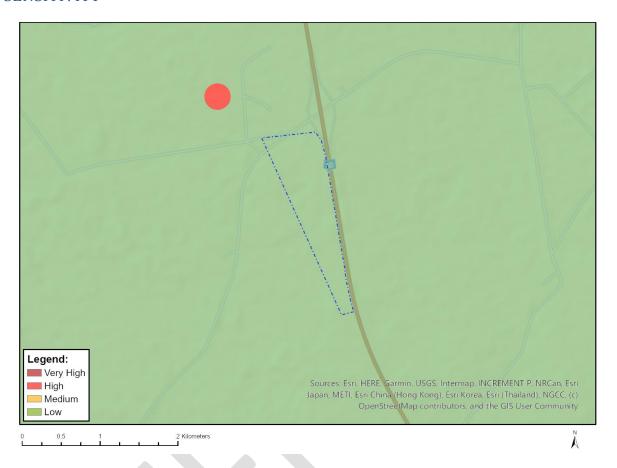
# MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



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

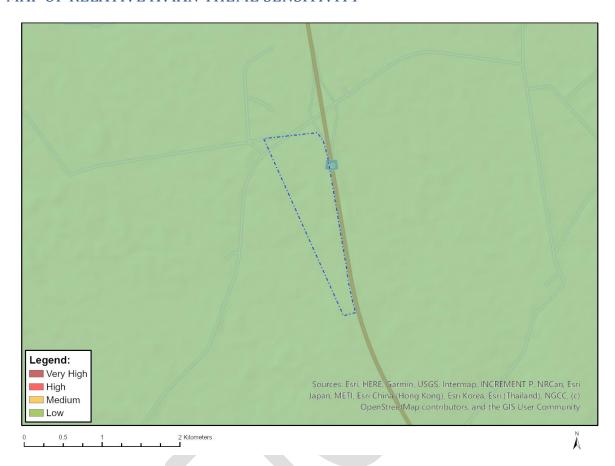
# MAP OF RELATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Χ

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
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	

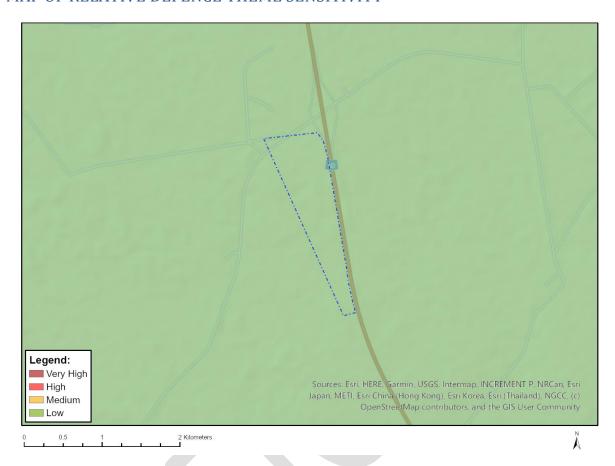
# MAP OF RELATIVE CIVIL AVIATION (SOLAR PV) THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	No major or other types of civil aviation aerodromes

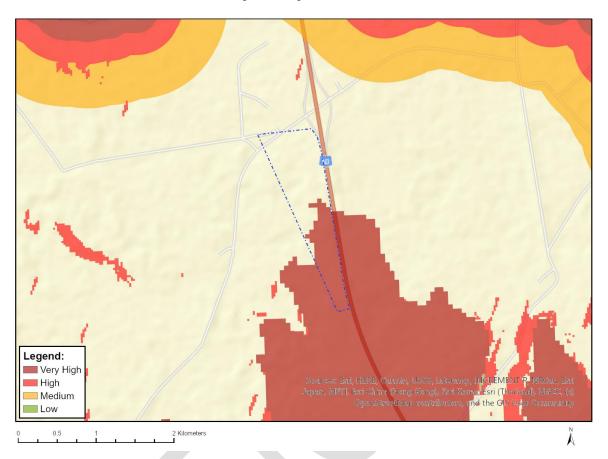
#### MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Χ

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low sensitivity	

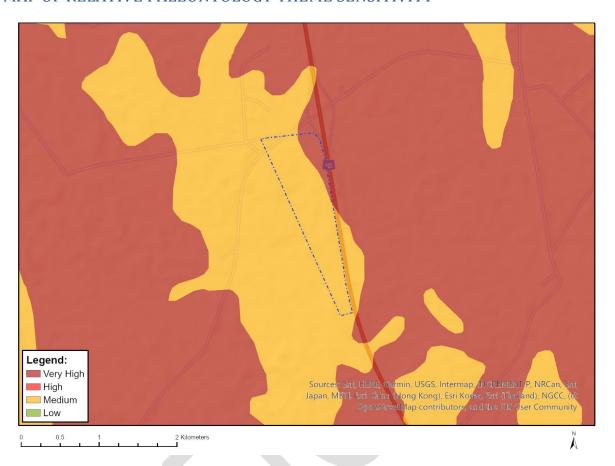
# MAP OF RELATIVE LANDSCAPE (SOLAR) THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Slope between 1:4 and 1:10
Very High	Mountain tops and high ridges

#### 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
Very High	Features with a Very High paleontological sensitivity

#### MAP OF RELATIVE PLANT SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY

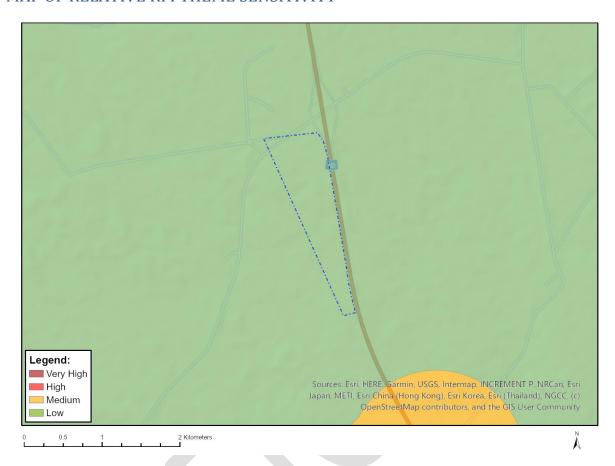


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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		Х	

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity
Medium	Sensitive species 1252
Medium	Sensitive species 998

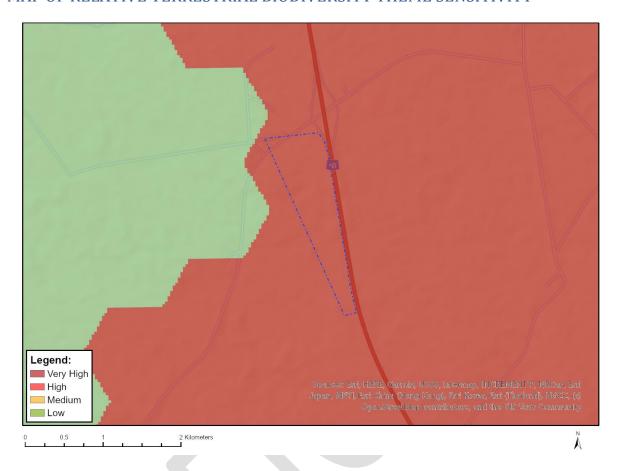
#### MAP OF RELATIVE RFI THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			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	FEPA Subcatchment
Very High	National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES)