

PHASE 1 HIA KTE WATER PIPELINE ROUTE, SOAFSKOLK TO BRANDVLEI, NORTHERN CAPE

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Project description

Enviroafrica CC appointed UBIQUE Heritage Consultants as independent heritage specialists following Section 38 of the NHRA and Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act¹ (NEMA) 107 of 1998. to conduct a cultural heritage assessment to determine the impact of the proposed development of the Kte Waterpipeline Route between Soafskolk and Brandvlei, Hantam Local Municipality, Namakwa District Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

Findings and Impact on Heritage Resources

UBIQUE Heritage Consultants assessed the proposed pipeline footprint on the 15th of March, 2024. No archaeological, historical or culturally significant resources were identified on the footprint. Therefore, there is no expected direct impact on the development during the planning, construction, operational and decommissioning phases. Additionally, the cumulative impact is considered to be NEGATIVE LOW.

Banzai Environmental assessed the development footprint from the 28th to the 29th of April 2024 (Butler 2024, Appendix A). A site-specific field survey of the development footprint was conducted on foot and by motor vehicle. Although no fossils were detected in the proposed Brandvlei to Soafskolk pipeline development, trace fossils were identified in the broader footprint. The site investigation and desktop research (National Database and published data) concluded that **the area's fossil heritage of scientific and conservational interest is relatively rare.** However, many **taxons have been described from a single specimen; thus, well-preserved fossils are important**. Data indicates that fossil sites are generally rare, sporadic and unpredictable. A **low significance** has thus been allocated to the development footprint. This is in disagreement with the High Sensitivity allocated to the development area by the DFFE Screening Tool and SAHRIS PalaeoMap.

In terms of palaeontological impacts, a Medium Palaeontological Significance has been allocated for impacts associated with the construction phase of the Brandvlei to Soafskolk pipeline development pre-mitigation and a low significance post-mitigation. The construction phase will be the only development phase with the potential to impact Palaeontological Heritage, and no significant impacts are expected to impact the Operational and Decommissioning phases. As the No-Go Alternative considers the option of 'do nothing' and maintaining the status quo, it will have a Neutral impact on the Palaeontological Heritage of the development. The Cumulative impacts of the pipeline development are considered medium pre-mitigation (as the area is not highly fossiliferous) and Low post-mitigation and fall within the acceptable limits for the project. Therefore, the proposed development will not have damaging impacts on the area's palaeontological resources. The development construction may thus be permitted to its whole

¹ NEMA is the national legislation that provides for the authorisation of certain controlled activities known as "listed activities".



extent, as the development footprint is not considered sensitive in terms of palaeontological resources. It is consequently recommended that no further palaeontological heritage studies, ground truthing, or specialist mitigation be required pending the discovery of newly discovered fossils.

Because the No-Go Alternative evaluates the alternative of 'doing nothing' and maintaining the *status quo*, it will have a Neutral influence on the development's Archaeological, Historical, Cultural, and Palaeontological Heritage.

Recommendations

Based on the assessment of the potential impact of the development on the identified heritage, the following recommendations are made, taking into consideration any existing or potential sustainable social and economic benefits:

- 1. No archaeological, historical or culturally significant heritage resources were identified. Therefore, **no mitigation is needed.**
- 2. Regarding palaeontological resources, it is recommended that no further palaeontological heritage studies, ground truthing, or specialist mitigation be required pending the discovery of newly discovered fossils. The development construction may thus be permitted to its whole extent, as the development footprint is not considered sensitive in terms of palaeontological resources. Although no fossils were identified, in the event that:
 - Palaeontological Heritage is uncovered during surface clearing and excavations; the Chance Find Protocol attached should be implemented immediately. Fossil discoveries ought to be protected, and the ECO/site manager must report to South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) (Contact details: SAHRIS, 111 Harrington Street, Cape Town. PO Box 4637, Cape Town 8000, South Africa. 3rd floor Protea Assurance Building, 142 Longmarket St, Cape Town City Centre, Cape Town, 8000; Private Bag X9067, Cape Town, 8000 Tel: 021 483 9598. Fax: +27 (0) 21 483 9845. Web: https://sahris.sahra.org.za) so that mitigation (recording and collection) can be carried out.
 - Before any fossil material can be collected from the development site, the specialist involved would need to apply for a collection permit from SAHRA. Fossil material must be housed in an official collection (museum or university), while all reports and fieldwork should meet the minimum standards for palaeontological impact studies proposed by SAHRA (2012).
 - These recommendations should be incorporated into the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for the KTE Pipeline project and associated infrastructure (Butler 2024, Appendix A).
- 3. Although all possible care has been taken to identify sites of cultural importance during the investigation of study areas, it is always possible that hidden or sub-surface sites could be overlooked during the assessment. If during construction, any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones,



stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Depending on the nature of the finds, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources are of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required, subject to permits issued by SAHRA. UBIQUE Heritage Consultants and its personnel will not be held liable for such oversights or costs incurred due to such oversights.



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ABBREVIATIONS

AIA:	Archaeological Impact Assessment
ASAPA:	Association of South African Professional Archaeologists
CRM:	Cultural Resource Management
EIA:	Early Iron Age
EMP:	Environmental Management Plan
ESA:	Earlier Stone Age
GPS:	Global Positioning System
HIA:	Heritage Impact Assessment
HWC:	Heritage Western Cape
IA:	Iron Age
IMP:	Integrated Management Plan
LSA:	Later Stone Age
MIA:	Middle Iron Age
MSA:	Middle Stone Age
NEMA:	National Environmental Management Act
NHRA:	National Heritage Resources Act
PHRA:	Provincial Heritage Resource Agency
PIA:	Palaeontological Impact Assessment
SADC:	Southern African Development Community
SAHRA:	South African Heritage Resources Agency
SAHRIS:	South African Heritage Resources Information System



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Scope of Study

The project involves the proposed development of the Kte Waterpipeline Route between Soafskolk and Brandvlei, Hantam Local Municipality, Namakwa District Municipality, Northern Cape Province. UBIQUE Heritage Consultants was appointed by Enviroafrica CC as independent heritage specialists in compliance with Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) to conduct a cultural heritage assessment (AIA/HIA) of the development area.

The assessment aims to identify and report any heritage resources that may fall within the development footprint; to determine the impact of the proposed development on any sites, features, or objects of cultural heritage significance; to assess the significance of any identified resources; and to assist the developer in managing the documented heritage resources in an accountable manner, within the framework provided by the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) (NHRA).

South Africa's heritage resources are rich and widely diverse, encompassing sites from all periods of human history. Resources may be tangible, such as buildings and archaeological artefacts, or intangible, such as landscapes and living heritage. Their significance is based on their aesthetic, architectural, historical, scientific, social, spiritual, linguistic, economic or technological values; their representation of a time or group; their rarity; and their sphere of influence.

Natural (e.g. erosion) and human (e.g. development) activities can jeopardise the integrity and significance of heritage resources. In the case of human activities, a range of legislation exists to ensure the timely and accurate identification and effective management of heritage resources for present and future generations.

The result of this investigation is presented in this archaeological impact assessment report. It comprises the recording of present/ absent heritage resources and offers recommendations for managing them within the proposed development context.

Depending on SAHRA's acceptance of this report, the developer will receive permission to proceed with the proposed development, considering any proposed mitigation measures.



1.2 Assumptions and Limitations

It is assumed that the description of the proposed project, as provided by the client, is accurate. Furthermore, it is assumed that the public consultation process undertaken as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is comprehensive and does not have to be repeated as part of the heritage/archaeological impact assessment.

The significance of the sites, structures, and artefacts is determined by their historical, social, aesthetic, technological, and scientific value in relation to their uniqueness, condition of preservation, and research potential. The various aspects are not mutually exclusive, and any site is evaluated with reference to any of these aspects. Cultural significance is site-specific and relates to the content and context of the site.

The comprehensive field survey and intensive desktop study have taken all possible care to identify sites of cultural importance within the development areas. However, it is essential to note that some heritage sites may have been missed due to their subterranean nature or dense vegetation cover. No subsurface investigation (i.e. excavations or sampling) was undertaken since an SAHRA permit is required for such activities. Therefore, should any heritage features and/or objects, such as architectural features, stone tool scatters, artefacts, human remains, or fossils, be uncovered or observed during construction, operations must be stopped, and a qualified archaeologist must be contacted to assess the find. Observed or located heritage features and/or objects may not be disturbed or removed in any way until the heritage specialist has been able to assess the significance of the site (or material) in question.



2. STUDY APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY

2.1 Desktop Study

The first step in the methodology was to conduct a desktop study of the heritage background of the area and the proposed development site. This entailed scoping and scanning historical texts/records, previous heritage studies, and research around the study area.

The study area is contextualised by incorporating data from previous HIA/AIA reports and a digital archival search. The objective is to extract data and information on the area in question, looking at archaeological sites, historical sites and graves.

No archaeological site data was available for the project area. A concise account of the archaeology and history of the broader study area was compiled (sources listed in the bibliography).

2.1.1 Literature Review

A literature survey was undertaken to obtain background information regarding the area. Through researching the SAHRA APM Report Mapping Project records and the SAHRIS online database (http://www.sahra.org.za/sahris), it was determined that several other archaeological or historical studies had been performed within the broader vicinity of the study area. Sources consulted in this regard are indicated in the bibliography.

2.2 Field Study

Phase 1 (AIA/HIA) requires the completion of a field study to establish and ensure the following:

2.2.1 Systematic Survey

A systematic survey of the proposed project area was completed to locate, identify, record, photograph, and describe archaeological, historical or cultural interest sites.

2.2.2 Recording Significant Areas

The survey was tracked, and GPS points of identified significant areas were recorded with a handheld GPS and an Android smartphone using a Locus Map application. Photographs of the environment and identified heritage resources were taken, and detailed field notes were taken to describe observations. The layout of the area and plotted GPS points, tracks and coordinates were transferred to Google Earth, and QGIS and maps were created.



2.2.3 Definitions of Heritage Resources

The NHRA defines a heritage resource as any place or object of cultural significance, i.e., aesthetic, architectural, historical, scientific, social, spiritual, linguistic, or technological value or significance. These include, but are not limited to, the following wide range of places and objects:

- Living heritage as defined in the National Heritage Council Act No 11 of 1999 (cultural tradition; oral history; performance; ritual; popular memory; skills and techniques; indigenous knowledge systems; and the holistic approach to nature, society and social relationships);
- Ecofacts (non-artefactual organic or environmental remains that may reveal aspects of past human activity; definition used in KwaZulu-Natal Heritage Act 2008);
- places, buildings, structures and equipment;
- places to which oral traditions are attached or which are associated with living heritage;
- historical settlements and townscapes;
- landscapes and natural features;
- geological sites of scientific or cultural importance;
- archaeological and palaeontological sites;
- graves and burial grounds;
- public monuments and memorials;
- sites of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa;
- movable objects, but excluding any object made by a living person; and
- battlefields.

2.3 Determining Significance

Heritage resources are considered of value if the following criteria apply:

а.	It is important in the community or pattern of South Africa's history;
b.	It has uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of South Africa's natural or cultural heritage;
С.	It has the potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of South Africa's natural or cultural heritage;
d.	It is vital in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of South Africa's natural or cultural places or objects;
e.	It exhibits particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group;
f.	It is essential in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period;
g.	It has a strong or unique association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons;
h.	It has a strong or special association with the life or work of a person, group or organisation of importance in the history of South Africa;
i	It is of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa



Levels of significance of the various types of heritage resources observed and recorded are determined by the following criteria:

CULTURAL & HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE		
LOW	A cultural object found out of context, not part of a site or without any related feature/structure in its surroundings.	
MEDIUM	Any site, structure or feature is regarded as less important due to several factors, such as date, frequency and uniqueness. Likewise, any important object found out of context.	
HIGH	Any site, structure or feature is regarded as important because of its age or uniqueness. Graves are always categorised as of a high importance. Likewise, any important object found within a specific context.	

Field Ratings or Gradings are assigned to indicate the level of protection required and who is responsible for national, provincial, or local protection.

FIELD RATINGS & GRADINGS		
National Grade I	Heritage resources with exceptional qualities to the extent that they are of national significance and should therefore be managed as part of the national estate.	
Provincial Grade II	Heritage resources with qualities provincial or regional importance, although it may form part of the national estate, it should be managed as part of the provincial estate.	
Local Grade IIIA	Heritage resources are of local importance and worthy of conservation. Therefore, it should be included in the heritage register and not be mitigated (high significance).	
Local Grade IIIB	Heritage resources are of local importance and worthy of conservation. Therefore, it should be included in the heritage register and mitigated (high/ medium significance).	
General Protection Grade IVA	The site/resource should be mitigated before destruction (high/ medium significance).	
General protection Grade IVB	The site/resource should be recorded before destruction (medium significance).	
General protection Grade IVC	Phase 1 is considered sufficient recording and may be demolished (low significance).	



2.4 Determining Impact

A heritage resource impact may be defined broadly as the net change, either beneficial or adverse, between the integrity of a heritage site with and without the proposed development. Beneficial impacts occur wherever a proposed development actively protects, preserves, or enhances a heritage resource by minimising natural site erosion or facilitating non-destructive public use. More commonly, development impacts are of an adverse nature and can include:

- destruction or alteration of all or part of a heritage site;
- isolation of a site from its natural setting and/or
- introduction of physical, chemical or visual elements out of character with the heritage resource and its setting.

Beneficial and adverse impacts can be direct or indirect and cumulative, as implied by the examples. Although indirect impacts may be more difficult to foresee, assess and quantify, they must form part of the assessment process.

2.4.1 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. Impact assessment is completed according to the project phases:

- planning
- construction
- operation
- decommissioning

Where necessary, the proposal for mitigation or optimisation of an impact is detailed. A brief discussion of the impact and the rationale behind assessing its significance is included. The rating system is applied to the potential impacts on the receiving environment and includes an objective evaluation of the impact mitigation. In assessing the significance of each impact, the following criteria are used:

NATURE

Loss of Archaeological & Cultural Heritage		
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	The impact will undoubtedly occur (Greater than a 75% chance of occurrence).	
DURATION			

This describes the duration of the impacts. Duration indicates the lifetime of the impact as a result 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. However, they 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 period that the impact can be considered indefinite.

INTENSITY/ MAGNITUDE

Describes 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 the system/component still continues to function in a moderately modified way and maintains general integrity (some impact on integrity).
3	High	The 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	The 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 are often impossible. If possible, rehabilitation and remediation are often unfeasible due to extremely high costs.



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REVERSIBILITY

This describes the degree to which an impact can be successfully reversed upon completion of the proposed activity.

1	Completely reversible	The impact is reversible with the 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 describes the degree to which resources 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 a marginal loss of resources.		
3	Significant loss of resources	The impact will result in a significant loss of resources.		
4	Complete loss of resources	The impact results in a complete loss of all resources.		
CUMULATIVE EFFECT				

This describes the cumulative effect of the impacts. A cumulative impact is an effect which in itself may not be significant. However, it may become significant if added to other existing or potential impacts emanating from similar or diverse activities due to 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.
SIGNI	FICANCE	

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.

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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 effects.

2.5 Report

The desktop research and field survey results are compiled in this report. The identified heritage resources and anticipated direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the proposed project's development on the identified heritage resources will be presented objectively. Alternatives are offered if any significant sites are impacted adversely by the proposed project. All efforts will be made to ensure that all studies, assessments, and results comply with the relevant legislation, code of ethics, and Association of South African Professional Archaeologists (ASAPA) guidelines. The report aims to assist the developer in managing the documented heritage resources in a responsible manner and protecting, preserving, and developing them within the framework provided by the National Heritage Resources Act of 1999 (Act 25 of 1999).



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3. PROJECT OVERVIEW

UBIQUE Heritage Consultants were appointed by Enviroafrica CC as independent heritage specialists in accordance with Section 38 of the NHRA and the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) to conduct a cultural heritage assessment to determine the impact of the proposed development of the Kte Waterpipeline Route, between Soafskolk and Brandvlei, Hantam Local Municipality, Namakwa District Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

The proposed KTE development entails the construction of a water provision pipeline from the Orange River, near Keimoes, to a hydrogen production facility located on Portion 1 and Portion 5 of Farm Uitkyk No. 889. The proposed pipeline will follow the existing road and mainly falls within the road servitudes. The project will also deliver a provisional bulk water supply to Kai !Garib Municipality at Kenhardt and the Hantam Municipality at Brandvlei. The distribution of water to these communities will remain the responsibility of the Kai !Garib and Hantam Municipalities. The project requires water to develop and operate, and as such, 10 950 000 m3/a of surface water will be abstracted from the Orange River, which will be pumped via a rising main and/or gravity-fed over 221 km for industrial and commercial use. The abstracted surface water will be stored at various locations across the project site. The pipeline route crosses numerous drainage lines, using existing culverts perpendicular to the R27 National Road. The biggest disturbance will be where the pipeline passes through an existing culvert of the Sishen-Saldanha railway bridge and crosses the Hartebees River. The abstracted surface water will undergo initial treatment in Lennertsville to SANS 241:2015 drinking water standards, where the by-products will be disposed of in a sludgedrying bed. Final treatment will occur on Farm Uitkyk where the abstracted surface water first passes through a Reverse Osmosis (RO) treatment step, followed by an Electrodeionization step (EDI), where the by-products will be disposed of on-site in 80 ha evaporation ponds. Domestic wastewater from office blocks, messes/canteens and toilets will be collected in an on-site conservancy tank, abstracted by vacuum pumps into a fleet of Wastewater Tanker Trucks and transported to the inlet of the evaporation ponds, where it will be blended and homogenized with the brine waste and allowed to evaporate by natural process.

3.1 Technical Information

PROJECT DESCRIPTION					
Project name	Prop	Proposed development of the KTE water pipeline route near Brandvlei			
Description	Phase 1 HIA for the proposed development of the Kte Waterpipeline Rou between Soafskolk and Brandvlei, Hantam Local Municipality, Namak District Municipality, Northern Cape Province.				
DEVELOPER					
KTE ENERGY GROUP (Pty) Ltd					
Development type		Services=>Water services=>Treatment and Waste Water			
PROPERTY DETAILS					



Province	Northern Cape				
District municipality	pality Namakwa				
Local municipality	Hantam				
Topo-cadastral map	1: 250 000 WGS_3020 and WGS_2920				
Farm names	Various				
Closest town	Kenhardt and Brandvlei				
GPS Coordinates	27° 42' 42.1" S 23° 04' 32.7" E Pumpstation at Orange River n	ear Keimoes			
PROPERTY SIZE	N/A				
EIA FOOTPRINT SIZE	N/A				
LAND USE					
Previous	Agriculture and servitude				
Current	Agriculture and servitude				
Rezoning required	No				
Sub-division of land	No				
DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA IN	I TERMS OF SECTION 38(1) NHRA	YES/NO			
Construction of a road, wall, power line, pipeline, canal or other linear forms of development Yes or barrier exceeding 300 m in length.					
Construction of bridge or sir	nilar structure exceeding 50 m in length.	No			
Construction exceeding 500	Construction exceeding 5000m ² . Yes				
Development involving three	Development involving three or more existing erven or subdivisions. Yes				
Development involving three or more erven or divisions that have been consolidated within the past five years.					
Rezoning of site exceeding :	Rezoning of site exceeding 10 000 m ² .				
Any other development category, public open space, squares, parks, recreation grounds. No					



 $\textit{Figure 1} Regional \ \textit{locality of the development footprint, indicated on Google Earth Satellite imagery.}$



Figure 2 Proposed development footprint, indicated on Google Earth Satellite imagery.



Figure 3 Locality of the development footprint, indicated on the 1: 250 000 map.



4. HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

4.1 Region: Northern Cape

South Africa has a long and varied history of human occupation (Deacon & Deacon 1999). This occupation dates to approximately 2mya (million years ago) (Mitchell 2002). Briefly, the archaeology of South Africa can be divided into three "major" periods: the Stone Age, the Iron Age and the Historical period. In addition, various archaeological and historical sites have been identified and documented throughout South Africa, including the Northern Cape province.

4.1.1 Stone Age

The history of the Northern Cape Province is reflected in a rich archaeological landscape with a wealth of pre-colonial archaeological sites. Numerous sites have been identified and documented across the region, dating to the earlier, middle, and later Stone Ages.

In southern Africa, the Stone Age can be divided into three periods. It is, however, critical to note that dates are relative and only provide a broad framework for interpretation. The division of the Stone Age, according to Lombard et al. (2012), is as follows:

- Earlier Stone Age (ESA): >2 000 000 >200 000 years ago
- Middle Stone Age (MSA): <300 000 >20 000 years ago
- Later Stone Age (LSA): <40 000 until the historical period

In short, the Stone Age refers to humans mainly utilising stone as a technological marker. Each sub-division is formed by industries where the assemblages share attributes or common traditions (Lombard et al. 2012). The ESA is characterised by flakes produced from pebbles, cobbles, percussive tools, and objects created later during this period, such as large hand axes, cleavers, and other bifacial tools (Klein 2000). The MSA is associated with small flakes, blades and points. It is generally suggested that the aforementioned was made and utilised for hunting activities and had numerous functions (Wurz 2013). Hunter-gatherer lifeways are attested to in the Middle Stone Age record for at least the last 100,000 years (Wadley 2015). Such foraging groups continued to occupy the landscape throughout the Later Stone Age between 40,000 and 20,000 years ago, lasting until a couple of centuries.

About 2000 years ago, during the final ceramic Later Stone Age, the first evidence of goats/sheep was found in southern Africa, possibly associated with Khoekhoe herding groups (e.g., Sadr 2008). These groups came into being as a combination of the migration of East African pastoralists who mixed with local hunter-gatherers (e.g., Choudhury et al. 2021). However, it is almost impossible to differentiate between the San and Khoekhoe groups based on archaeological or genetic records. Presently, these populations are referred to as Khoisan (Barnard 1992). Furthermore, the LSA is characterised by microlithic stone tools, scrapers and flakes (Binneman 1995; Lombard et al.



2012). The LSA is also associated with rock art. These sites are commonly found on slopes, hilltops, rocky outcrops and occasionally in river beds (Kruger 2018).

4.1.2 Iron Age

Archaeologically, the arrival of African farming communities from West Africa about 1700 years ago and their subsequent settlement, first in the northeastern parts and later in much of southern Africa, is known as the Iron Age (Huffman 2007). These farmers encountered Khoisan communities (Mitchell 2002). The archaeology of farming communities of southern Africa encompasses three phases. The Early Iron Age, dated 200 – 900 CE, represents the arrival of farmers in southern Africa. The Middle Iron Age (900 – 1300 CE) is best associated with the onset of state formation in the Limpopo Valley of South Africa. Finally, the Late Iron Age (1300 – 1840 CE) marked the arrival and spread of ancestral Nguni- and Sotho-Tswana communities into southern Africa and the development of state-level societies, such as Great Zimbabwe and Mutapa (Huffman 2007; Badenhorst 2010).

The Iron Age (IA) is characterised by the use of metal (Coertze & Coertze 1996: 346). There is some controversy about the periods within the IA. Van der Ryst & Meyer (1999) have suggested that there are two phases within the IA, namely:

- Early Iron Age (EIA) 200 1000 A.D
- Late Iron Age (LIA) 1000 1850 A.D

However, Huffman (2007) suggests instead that there are three periods within the Iron Age, these periods are:

- Early Iron Age (EIA) 250 900 A.D
- Middle Iron Age (MIA) 900 1300 A.D
- Late Iron Age (LIA) 1300 1840 A.D

Thomas Huffman believes that the Middle Iron Age should be included within this period; his dates have been widely accepted in the IA field of archaeology.

The South African Iron Age is generally characterised by farming communities with domesticated animals, cultivated plants, manufactured and used ceramics and beads, and smelted iron for weapons and manufactured tools (Hall 1987). Iron Age people were often mixed farmers/agropastoralists. These agropastoralists generally lived in areas with sufficient water for domestic use and arable soil that could be cultivated with an iron hoe. Most Iron Age (IA) settlements built by agropastoralists were permanent settlements (with a few exceptions). They comprised houses, raised grain bins, storage pits and animal kraals/byres, contrasting with pastoralists' and hunter-gatherers' temporary camps (Huffman 2007). It is evident in the archaeological record that IA groups had migrated with their material culture (Huffman 2002).



4.1.3 Historical Period

The Historical/Colonial period generally refers to the last 500+ years when European settlers and colonialism entered southern Africa (Binneman et al. 2011). During the colonial frontier period, place names started becoming fixed on maps and farm names, specifically in a cadastral sense. As an archaeological period, the Late Iron Age ended by the 1840s. By then, the ongoing Mfecane caused major socio-political disruptions in southern Africa. During the late 1600s and 1700s, Dutch settlers subjugated the Khoisan and established the Cape Colony. By the 1800s, a culmination of preceding tensions rooted in competition amongst local chiefdoms for trade at Delagoa Bay, increased demand for ivory by European traders, and droughts severely impacted maise-dependent communities. The steady rise of chiefdoms, such as the Mabhudu, Ndwande, Qwabe and Mtethwa, meant rulers expanded their patronage networks by conquering a competitor's land and people. Smaller chiefdoms caught up in the conflict fled and either attacked or merged with neighbouring populations. This political unrest would be followed by a similar uprising, the Mfecane (ca. 1818-1840 CE) (Bonner 2002; Chewins 2016 Ross 1999). European traders, travellers, and missionaries encountered Khoisan and African farmers during this time. Subsequent relations, with negative and positive impacts, continued into the 20th century (e.g., Hall 1987).

The development of a rich colonial frontier can be seen in the archaeological record (Kruger 2018). However, it was not until relatively recently (because of its distance from the Cape Colony) that this arid part of South Africa's interior was colonised. The historical period of the Northern Cape coincides with the incursion of white traders, hunters, explorers, and missionaries into the interior of South Africa (Engelbrecht & Fivaz 2019). The documented records of this region dating from the 18th- and 19th- centuries mainly pertain to areas south of and along the Orange River (Morris 2018a, b & c). The Swedish travellers Hendrick Wikar and Robert Gordon, two of the earliest travellers, had followed the river as far as and beyond the region during the 1770s. Wikar and Gordon provided descriptions of the terrain and the communities living along the river (Morris 2018a, b & c; Morris & Beaumont 1991). Some other early travellers, traders, and missionaries who arrived in the region during the 19th century include PJ Truter, William Somerville, Cowan, Donovan, Burchell and Campbell (De Jong 2010). The London Mission Society (LMS) station near Kuruman was established in 1817 by James Read (De Jong 2010; Van Vollenhoven 2014). Various buildings and structures that have been documented and recorded can be associated with early travellers, traders, and missionaries. There is also evidence of the settlements of the first white farmers and towns in the Northern Cape. These historical buildings and structures have been captured on the SAHRIS database in areas such as Kakamas, Kenhardt, Keimoes and Upington.

The surveying, division, and transference of government-owned land to farmers marked the initial distribution of land to colonial farmers from the 1880s onward (De Jong 2010). It is believed that most farms were still government farms and were leased to farmers in 1875. The farms were only later sold to individuals (Van Vollenhoven 2014). During the late 1920s, more permanent and large-scale settlements and possibly some of the first farmsteads started to appear in the region.



The region has been the backdrop to various incidents of conflict. Numerous factors such as population growth, increasing pressure on natural resources, the emergence of power blocs'

attempts to control trade, the emergence of the Griquas, and penetration of the Korana and early white communities from the southwest resulted in a period of instability in South Africa. Furthermore, with the introduction of loan farms in the second half of the 18th century, an influx of newcomers such as trekboers, European game hunters and livestock thieves contributed to the region's volatility and sociocultural stress and transformation (Mlilo 2019).

The period known as the Difaqane/Mfecane began in the late 18t^h century and effectively ended with the settlement of white farmers in the interior (De Jong 2010; Mlilo 2019). The Difaqane/Mfecane period also affected the Northern Cape Province around the 1820s, relatively later than the rest of southern Africa. This period was prompted by the incursion of displaced refugees associated with the Fokeng, Tlokwa, Hlakwana and Phuting groups (De Jong 2010).

Moreover, during the 1830s, the Voortrekkers started migrating northwards from the Cape Colony. This migration was due to their dissatisfaction with British rule (Eldredge 1987). The Voortrekkers' migration is known as the "Groot Trek" (Great Trek). The Voortrekkers had conflict with Tswana and missionary groups who had settled near Bechuanaland and Griqualand West (Van Vollenhoven 2014). A series of wars and battles between the Voortrekkers, Zulu and Sotho-Tswana communities eventually arose due to the migrations (De Bruyn 2019).

Between 1879 and 1880, the region was also caught up in the Koranna War. Further military activity in the area included the rise of the 'rebels' during the Anglo-Boer War and again in 1915 with the incursion of German troops (Morris 2018a, b & c). Numerous graves can be linked to the battles fought during the 1914 Rebellion (Engelbrecht & Fivaz 2019). It is believed that any military settlement related to the Koranna Wars would have been closer to the Orange River (Webley & Halkett 2014).

With the arrival of the Dutch settlers in the Cape in the mid-17th century, clashes between the Europeans and Khoi tribes in the Cape Peninsula resulted in the Goringhaiqua and Goraxouqua migrating north towards the Gariep/Orange River in 1680. These tribes became known as the Korannas, living as small tribal entities in separate areas (Penn 2005).

Bushmanland was one of the last regions of the Cape Province to be settled by early European farmers. This was because the region was very arid and far from Cape Town and the produce markets. Many of the farms in the Bushmanland area were only allocated after the introduction of the windpump to South Africa in the 1870s. In other words, the windpump made the arid lands accessible and suitable for grazing (Webley & Halkett 2012a). Historical literature also confirms that San hunter-gatherers occupied Bushmanland early in the 19th century. During the 19th century, Basters of mixed descent lived around the salt pans in Bushmanland. They were, however, driven away from the land as the farms were surveyed and made available to European farmers (Webley & Halkett 2012a). In the late 18th and early 19th centuries, with the introduction and implementation of the commando system, the Karoo 'Bushmen' were eventually destroyed or indentured into farm labour (Kaplan 2015).





Figure 4 Imperial Map of Upington and surrounds. Image from UCT digital collections, https://digitalcollections.lib.uct.ac.za/



Figure 5 Imperial Map of Kenhardt and surrounds. Image from UCT digital collections, https://digitalcollections.lib.uct.ac.za/Kenhardt





Figure 6 Imperial Map of Kakamas and surrounds. Image from UCT digital collections, https://digitalcollections.lib.uct.ac.za/

4.2 Local

Due to the large study area, the majority of the local history is related to the wider region and the Orange River. The closest towns are Upington, Kakamas, Keimoes, Kenhardt and Brandvlei.

Portuguese sailors referred to the Gariep/Orange River as the St Anthonio, and on the maps from 1685, Simon van der Stel marked it as the Vigiti Magna. In 1760, Jacobus Coetzee, the elephant hunter, named the river: "de Groote Rivier" (the Great River). In 1761, land surveyor Carel Brink noted that the river is known to the local island inhabitants as the Tyen Gariep (Our River). The London Missionary Society's (LMS) John Campbell spoke of the Gariep, Gareeb, and Garib as the names the Korannas used. The river's contemporary name (Orange River) can be accredited to Robert Gordon, who proclaimed the river in the name of Prince van Oranje in 17799. From this day forward, the river was known (and indicated on maps) as the Orange River.



De Jong (2010) classifies the cultural landscape along the Gariep/Orange River as predominantly historic farmland. The affected area consists of working (operating) irrigation and grazing farms located in a typical Lower Orange River environment. These farms display heritage features that typically occur in the district, such as their large size, irrigation furrows and pipelines, fences, tracks, farmsteads, and irrigated fields. Farmsteads are clustered near rivers and primary roads (De Jong 2010).

Apart from a few exceptions, archaeology along the Orange River has mainly focused on the Middle Orange River and the Richtersveld (Orton & Webley 2012). The Middle Orange River was densely inhabited pre- and proto-colonial times (Mlilo 2019). The area is made up of several islands. Herders often lived on these islands for their natural protection from stock thieves and wild animals. Small-stock farmers mainly occupied the vicinity along the Orange River. It was during the 1930s that the first significant influx of people started. These people had developed an extensive network of irrigation channels that supplied water for the development of vineyards and other cash crops (e.g. grain crops), cultivated in a narrow band along the Orange River leading to the region known as the Green Kalahari. Van Schalkwyk (2019) comments that this has resulted in numerous smaller hamlets and villages. These hamlets/villages had churches, cemeteries and shops.

The first descriptions of the population of the Middle Orange River can be credited to the earlier mention of Hendrick Wikar (Ross 1975). Wikar started his long journey from Cape Town and eventually reached the middle and lower reaches of the Orange River. Wikar is believed to have been a deserter from the service of the Dutch East India Company. Thus, Wikar remained within the area for several years and compiled a report of his experiences in exchange for a pardon (Ross 1975). He recorded his encounters with the Khoisan groups, who called themselves Einiqua or River People. The Einiqua were divided into three "kraals", namely the Namnykoa near the Augrabies Falls, the Aukokoa of Kanoneiland and the Kaukoa on islands west of Keimoes and other islands to the east (Engelbrecht & Fivaz 2020). Their kraals consisted of numerous sheep and cattle. The Einiqua also hunted game, gathered plants, and cultivated dagga, but according to Wikar, no other crops existed (Ross 1975). The Anoe eis people, whom Wikar characterised as "Bushmen", were among the pastoralist groups living on the islands. As they had no domestic stock, they subsisted on fishing, game-trapping, hunting, and gathering plant foods (Morris & Beaumont 1991). However, Colonel Robert Jacob Gordon, who visited the region in 1779, remarked that Einiqua had lost their cattle because of an argument with the Namneigua village (Morris & Beaumont 1991). The region's San and Khoekhoe hunter-gatherers had reached stability by the early 18th century (Milo 2019). However, the area west of the Langeberg and east of Upington was occupied by IA groups such as the BaTlaping. Their influence had reached as far down the river as Upington (Morris 1992).

From the 1880s onwards, irrigation of the Orange River played a central role in the area's economy in the vicinity of Upington (Legassick 1996). Hunter-gatherers shared the river's resources (Morris 1992). The beginning of irrigation in this area has been attributed to the Basters. By the 18th century, the Basters had focused on the Orange River (and Namaqualand) as a sanctuary from colonial rule (Mlilo 2019; Van der Walt 2015).

The construction and development of canal systems were vital for the irrigation of extensive vineyards and orchards and the expansion of major agricultural enterprises in the region



(Engelbrecht & Fivaz 2018). The credit for formalising and extending the irrigation system belongs to Reverend C.H.W. Schröder, a Dutch Reformed Church (DRC) missionary and Special Magistrate for the Northern Border John H. Scott. By the time Schröder came to Upington in July 1883, there were people already living in the area of Keimoes who had planted fields and utilised irrigation. The irrigation scheme of the Basters can be attributed to Abraham September's innovation. Abraham September was born in slavery and became part of the Baster people of South Africa. Interestingly, Schröder and Scott had begun the canal from where Abraham September had selected. Legassick (1996) commented that "the small, white-painted, stone house where Abraham September lived when he undertook this work survives to this day...".

Briefly, the farms and communities south of the Gariep/Orange River were often raided during the 17th century. The Korana Wars of 1869 and 1878 resulted from increased land and resource competition between the Trekboers and Khoi and San groups. Klaas Lukas, a prominent Korana chief at Olyvenhouts Drift (Upington), played an essential role in defeating the Korana raiding groups with the support of most of the Korana, the Nama Afrikanders led by Jacobus Afrikander and several Griqua rebels under Gamka Pienaar. The Korana, who rejected a future under colonial rule, trekked further into the Kalahari. The Cape Government settled the Basters near Upington to form a buffer between the Boers and the Korana (SAHO 2020).

Olyvenhouts Drift was the location of a mission station founded in 1871 by the German missionary Rev Schröder and named after the many wild olivewood trees growing in the area around the ford. The town was renamed Upington in 1884 after Sir Thomas Upington, the Attorney-General of the Cape Colony. Rev Schröder has been credited with the building of the irrigation canal from 1883 to 1885, but current views attribute the original idea to a local inhabitant by the name of Abraham September. By 1884, 77 farms were being irrigated by the canal (Orton 2015; Van Schalkwyk 2014b).

The Kakamas area's water-related infrastructure was essential for agricultural development. Several water wheels, excavated tunnels, and irrigation furrows have been declared Provincial Heritage Sites. The hand-dug tunnels were remarkable engineering feats for the early 20th century (Orton 2012). Kakamas originated from an irrigation scheme established by the community in 1898 for farmers left destitute by severe drought (1895-1897). The irrigation scheme was led by Rev. Schroder which included canals dug by hand, beginning at the upper end of Neus Island (Hopkins 1978; Van Vuuren 2011). The development of canal systems played an essential role in irrigating extensive vineyards and orchards within the region and developing substantial agricultural initiatives within the area.

The Kakamas settlement is also known for its pioneering development of a hydroelectric power generator, which was brought into operation in 1924 (Hopkins 1978). The building, which housed the old transformer in Voortrekker Street, was ear-marked as a museum (SAHRA database).

The town of Kakamas was laid out in 1931 and attained full municipal status in 1964 (Van Schalkwyk 2013). The name Kakamas originated with the Einiqua. However, there are several theories about the meaning of the word:



- Bad Grazing: before the canals and irrigation schemes were developed, the area was notorious for its poor grazing pastures.
- Angry/Charging Cow/Chasing Cows: this may derive from the Korana word kagamas, which could have become associated with the place because the river banks nearby had sloping banks, making it an easy crossing place for cattle herds. Most herds were reluctant to enter the river and would turn on their herders.
- Thakemas, meaning drink place. This would refer to the ease with which livestock could be herded to the area to drink.
- Swimming water: Possibly the San word given to the place because it was possible to swim across the river at this point (De Jong 2010).

Keimoes translates from the Khoekhoe language as "large eye" or "big eye". This might refer to either the natural water fountain called Big Eye or Keimoes situated at the Roman Catholic Mission Station in the town or to the vast views that can be seen from the Tierberg, a small mountain outside the town. A second account for the town's name is said to originate from the Khoemana leader, Klaas Lucas, who in the 1860s named the place Keimoes or "mouse nest" in the Khoemana language, denoting the colonies of mice living there (Raper et al. 2014).

In 1882, the first 81 farms to be given out to the north of the Orange River from Kheis (opposite the present Groblershoop) to the Augrabies Falls were allocated almost exclusively to Basters (Morris 1992). The further division of these farms commenced when the irrigation canal was completed. These farms were divided into "water-erven" for irrigation and "dry-erven" for establishing buildings (Van der Walt 2015). More white settlers moved to the Gordonia region in the late 19th century. By the turn of the century, approximately 13 Afrikaner families had settled at Keimoes (De Beer 1992; Van der Walt 2015). Many farmers moved to new areas due to the aftermath of the scorched earth policy of the Anglo-Boer War. These farmers searched for greener pastures. Settlements next to the Gariep/Orange River provided adequate irrigation for crops (Engelbrecht & Fivaz 2020). By 1910, Keimoes had its own hotel, prison, court, and police service (De Beer, 1992). It attained municipal status in 1949, and in 1951, Keimoes opened its power station and replaced candlelight with electricity (De Beer 1992; Van der Walt 2015).

The town of Kenhardt was founded in 1868. The town was initially established under a Camelthorn tree. On the 27th of December 1868, Mr M Jackson arrived and set up camp under this Camelthorn tree at the invitation of Louis Anthing, the Magistrate of Namaqualand. When Louis Anthing visited the region in 1863, he used the tree as his headquarters. By the time Jackson arrived, he had utilised these buildings. Kenhardt gradually grew, and a Dutch Reformed Church was erected in the town in 1889 (TurtleSA 2020).

Brandvlei was founded in the heart of Bushmanland, near the Sak River "vloer." At this location, "ou Brand," a 19th-century trekboer, once camped alongside the marsh (vlei) to allow his oxen to rest. Allegedly, he unintentionally ignited the dry grass, resulting in a veld fire, which led to the



town's name, Brandvlei. In 1961, a flash flood divided the town into two parts, but it managed to recover, and in 1962, a municipality was established (Brandvlei n.d.).



5. SITE SENSITIVITY: ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE THEME

5.1 Site Verification

The site sensitivity verification was completed through a desktop analysis, satellite imagery and literature research, and on-site inspection.



Figure 7 The site-specific project area indicated on the DFFE Screening tool with Archaeological and Cultural Theme Sensitivity layer (https://screening.environment.gov.za/)





Figure 8 The site-specific project area indicated on the DFFE Screening tool with Archaeological and Cultural Theme Sensitivity layer (https://screening.environment.gov.za/)

Our findings confirm the predominantly Low Heritage Sensitivity indicated on the DFFE Screening Tool. The DFFE Screening Tool (https://screening.environment.gov.za/) shows a Low Archaeological and Cultural Theme Sensitivity around the proposed development footprint (Figures 7 and 8). The study area's consulted HIA and AIA reports predominantly reported on low significant resources. The Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Theme (DFFE Screening Tool) shows areas of high significance, mainly around the Brandvlei and Kenhardt areas, with few areas toward the north, east, west and south of the proposed development.

Numerous incidences of artefacts, deposits, stone wallings, and structures have been documented around the proposed development footprint, and these have mainly been graded as IIIa, IIIb, IIIc, and IV. In addition, graves and burial grounds graded as IIIa have also been documented around Brandvlei, Upington and Kakamas. At the same time, sites of higher significance (Grade II), such as buildings, places, structures, and battlefields, have been documented around Kakamas, Kenhardt, and Upington. Grade I sites are rare; however, one is known in Upington, namely the Grave and Memorial of Magrieta Jantjies, Kameelboom Cemetry.

The closest incidences of high significance indicated on the DFFE Screening Tool are situated southeast, north and east of the footprint around Kakamas, Upington, Keimoes, and Brandvlei. This corresponds with the Grade II recorded on the SAHRA Database:



FullSiteName	SiteReference	SiteType	Grading	Coordinates	SiteID
Old Library Building, Park Street, Kenhardt	9/2/048/0005	Building	Grade II	-29.348528, 21.152564	28454
Kenhardt Orlight PV 001	KZB001	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.481670, 20.782568	40396
Kenhardt Orlight PV 002	KZB002	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.478545, 20.787524	40397
Kenhardt Orlight PV 003	KZB003	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.478656, 20.788056	40398
Kenhardt Orlight PV 004	KZB004	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.478645, 20.788138	40399
Kenhardt Orlight PV 005	KZB005	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.478691, 20.788325	40400
Kenhardt Orlight PV 006	KZB006	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.478734, 20.788597	40401
Kenhardt Orlight PV 007	KZB007	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.478987, 20.788879	40402
Kenhardt Orlight PV 008	KZB008	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.479263, 20.788850	40403
Kenhardt Orlight PV 009	KZB009	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.479593, 20.788872	40404
Kenhardt Orlight PV 010	KZB010	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.479726, 20.788936	40405
Kenhardt Orlight PV 011	KZB011	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.479726, 20.788936	40406
Kenhardt Orlight PV 013	KZB013	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.479896, 20.788977	40408
Kenhardt Orlight PV 012	KZB012	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.479887, 20.788946	40409
Kenhardt Orlight PV 014	KZB014	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.479967, 20.789226	40410
Kenhardt Orlight PV 015	KZB015	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.480091, 20.789455	40411
Kenhardt Orlight PV 016	KZB016	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.480290, 20.788869	40412
Kenhardt Orlight PV 018	KZB018	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.480346, 20.788327	40414
Kenhardt Orlight PV 019	KZB019	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.480362, 20.787773	40416
Kenhardt Orlight PV 017	KZB017	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.480359, 20.788652	40419
Kenhardt Orlight PV 020	KZB020	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.480498, 20.787266	40421
Kenhardt Orlight PV 021	KZB021	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.480491, 20.787228	40422
Kenhardt Orlight PV 022	KZB022	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.480457, 20.787173	40423
Kenhardt Orlight PV 025	KZB025	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.480343, 20.786800	40426
Kenhardt Orlight PV 023	KZB023	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.480426, 20.786854	40429
Kenhardt Orlight PV 024	KZB024	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.480344, 20.786832	40431
Kenhardt Orlight PV 026	KZB026	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.464109, 20.774589	40432
Kenhardt Orlight PV 027	KZB027	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.464638, 20.774442	40433
Kenhardt Orlight PV 028	KZB028	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.464575, 20.772758	40434
Kenhardt Orlight PV 029	KZB029	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.464429, 20.772914	40435
Kenhardt Orlight PV 030	KZB030	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.464243, 20.773100	40436



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Kenhardt Orlight PV 031	KZB031	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.463479, 20.773610	40437
Kenhardt Orlight PV 032	KZB032	Artefacts		-29.463412, 20.773789	40438
Kenhardt Orlight PV 032	KZB032	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.463412, 20.773789	40438
Kenhardt Orlight PV 033	KZB033	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.463651, 20.774462	40439
Kenhardt Orlight PV 034	KZB034	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.463974, 20.774615	40440
Kenhardt Orlight PV 035	KZB035	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.469945, 20.773311	40441
Kenhardt Orlight PV 036	KZB036	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.470131, 20.773032	40442
Kenhardt Orlight PV 038	KZB038	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.468505, 20.777163	40444
Kenhardt Orlight PV 040	KZB040	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.471640, 20.782725	40446
Kenhardt Orlight PV 037	KZB037	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.470605, 20.776301	40449
Kenhardt Orlight PV 039	KZB039	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.471409, 20.782089	40451
Kenhardt Orlight PV 041	KZB041	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.470918, 20.782575	40452
Kenhardt Orlight PV 042	KZB042	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.463580, 20.789908	40453
Kenhardt Orlight PV 043	KZB043	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.464296, 20.789890	40454
Kenhardt Orlight PV 044	KZB044	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.482054, 20.782447	40455
Kenhardt Orlight PV 045	KZB045	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.477404, 20.786346	40456
Kenhardt Orlight PV 046	KZB046	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.474407, 20.788362	40457
Kenhardt Orlight PV 048	KZB048	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.474797, 20.786143	40459
Kenhardt Orlight PV 050	KZB050	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.474080, 20.785707	40461
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Kenhardt Orlight PV 047	KZB047	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.474888, 20.786848	40465
Kenhardt Orlight PV 051	KZB051	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.473946, 20.786516	40470
Kenhardt Orlight PV 053	KZB053	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.473745, 20.788430	40472
Kenhardt Orlight PV 054	KZB054	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.476552, 20.794453	40473
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Kenhardt Orlight PV 056	KZB056	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.476128, 20.794165	40475
Kenhardt Orlight PV 057	KZB057	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.472860, 20.795460	40476
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Kenhardt Orlight PV 058	KZB058	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.461829, 20.795067	40478
Kenhardt Orlight PV 059	KZB059	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.462069, 20.794213	40479
Kenhardt Orlight PV 060	KZB060	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.462534, 20.793224	40480
Kenhardt Orlight PV 061	KZB061	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.461875, 20.792216	40481
Kenhardt Orlight PV 062	KZB062	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.460115, 20.793532	40482
Kenhardt Orlight PV 063	KZB063	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.463084, 20.774913	40483



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Kenhardt Orlight PV 064	KZB064	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.464137, 20.775364	40484
Kenhardt Orlight PV 065	KZB065	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.463572, 20.776172	40485
Kenhardt Orlight PV 066	KZB066	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.464804, 20.776980	40486
Kenhardt Orlight PV 067	KZB067	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.468372, 20.777189	40487
Kenhardt Orlight PV 068	KZB068	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.466031, 20.777089	40492
Kenhardt Orlight PV 070	KZB070	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.466330, 20.776097	40494
Kenhardt Orlight PV 073	KZB073	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.463331, 20.790498	40497
Kenhardt Orlight PV 074	KZB074	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.463086, 20.789870	40498
Kenhardt Orlight PV 076	KZB076	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.463535, 20.788832	40500
Kenhardt Orlight PV 069	KZB069	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.466003, 20.775914	40501
Kenhardt Orlight PV 071	KZB071	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.470298, 20.782108	40502
Kenhardt Orlight PV 072	KZB072	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.468366, 20.784011	40503
Kenhardt Orlight PV 075	KZB075	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-29.462389, 20.789002	40504
Keimoes-Kenhardt 01	KEI-KEN01	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-28.756444, 20.995667	42009
Keimoes-Kenhardt 02	KEI-KEN02	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-28.761917, 20.993194	42010
Keimoes-Kenhardt 03	KEI-KEN03	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-28.790583, 21.018528	42011
Kenhardt (place marked on Bleek map)	Kenhardt	Place	Grade II	-29.344197, 21.144557	89855
Rooipunt 001	R001001	Artefacts	Grade IV	-28.479300, 21.007490	45727
Rooipunt 002	R001002	Artefacts	Grade IV	-28.481650, 21.002950	45728
Rooipunt 003	R001003	Artefacts	Grade IV	-28.480960, 21.002470	45729
Rooipunt 004	R001004	Artefacts	Grade IV	-28.477420, 21.002320	45731
Rooipunt 005	R001005	Artefacts	Grade IV	-28.484640, 21.006790	45733
Rooipunt 006	R001006	Artefacts	Grade IV	-28.484960, 21.010180	45735
Rooipunt 007	R001007	Artefacts	Grade IV	-28.491660, 21.014860	45736
Rooipunt 008	R001008	Artefacts	Grade IV	-28.497920, 21.029990	45737
Rooipunt 009	R001009	Artefacts	Grade IV	-28.480580, 21.029540	45738
Rooipunt 010	R001010	Artefacts	Grade IV	-28.469810, 21.019930	45739
Rooipunt 011	R001011	Artefacts	Grade IV	-28.454260, 21.023790	45740
Rooipunt 012	R001012	Artefacts	Grade IV	-28.466110, 21.008350	45741
Rooipunt 013	R001013	Artefacts	Grade IV	-28.464460, 21.005980	45742
Rooipunt 014	R001014	Artefacts	Grade IV	-28.463380, 21.001250	45743
Rooipunt 015	R001015	Artefacts	Grade IV	-28.460010, 21.006260	45744
Rooipunt 016	R001016	Artefacts	Grade IV	-28.468180, 21.032120	45758
Rooipunt 017	R001017	Artefacts	Grade IV	-28.462910, 21.017700	45759



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Rooipunt 018	R001018	Artefacts	Grade IV	-28.480320, 21.032800	45760
Rooipunt 019	R001019	Artefacts	Grade IV	-28.495910, 21.015410	45761
Rooipunt 020	R001020	Artefacts	Grade IV	-28.478040, 21.049250	45762
Rooipunt 021	R001021	Artefacts	Grade IV	-28.476020, 21.035110	45763
Rooipunt 022	R001022	Artefacts	Grade IV	-28.476600, 21.032660	45764
Rooipunt 023	R001023	Stone walling	Grade IV	-28.478240, 21.049590	45765
Rooipunt 024	R001024	Structures	Grade IV	-28.493260, 21.020460	45766
Rooipunt 025	R001025	Conservation Area	Grade IV	-28.494450, 21.028060	45767
Rooipunt 026	R001026	Conservation Area	Grade IV	-28.493800, 21.028330	45768
Rooipunt 027	R001027	Conservation Area	Grade IV	-28.495220, 21.030050	45779
Rooipunt 028	R001028	Structures	Grade IV	-28.492890, 21.020990	45780
Rooipunt 029	R001029	Conservation Area	Grade IV	-28.485470, 21.040290	45781
Rooipunt 030	R001030	Structures	Grade IV	-28.495210, 21.015370	45782
Rooipunt 031	R001031	Structures	Grade IV	-28.475360, 21.025250	45783
Rooipunt 032	R001032	Structures	Grade IV	-28.476780, 21.024940	45784
Rooipunt 033	R001033	Structures	Grade IV	-28.493240, 21.020730	45785
Rooipunt 034	R001034	Structures	Grade IV	-28.494230, 21.021950	45786
Rooipunt 035	R001035	Structures	Grade IV	-28.494560, 21.022500	45787
Rooipunt 036	R001036	Structures	Grade IV	-28.494740, 21.022970	45788
Rooipunt 037	R001037	Structures	Grade IV	-28.495880, 21.022240	45789
Dutch Reformed Church, Voortrekker Street, Brandvlei, Calvinia District	9/2/017/0001	Building	Grade II	-30.464442, 20.485675	29392
Brandvlei 01	BRAND01	Burial Grounds & Graves	Grade IIIa	-26.141718, 27.585688	40166
Brandvlei 02	BRAND02	Burial Grounds & Graves	Grade IIIa	-26.141837, 27.586086	40167
Brandvlei 03	BRAND03	Building	Grade IIIb	-26.143829, 27.589269	40168
BRANDVLEI 001	BRNDV001	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-30.456500, 20.487233	46336
BRANDVLEI 002	BRNDV002	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-30.456350, 20.487167	46338
BRANDVLEI 003	BRNDV003	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-30.456667, 20.487983	46340
BRANDVLEI 004	BRNDV004	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-30.457100, 20.488433	46341
BRANDVLEI 005	BRNDV005	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-30.457883, 20.489517	46344
BRANDVLEI 006	BRNDV006	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-30.457867, 20.489033	46346
BRANDVLEI 007	BRNDV007	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-30.457883, 20.489067	46348
BRANDVLEI 008	BRNDV008	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-30.757817, 20.659500	46349



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				-30.757567.	
BRANDVLEI 009	BRNDV009	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	20.659383	46350
BRANDVLEI 010	BRNDV010	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-30.757267, 20.659317	46351
BRANDVLEI 011	BRNDV011	Artefacts	Grade Illa	-30.744950, 20.648867	46352
BRANDVLEI 012	BRNDV012	Artefacts	Grade IIIa	-30.747383, 20.650850	46353
BRANDVLEI 013	BRNDV013	Artefacts	Grade IIIa	-30.750367, 20.653667	46354
BRANDVLEI 014	BRNDV014	Artefacts	Grade IIIa	-30.751317, 20.653667	46355
BRANDVLEI 015	BRNDV015	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-30.761350, 20.645000	46356
BRANDVLEI 016	BRNDV016	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-30.761283, 20.644367	46367
BRANDVLEI 017	BRNDV017	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-30.760550, 20.599550	46368
BRANDVLEI 018	BRNDV018	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-30.752150, 20.584750	46369
BRANDVLEI 019	BRNDV019	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-30.751950, 20.584483	46370
BRANDVLEI 020	BRNDV020	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-30.744217, 20.575267	46371
BRANDVLEI 021	BRNDV021	Artefacts	Grade IIIb	-30.744133, 20.575250	46372
BRANDVLEI 022	BRNDV022	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-30.730683, 20.560217	46373
BRANDVLEI 023	BRNDV023	Artefacts	Grade IIIb	-30.722233, 20.552733	46374
BRANDVLEI 024	BRNDV024	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-30.717700, 20.529867	46375
BRANDVLEI 025	BRNDV025	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-30.717550, 20.529333	46376
BRANDVLEI 026	BRNDV026	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-30.717300, 20.528700	46377
BRANDVLEI 027	BRNDV027	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-30.713367, 20.519783	46378
Brandvlei Reverse Osmosis Treatment Plant 001	BROTP001	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-30.457667, 20.487167	52623
Brandvlei Reverse Osmosis Treatment Plant 002	BROTP002	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-30.456361, 20.489500	52625
Brandvlei Reverse Osmosis Treatment Plant 003	BROTP003	Deposit	Grade IIIc	-30.456972, 20.489889	52626
Brandvlei Reverse Osmosis Treatment Plant 004	BROTP004	Deposit	Grade IIIc	-30.456833, 20.491722	52628
Brandvlei (place mentioned in Bleek and Lloyd manuscripts)	Brandvlei	Place	Grade II	-30.459789, 20.494880	89881
Brandvlei Reverse Osmosis	BRD0001	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-30.456361, 20.489500	131954
Old Dutch Reformed Mission Church, Main Street, Keimoes	9/2/032/0011	Building	Grade II	-28.709745, 20.974679	28790
Water Wheel, Main Street, Keimoes	9/2/032/0012	Structures	Grade II	-28.709773, 20.974089	28786
Keimoes-Kenhardt 01	KEI-KENO1	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-28.756444, 20.995667	42009
Keimoes-Kenhardt 02	KEI-KEN02	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-28.761917, 20.993194	42010
Keimoes-Kenhardt 03	KEI-KEN03	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-28.790583, 21.018528	42011
Palm Tree Avenue, The Island, Upington	9/2/032/0015	Building	Grade II	-28.463217, 21.248977	28784
Old Watermill, Upington	9/2/032/0016	Building	Grade II	-28.462620, 21.240514	28785
Cathedral of St Augustine, Le Roux Street, Upington	9/2/032/0017	Building	Grade II	-28.454859, 21.246264	28782
Museum Complex, 4 Schroder Street, Upington	9/2/032/0018	Building	Grade II	-28.461569, 21.243716	28783



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Dutch Reformed Church, Schroder Street, Upington	9/2/032/0019	Building	Grade II	-28.454175, 21.250271	28779
Dakota Drive, Upington 01	DAKOTA01	Artefacts, Burial Grounds & Graves	Grade IIIa	-28.446639, 21.227889	44796
Dakota Drive, Upington 02	DAKOTA02	Burial Grounds & Graves	Grade IIIa	-28.444111, 21.228778	44797
Upington 08	UP08	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-28.492871, 21.064911	44977
Upington 09	UP09	Burial Grounds & Graves	Grade IIIa	-28.183889, 21.768611	44980
Upington 01	UPING01	Artefacts	Grade IIIa	-28.492270, 21.515880	45504
Upington 04	UPING04	Artefacts	Grade IIIa	-28.493950, 21.521720	45507
Upington 06	UPING06	Artefacts	Grade IIIa	-28.492630, 21.522790	45509
Upington 08	UPING08	Structures	Grade IIIc	-28.480100, 21.549740	45511
Upington 02	UPING02	Artefacts	Grade IIIa	-28.493890, 21.517990	45512
Upington 03	UPING03	Artefacts	Grade IIIa	-28.494640, 21.521330	45513
Upington 05	UPING05	Artefacts	Grade IIIa	-28.493410, 21.521840	45514
Upington 07	UPING07	Structures	Grade IIIc	-28.481760, 21.545030	45515
Upington 10	UPING10	Burial Grounds & Graves	Grade IIIa	-28.831389, 20.808889	45541
Upington 11	UPING11	Burial Grounds & Graves	Grade IIIa	-28.183889, 21.768611	45542
Upington 12	UPING12	Burial Grounds & Graves	Grade IIIa	-27.958056, 22.748056	45543
Grave and Memorial of Magrieta Jantjies, Kameelboom Cemetry, Upington	Grave of Magrieta Jantjies	Burial Grounds & Graves, Monuments & Memorials	Grade I	-28.474194, 21.192806	130121
North Furrow, Kakamas, Gordonia District	9/2/032/0005	Building	Grade II	-28.785592, 20.639647	28797
Battlefield, Kakamas, Gordonia District	9/2/032/0006	Battlefield	Grade II	-28.742640, 20.635730	28798
Water wheel, near DR Church Parsonage, South Furrow, Kakamas	9/2/032/0008	Building	Grade II	-28.772950, 20.622203	28799
Water wheel No. 2, Plot 103, South Furrow, Kakamas	9/2/032/0009/001	Building	Grade II	-28.783353, 20.635208	28793
Water Wheel No. 1, Plot 103, South Furrow, Kakamas	9/2/032/0009/004	Building	Grade II	-28.783504, 20.635524	28794
Water wheel, Plot 1057, North Furrow, Kakamas	9/2/032/0009/005	Building	Grade II	-28.785597, 20.640039	28792
Water wheel, Plot 68, North Furrow, Kakamas	9/2/032/0009/006	Building	Grade II	-28.785335, 20.638437	28791
Water Wheel, Plot 1467, South Furrow, Kakamas	9/2/032/0009/009	Building	Grade II	-28.783988, 20.636358	28788
Kakamas Museum, Voortrekker Street, Kakamas	9/2/032/0010	Building	Grade II	-28.770215, 20.617134	28789
Kakamas Suid 01	KAKA01	Burial Grounds & Graves	Grade IIIa	-28.762890, 20.535580	44550
Kakamas Suid 02	KAKA02	Burial Grounds & Graves	Grade IIIa	-28.762510, 20.538010	44551



Kakamas Suid 03	КАКАОЗ	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-28.677430, 20.432480	44602
Kakamas Suid 04	KAKAO4	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-28.679640, 20.434860	44603
KAKAMAS 5	КАКА5	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-28.765417, 20.733972	45879
KAKAMAS 6	КАКАб	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-28.765250, 20.734139	45880
KAKAMAS 7	КАКА7	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-28.764667, 20.734472	45881
KAKAMAS 8	KAKA8	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-28.764528, 20.734194	45882
KAKAMAS 9	КАКАЭ	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-28.767170, 20.737350	46281
KAKAMAS 10	KAKA10	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-28.766910, 20.738660	46282
KAKAMAS 11	KAKA11	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-28.767200, 20.736940	46283
KAKAMAS 12	KAKA12	Artefacts	Grade IIIc	-28.766840, 20.738510	46284
KAKAMAS 14	KAKA14	Structures	Grade IIIc	-28.770850, 20.728150	46285
KAKAMAS 15	KAKA15	Deposit	Grade IIIb	-28.770860, 20.728370	46286

5.2 Site Sensitivity Desktop Results

Due to the wide range of CRM reports done in the region, this desktop study does not include all the CRM reports. However, most reports recorded artefacts and features relating to the Stone Age and the Historical Period. These reports were obtained from the SAHRIS database.

The desktop study revealed that few Impact Assessments had been done near the proposed pipeline route. Some assessments reported on cultural material and features relating to the Stone Age and the Historical/Colonial era (e.g. Kaplan 2008, Rossouw 2014, Van der Walt 2015a, b, 2016).

5.2.1 Stone Age

Numerous impact assessments have been conducted around the proposed KTE pipeline route and nearby towns in the wider region. Lithic occurrences dating to the ESA, MSA and LSA periods have been identified around the Kenhardt area. Most of these occurrences were surface scatters of low significance – these scatters mainly consisted of flakes and blades, with few instances of ostrich eggshell fragments (OES) (for example, Dreyer 2011; Nilssen 2016a and b; Orton 2014; 2016a; Pelser 2012; Van der Walt 2015). In addition, instances of lithic material that range between low to medium significance include implements such as hand axes, flakes, cores, chunks, retouched scrapers, and bladelets (for example, Orton 2015, 2016b; Pelser 2011; Webley & Halkett 2012b). Instances of OES and decorated pottery, glass, and lower grindstones and upper grindstones have also been recorded within the 50km periphery as well as extensive quarry sites and an MSA-LSA pan site (Lavin 2021a and b, 2023; Nilssen 2016a and b Orton 2016a). A large number of ESA and MSA tools, flakes and cores, some instances of OES, and a probable knapping site were identified by Pelser (2011), which has been given a rating of medium to high significance.



The majority of the reports conducted in the Brandvlei, Upington, Kakamas, Keimoes, and Kenhardt regions reported on lithic material dating from the ESA, MSA and LSA by but not limited to ACRM (2016, 2017), Beaumont (2008b), Dreyer (2006), Engelbrecht & Fivaz (2018, 2019 a), Fivaz & Engelbrecht (2019, 2020a, b and c, 2021 a and b), Kaplan (2011, 2012a, 2016a and b), Morris (2010, 2011, 2013d, 2017b), Orton (2013, 2014, 2016, 2020), Van der Walt (2020), Van Schalkwyk (2010, 2011, 2013, 2014) and Webley & Halkett (2010, 2014). Most lithic occurrences recorded ranged from cores, flakes, blades, chunks, and scrapers. Some sites also yielded fragments of OES and grindstones. Most of which were of low significance.

A few consulted HIA conducted near the proposed KTE pipeline route reported scatters of stone implements. Kaplan (2008), for example, recorded low-density to higher densities of tool scatters during his survey for the Plant and Supply Pipeline From Keimoes To Kenhardt Water Treatment Plan. The finds include small flakes, chunks, OES, core, LSA retouched flake, bladelets and blade tools backed pieces and points, miscellaneous retouched tools, fine punch struck flakes, and small round cores. Rossouw (2014) and Van der Walt (2015a and b) have also identified other scatters. Rossouw recorded parallel flake blades, core, convergent flake blades, and irregular flakes during the assessment of Neilersdrift 34 East of the proposed pipeline development. Van der Walt (2015a and b) noted lithic occurrences relating to the MSA and LSA, such as flakes, triangular flakes with faceted platforms, Discoid core and snapped blades and chunks, MSA or possibly macro-lithic LSA blades on granite and OES fragments, as well as an MSA/LSA quarry site with a variety of flakes.

Several consulted reports conducted in the Brandvlei area reported scatters and low densities of lithic material dating to the ESA, MSA and LSA. These include cores, flakes, blades, scrapers, notched scrapers, chunks, Ostrich Eggshell fragments and beads and upper grindstones (ACRM 2016; Dreyer 2007; Fivaz & Engelbrecht 2019, 2020d; Kaplan 2013d, 2014, 2017; Orton 2014a, b, 2017a & b Rossouw 2007, 2017; Van der Walt 2013, 2015a; 2016; Van Schalkwyk 2011; Webley 2014).

Higher densities of scatters have also been noted around the Brandvlei area, consisting of MSA and LSA material, such as flakes and chunks, a nicked/retouched flake and a partially retouched flake, in banded ironstone, quartzite and indurated shale (Kaplan 2013d) cylindrical and bladelet cores, bladelets, chips, chunks, utilized and retouched pieces (Kaplan 2017), as well as Domestic Stock Kraals, stone implements, Ostrich eggshell fragments, 19th-century glass and ceramic (Kaplan 2013d).

5.2.2 Rock Art

Numerous rock art sites have been documented on the SAHRA Database in the wider Northern Cape region. Kaplan (2013) (through personal observations) and Morris (1998) have reported that rock engravings occur along the Orange River. This coincides with De Kock (2012), who remarks that rock engravings may generally be located on flat rocky outcrops along the river.



5.2.3 Iron Age

None of the consulted HIAs/AIAs reported on any cultural material or features relating to the Iron Age near the proposed development area.

5.2.4 Historical/Colonial Period

The majority of the reports conducted in the Brandvlei, Upington, Kakamas, Keimoes, and Kenhardt regions reported on historical material relating to the historic farming period and the ABW (for example, Dreyer 2006, Engelbrecht & Fivaz 2019a, Fivaz & Engelbrecht 2020b and c Morris 2010, 2013d, Van Schalkwyk 2010, Webley & Halkett 2014). A handful of the consulted HIAs conducted in the Brandvlei area reported on resources related to the historical period, such as scatters of material (e.g. glass, shotgun cartridges, Scatters of 20th-century debris such as glass fragments, rusted tin cans, ceramic and bone, few scatters of very recent 20th-century glass, tin and ceramics), Interlocking machine soldered tin with trademarks (Bourneville Cadbury's England), Historical fuel/oil tin with machine soldered seems with trademarks, Structures, farmsteads and associated outbuildings, farming related features such as wind pumps and reservoirs, stone livestock kraals, foundations, middens, dam and retaining walls, dry-packed, stone stock enclosures/kraals, farm buildings and farm labourer's cottages (Fivaz & Engelbrecht 2019 2020d; Kaplan 2014; Orton 2014a and b; Webley & Halkett 2009; Webley & Orton 2012; Van der Walt 2016).

Several HIAs around the Kenhardt region reported on cultural material and features dating to the Historical/Colonial period. The historical period resources identified mainly included scatters of low-significance material such as brown glass bottle fragments (dating to the late 20th century), metal, glass, porcelain, ceramics and faunal material (Lavin 2021b, 2023; Orton 2016a). Interestingly, one isolated (low significance) Martini-Henry cartridge dating to the 19th century was identified by Pelser (2011), who notes that it could have been used during the First Koranna War or the Anglo-Boer War. Large middens of high significance with bone, ceramic, metal and glass (Orton 2016a) were also noted. Various structures, such as farmhouse complexes, circular stone enclosures, a historic stock post, and a brick foundation (early to mid-20th century), have also been identified. Several additional farming-related features were also identified, such as wind pumps, kraal complexes, dam walls, and cement reservoirs (Lavin 2021b, 2023; Orton 2014, 2016a; Pelser 2011; Van der Walt 2015). During Orton's (2018a and b) survey, he also identified an old farm complex comprised of two stone livestock enclosures, a 20th-century house ruin, ruins of a small stone-built cottage and other stone features as well as a midden with material dating to the late 19th century and early 20th century.

Various heritage sites have been documented and declared in the broader area, most of which are provincial heritage sites, such as buildings. There are also several monuments, memorials, and burial grounds, some of which are listed in this table below, which can also be found on the SAHRA Database:



DECLARED HERITAGE SITES IN AND AROUND UPINGTON, KEIMOES, KAKAMAS AND KENHARDT AREAS DOCUMENTED ON THE SAHRA DATABASE:

KENHARDI AH	REAS DOCUN	IENTED ON	THE SAHRA DA	ATABASE:		
Site/Object Name	Coordinates	Archive Status	Declaration Type	Site type	Site Reference	Site ID
Palm Tree Avenue, The Island, Upington	-28.463217 21.248977	National monument	Provincial Heritage Site	Building	9/2/032/0015	28784
Old Watermill, Upington	-28.462620 21.240514	National monument	Provincial Heritage Site	Building	9/2/032/0016	28785
Cathedral of St Augustine, Le Roux Street, Upington	-28.454859 21.246264	National monument	Provincial Heritage Site	Building	9/2/032/0017	28782
Museum Complex, 4 Schroder Street, Upington	-28.461569 21.243716	National monument	Provincial Heritage Site	Building	9/2/032/0018	28783
Dutch Reformed Church, Schroder Street, Upington	-28.454175 21.250271	National monument	Provincial Heritage Site	Building	9/2/032/0019	28779
Grave and Memorial of Magrieta Jantjies, Kameelboom Cemetry, Upington	-28.474194 21.192806		Provincial Heritage Site	Burial Grounds & Graves, Monuments & Memorials	Grave of Magrieta Jantjies	130121
North Furrow, Kakamas, Gordonia District	-28.785592 20.639647	National monument	Provincial Heritage Site	Building	9/2/032/0005	28797
Battlefield, Kakamas, Gordonia District	-28.742640 20.635730	National monument	Provincial Heritage Site	Battlefield	9/2/032/0006	28798
Water wheel, near DR Church Parsonage, South Furrow, Kakamas	-28.772950 20.622203	National monument	Provincial Heritage Site	Building	9/2/032/0008	28799
Water wheel No. 2, Plot 103, South Furrow, Kakamas	-28.783353 20.635208	National monument	Provincial Heritage Site	Building	9/2/032/0009/00 1	28793
Water Wheel No. 1, Plot 103, South Furrow, Kakamas	-28.783504 20.635524	National monument	Provincial Heritage Site	Building	9/2/032/0009/00 4	28794
Water wheel, Plot 1057, North Furrow, Kakamas	-28.785597 20.640039	National monument	Provincial Heritage Site	Building	9/2/032/0009/00 5	28792
Water wheel, Plot 68, North Furrow, Kakamas	-28.785335 20.638437	National monument	Provincial Heritage Site	Building	9/2/032/0009/00 6	28791
Water Wheel, Plot 1467, South Furrow, Kakamas	-28.783988 20.636358	National monument	Provincial Heritage Site	Building	9/2/032/0009/00 9	28788
Kakamas Museum, Voortrekker Street, Kakamas	-28.770215 20.617134	National monument	Provincial Heritage Site	Building	9/2/032/0010	28789
Old Library Building, Park Street, Kenhardt	-29.348528 21 .152564	National Monument	Provincial Heritage Site	Building	9/2/048/0005	28454
Old Dutch Reformed Mission	-28.709745 20 .974679	National Monument	Provincial Heritage Site	Building	9/2/032/0011	28790



DECLARED HERITAGE SITES IN AND AROUND UPINGTON, KEIMOES, KAKAMAS AND KENHARDT AREAS DOCUMENTED ON THE SAHRA DATABASE:								
Site/Object Name	Coordinates	Archive Status	Declaration Type	Site type	Site Reference	Site ID		
Church, main Street keimoes								
Water Wheel, Main Street, Keimoes	-28.709773 20 .974089	National Monument	Provincial Heritage Site	Structures	9/2/032/0012	28786		

Two monuments (KTE-040, 043) were noted during the field survey, one related to the establishment of Kenhardt and the second a memorial to the Anglo-Boer War. Both are situated well outside the development footprint.







Figure 9 Kenhardt establishment and ABW Monuments

5.2.5 Graves/Burials

Graves are readily found throughout the landscape. Several graves, burial sites, and cemeteries have been recorded in the wider region; however, only a handful of graves were reported in the consulted HIAs. These include a cemetery of approximately six graves dated to around 1876 at Stof Bakjes 303, a single grave dating to 1965 on farm 390, Vleikolk, and a Grave/memorial of Danie Taljaard (Van der Walt 2015 a &b, 2016). Several cemeteries (of around 60 to 140 graves) graves/burials were also noted in consulted HIAs around the Brandvlei area (Van der Walt 2005; Fivaz & Engelbrecht 2020d).





5.2.6 Palaeontological Sensitivity

Figure 10 The DFFE Screening tool Palaeontological Theme and SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity Map, indicating High (Red) palaeontological significance in the larger study area (https://screening.environment.gov.za/).

The proposed Brandvlei to Soafskolk pipeline development is located in flat-lying terrain within the semi-arid Bushmanland region and is underlain by the potentially fossiliferous Quaternary Kalahari Group, unfossiliferous Jurassic dolerite as well as fossiliferous Prince Albert Formation (Ecca Group). At depth, the area is underlain by a diversity of unfossiliferous Precambrian basement rocks (c. 2 billion years old) of the Namaqua-Natal Province.

The SAHRIS PalaeoMap indicates that the Palaeontological Sensitivity of the Quaternary Kalahari alluvium is Moderate, that of the unfossiliferous Jurassic Dolerite is Zero while that of the Prince Albert Formation is High (Almond and Pether, 2009; Almond et al., 2013, Groenewald et al. 2014). The suggested location is classified as having a High Palaeontology Theme Sensitivity in the DFFE Screening Report. The site investigation and desktop research (National Database and published data) concluded that **the area's fossil heritage of scientific and conservational interest is relatively rare.** However, many taxons have been described from a single specimen; thus, well-preserved fossils are important. Data indicates that fossil sites are generally rare, sporadic and unpredictable. A low significance has, therefore, been allocated to the development footprint. This is in disagreement with the High Sensitivity allocated to the development area by the DFFE Screening Tool and SAHRIS PalaeoMap (Butler 2024, Appendix A).



5.3 Digital Survey

A review of aerial photos dating from the 1940s-70s shows a predominately undeveloped landscape with limited cultivated lands and structures.



BULSNY 1969

EVAPORATION PONDS SITE 1962





BRANDVLEI 1963

BRANDVLEI 1963





KENHARDT NORTH 1944

PIETROOISBERG SOUTH 1944





LENNERTSVILLE 1944

Figure 11 Aerial Photographs taken between 1941 and 1977 of the larger landscape around the proposed powerline connection corridor footprint. (http://www.cdngiportal.co.za/CDNGIPortal/)

5.4 Description of the Affected Environment

The archaeological site visit was conducted during late summer on the **15th of March, 2024**, in early autumn. The development area mainly falls within the Bushmanland Arid Grassland vegetation type, surrounded by Gordonia Duneveld, Kalahari Karroid shrubland, Bushmanland Basin Shrubland, Bushmanland Vloere, Lower Gariep brokenveld and Lower Gariep alluvial vegetation (Mucina & Rutherford 2006).

The primary geology observed on the ground surface throughout the survey was as follows: Calcrete/Limestone, Banded Ironstone Formation (BIF), a few Dolomite and Dolomite outcrops, Crypto-crystalline silicates (CCS), Quartz (minimal), Schale (minimal), and Quartzite.

Dominant (Primary) vegetation observed: Black Thorn Acacia/Swarthaak (Acacia mellifera), Camelthorn Tree/Kameeldoringboom (Acacia erioloba), Grey Camelthorn Tree/Vaalkameeldoringboom (Acacia haematoxylon), Campher Bush (Tarchonanthus



camphorates), Tumbleweed/Gifbol (Ammocharis coranica), Feathertop chloris/Vingergras (Chloris virgata), Bluestem/Vleivingergras (Dichanthium annulatum), Tall Bushmangrass/Lanbeen Boesmangras (Stipagrostis ciliate), Silky Bushmangrass/Blinkblaar Boesmangras (Stipagrostis uniplumis), Branched needlegrass/Berggras (Triraphis ramosissima), Pearly love grass/Reengras (Eragrostis rotifer), Ringed lovegrass/Blougras (Eragrostis annulata), Krulblaargras (Eragrostis biflora), Blinkblaar-wag-'n-bietjie Tree (Zizipus mucronata), Sweet Thorn Tree (Vachellia karroo), Green-Hair Thron Tree (Parkinsonia africana), Prosopis Tree (Prosopis glandulosa), and Kraalbos (Galenia Africana).

Several natural dry riverine waterways, which are non-perennial, are situated along R27 and Soafskolk road and cross the R27 from north to south and east to west. The Orange River towards the north is perennial, flowing towards the west. The Hartbees River flows adjacent to Kenhardt to the west of Kenhardt in a northwestern direction towards the Orange River. A tributary of the Hartbees River named "Driekop se Rivier" flows toward the Hartbees from west to east, just outside Kenhardt to the west of the town. Several dry pans were also identified, especially on the Soafskolk road, where some pans are part of the gravel road and servitude to Soafskolk.

The terrain is relatively flat, with a few high grounds along the R27 servitude and Soafskolk gravel road servitude towards Kenhardt and Brandvlei. The terrain is mainly klipveld, and the rocky "Rooikop" mountain range is situated north of Kenhardt, between Kenhardt and Keimoes.







Figure 12 Views of the affected development area



6. SURVEY AND IDENTIFIED HERITAGE RESOURCES

6.1 Surveyed Area

UBIQUE Heritage Consultants inspected the proposed development and surrounding areas on the **15th of March 2024** and completed a controlled-exclusive, pre-planned pedestrian and vehicular survey. We inspected the ground's surface, wherever the surface was visible. This was done with no substantial attempt to clear brush, sand, deadfall, leaves or other material that may cover the surface and with no effort to look beneath the surface beyond inspecting rodent burrows, cut banks and other exposures fortuitously observed.

The areas surveyed for the impact assessment were dictated by the Google Earth map of the development footprints provided by the client. The proposed development areas were surveyed by vehicle and on foot.



Figure 13 Survey tracks across the connection corridor footprint.



6.2 Identified Heritage Resources

6.2.1 Stone Age Identified

No cultural material attributed to the Stone Age period was recorded within the development footprint.

6.2.2 Iron Age Identified

No cultural material, features or structures attributed to the Iron Age period were recorded within the development footprint.

6.2.3 Historical/Colonial Period Identified

No cultural material, features or structures attributed to the Historical/Colonial period were recorded within the development footprint.

6.2.4 Graves Identified

No graves were recorded within the development footprint.

6.2.5 Palaeontological Resources

The proposed Brandvlei to Soafskolk pipeline development is located in flat-lying terrain within the semi-arid Bushmanland region and is underlain by the potentially fossiliferous Quaternary Kalahari Group, unfossiliferous Jurassic dolerite as well as fossiliferous Prince Albert Formation (Ecca Group). At depth, the area is underlain by a diversity of unfossiliferous Precambrian basement rocks (c. 2 billion years old) of the Namaqua-Natal Province.

Although no fossils were detected in the proposed Brandvlei to Soafskolk pipeline development, trace fossils were identified in the broader footprint. The site investigation and desktop research (National Database and published data) concluded that **the area's fossil heritage of scientific and conservational interest is relatively rare.** However, many taxons have been described from a single **specimen; thus, well-preserved fossils are important**. Data indicates that fossil sites are generally rare, sporadic and unpredictable. A **low significance** has thus been allocated to the development footprint. This is in disagreement with the High Sensitivity allocated to the development area by the DFFE Screening Tool and SAHRIS PalaeoMap.



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7. IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT

7.1 Impact Assessment Tables

ARCHAEOLOGICAL, HISTORICAL, & CULTURAL									
NATURE	HERITAGE AND CUL SITE(S): None Ident	TURAL RE	SOURCES	6 IDENTIFIED					
	DEVELOPME	NT IMPACT		IMPACT	RATING	RECOMMENDED	IS IN ACCEF	IS IMPACT ACCEPTABLE?	
DEVELOPMENT PHASE	CRITERIA	*BM	**AM	BEFORE MITIGATION	AFTER MITIGATION	MITIGATION	*BM	**AM	
PLANNING PHASE	Extent	1	1			NONE	YES	YES	
	Probability	1	1						
	Reversibility	1	1						
	Irreplaceability	1	1	Positive low	Positive low				
	Duration	1	1	impact	impact				
	Cumulative Effect	1	1						
	Magnitude	1	1						
	Impact Significance	6	6						
CONSTRUCTION PHASE	Extent	1	1			NONE	YES	YES	
	Probability	1	1						
	Reversibility	1	1						
	Irreplaceability	1	1						
	Duration	1	1	Positive low	Positive low				
	Cumulative Effect	1	1	impact	impact				
	Magnitude	1	1						
	Impact Significance	6	6						
OPERATIONAL PHASE	Extent	1	1			NONE	YES	YES	
	Probability	1	1						
	Reversibility	1	1						
	Irreplaceability	1	1						
	Duration	1	1	Positive low	Positive low				
	Cumulative Effect	1	1	impact	impact				
	Magnitude	1	1						
	Impact Significance	6	6						
DECOMMISSIONING PHASE	Extent	1	1			NONE	YES	YES	
	Probability	1	1						
	Reversibility	1	1						
	Irreplaceability	1	1	Desitive	Desitive				
	Duration	1	1	Positive low	Positive low				
	Cumulative Effect	1	1	impact	impact				
	Magnitude	1	1						
	Impact Significance	6	6						

*BM = BEFORE MITIGATION =; **AM = AFTER MITIGATION

IMPACT: There will be no impact on heritage resources.

MITIGATION: No mitigation measures are recommended.



PALAEONTOLOGICAL											
NATURE	NATURE LOSS OF FOSSIL HERITAGE BY DESTRUCTION, MOVEMENT OR SEALING IN OF FOSSIL HERITAGE IN OR BELOW THE EARTH'S SURFACE SITE(S):										
	DEVELOPMENT IMPACT			IMPACT	RATING	RECOMMENDED	IS IN ACCEI	IS IMPACT			
DEVELOPMENT PHASE	CRITERIA	*BM	**AM	BEFORE AFTER MITIGATION MITIGATION		MITIGATION	*BM	**AM			
PLANNING PHASE	Extent	2	2			NONE	YES	YES			
	Probability	1	1								
	Reversibility	1	1								
	Irreplaceability	1	1								
	Duration	1	1	Positive low	Positive low						
	Cumulative Effect	1	1	impact	impact						
	Magnitude	1	1								
	Impact Significance	7	7								
CONSTRUCTION PHASE	Extent	1	1			Protocol of Finds	NO	YES			
	Probability	2	2								
	Reversibility	4	4								
	Irreplaceability	4	4	Nogotivo							
	Duration	4	4	Medium	Medium Low						
	Cumulative Effect	3	2	impact	impact						
	Magnitude	2	1								
	Impact Significance	36	17								
OPERATIONAL PHASE	Extent	2	2			NONE	YES	YES			
	Probability	1	1								
	Reversibility	1	1								
	Irreplaceability	1	1								
	Duration	1	1	Positive low	Positive low						
	Cumulative Effect	1	1	impact	impact						
	Magnitude	1	1								
	Impact Significance	7	7								
DECOMMISSIONING PHASE	Extent	2	2			NONE	YES	YES			
	Probability	1	1								
	Reversibility	1	1								
	Irreplaceability	1	1								
	Duration	1	1	Positive low	Positive low						
	Cumulative Effect	1	1	impact	impact						
	Magnitude	1	1								
	Impact Significance	7	7								

IMPACT: In terms of palaeontological impacts, a Medium Palaeontological Significance has been allocated for impacts associated with the construction phase of the Brandvlei to Soafskolk pipeline development pre-mitigation and a low significance post-mitigation. The construction phase will be the only development phase with the potential to impact Palaeontological Heritage, and no significant impacts are expected to impact the Operational and Decommissioning phases.

MITIGATION: No further mitigation is recommended. Chance Find Protocol is attached (Appendix A, Butler 2024).



7.2 Cumulative Impact

The EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended in 2017) determine that cumulative impacts, "in relation to an activity, means the past, current and reasonably foreseeable future impact of an activity, considered together with the impact of activities associated with that activity, that in itself may not be significant, but may become significant when added to the existing and reasonably foreseeable impacts eventuating from similar or diverse activities."

The term "Cumulative Effect" has, for the purpose of this report, been defined as the summation of effects over time which can be attributed to the operation of the project itself and the overall effects on the heritage significance of the site and within a 30 km radius, that can be attributed to the project and other existing and planned future projects.

The desktop research shows heritage resources are sparsely distributed in the broader landscape, with highly significant (Grade 1) sites being rare, and Grade II and III sites being the most prominent. The historical and cultural significance of the area is mainly centred around Brandvlei, Upington, Keimoes and Kenhardt. The KTE Pipeline project's impact cannot be compared to similar projects within the broader landscape. However, even if similar projects are launched within the broader landscape, the nature of the project means the cumulative impact of the development on heritage is localised and should be low. In addition, graves and burial grounds can be expected anywhere in Southern Africa. However, the impact on graves would be site-specific. Thus, it is considered that if mitigation recommendations are followed for the identified heritage resources, no cumulative impact is expected. Therefore, the proposed development **will have a LOW NEGATIVE cumulative impact**.

New developments proposed within the study area cannot potentially negatively impact the significant archaeological resources in the larger geographical area or vice versa. The impact is considered positive, as each new development that requires an HIA assessment allows for a more thorough investigation of the broader landscape and contributes to our understanding of the landscape.

The general Palaeontological Sensitivity of the area is Zero to High. The Cumulative impacts of the pipeline development are considered to be medium pre-mitigation (as the area is not highly fossiliferous) and Low post-mitigation and fall within the acceptable limits for the project. Therefore, the proposed development will not have damaging impacts on the area's palaeontological resources.



	DEVELOPME	ENT IMPACT	IMPACT RATING				
RESOURCE TYPE	CRITERIA	*BM	**AM	BEFORE MITIGATION	AFTER MITIGATION		
ARCHAEOLOGICAL, HISTORICAL, CULTURAL	Extent	2	2				
	Probability	2	2				
	Reversibility	2	2				
	Irreplaceability	2	2	Negative low impact	Positive low impact		
	Duration	3	3				
	Magnitude	2	2				
	Impact Significance	22	22				
PALAEONTOLOGICAL	Extent	2	2				
	Probability	3	2				
	Reversibility	4	2				
	Irreplaceability	4	2	Medium Negative	Nogativo low impact		
	Duration	3	3	impact	Negative low impact		
	Magnitude	2	2				
	Impact Significance	32	22				



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8. RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the assessment of the potential impact of the development on the identified heritage, the following recommendations are made, taking into consideration any existing or potential sustainable social and economic benefits:

- 1. No archaeological, historical or culturally significant heritage resources were identified. Therefore, **no mitigation is needed.**
- 2. Regarding palaeontological resources, it is recommended that no further palaeontological heritage studies, ground truthing, or specialist mitigation be required pending the discovery of newly discovered fossils. The construction of the development may thus be permitted to its whole extent, as the development footprint is not considered sensitive in terms of palaeontological resources. Although no fossils were identified, in the event that:
 - Palaeontological Heritage is uncovered during surface clearing and excavations; the Chance Find Protocol attached should be implemented immediately. Fossil discoveries ought to be protected, and the ECO/site manager must report to South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) (Contact details: SAHRIS, 111 Harrington Street, Cape Town. PO Box 4637, Cape Town 8000, South Africa. 3rd floor Protea Assurance Building, 142 Longmarket St, Cape Town City Centre, Cape Town, 8000; Private Bag X9067, Cape Town, 8000 Tel: 021 483 9598. Fax: +27 (0) 21 483 9845. Web: https://sahris.sahra.org.za) so that mitigation (recording and collection) can be carried out.
 - Before any fossil material can be collected from the development site, the specialist involved would need to apply for a collection permit from SAHRA. Fossil material must be housed in an official collection (museum or university), while all reports and fieldwork should meet the minimum standards for palaeontological impact studies proposed by SAHRA (2012).
 - These recommendations should be incorporated into the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for the KTE Pipeline project and associated infrastructure (Butler 2024, Appendix A).
- 3. Although all possible care has been taken to identify sites of cultural importance during the investigation of study areas, it is always possible that hidden or sub-surface sites could be overlooked during the assessment. If during construction, any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Depending on the nature of the finds, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage



resources are of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required, subject to permits issued by SAHRA. UBIQUE Heritage Consultants and its personnel will not be held liable for such oversights or costs incurred due to such oversights.



9. CONCLUSION

This HIA has identified that no significant heritage resources are found directly within the proposed development pipeline route. Therefore, the proposed development of the KTE Waterpipeline Route between Soafskolk and Brandvlei, Hantam Local Municipality, Namakwa District Municipality, Northern Cape Province, may continue, provided the recommendations stipulated within this report, and the subsequent decision by SARHA, are followed.



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11. TERMS OF REFERENCE

11.1 Statutory Requirements

11.1.1 General

The principle is that the environment should be protected for present and future generations by preventing pollution, promoting conservation and practising ecologically sustainable development. With regard to spatial planning and related legislation at national and provincial levels, the following legislation may be relevant:

- Physical Planning Act 125 of 1991
- Municipal Structures Act 117 of 1998



- Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000
- Development Facilitation Act 67 of 1995 (DFA)

The identification, evaluation and management of heritage resources in South Africa are required and governed by the following legislation:

- National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA)
- KwaZulu-Natal Heritage Act 4 of 2008 (KZNHA)
- National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA)
- Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 of 2002 (MPRDA)

11.1.2 National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999

The NHRA established the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) together with its Council to fulfil the following functions:

- coordinate and promote the management of heritage resources at the national level;
- set norms and maintain essential national standards for the management of heritage resources in the Republic and to protect heritage resources of national significance;
- control the export of nationally significant heritage objects and the import into the Republic of cultural property illegally exported from foreign countries;
- enable the provinces to establish heritage authorities which must adopt powers to protect and manage certain categories of heritage resources; and
- provide for local authorities' protection and management of conservation-worthy places and areas.

12.1.3 Heritage Impact Assessments/Archaeological Impact Assessments

Section 38(1) of the NHRA of 1999 requires the responsible heritage resources authority to notify the person who intends to undertake a development that fulfils the following criteria to submit an impact assessment report if there is reason to believe that heritage resources will be affected by such event:

- 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 that will change the character of a site-
 - exceeding 5000m² in extent; or
 - \circ $\;$ 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 rezoning 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.



11.1.4 Management of Graves and Burial Grounds

- Graves younger than 60 years are protected in terms of the Graves and Dead Bodies Ordinance (Ord 7) of 1925 (re-instituted by the Proclamation 109 of June 17 1994), the Exhumations Ordinance (Ord 12 of 1980), as well as either the Human Tissues Act (Act 65 of 1983 as Amended) or the National Health Act (Act 61 of 2003).
- Graves older than 60 years, situated outside a formal cemetery administered by a local Authority are protected in terms of Section 36 of the NHRA as well as the Human Tissues Act of 1983. Accordingly, such graves are under the jurisdiction of SAHRA. The procedure for Consultation Regarding Burial Grounds and Graves (Section 36(5) of NHRA) is applicable to graves older than 60 years that are situated outside a formal cemetery administrated by a local authority. Graves in the category located inside a formal cemetery administrated by a local authority will also require the same authorisation as set out for graves younger than 60 years over and above SAHRA authorisation.

The protocol for the management of graves older than 60 years situated outside a formal cemetery administered by a local authority is detailed in Section 36 of the NHRA:

(3) (a) No person may, without a permit issued by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority—

(a) destroy, damage, alter, exhume or remove from its original position or otherwise disturb the grave of a victim of conflict, or any burial ground or part thereof which contains such graves;

(b) destroy, damage, alter, exhume, remove from its original position or otherwise disturb any grave or burial ground older than 60 years which is situated outside a formal cemetery administered by a local authority; or

(c) bring onto or use at a burial ground or grave referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) any excavation equipment, or any equipment which assists in the detection or recovery of metals.

(4) SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority may not issue a permit for the destruction or damage of any burial ground or grave referred to in subsection (3)(a) unless it is satisfied that the applicant has made satisfactory arrangements for the exhumation and re-interment of the contents of such graves, at the cost of the applicant and in accordance with any regulations made by the responsible heritage resources authority.

(5) SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority may not issue a permit for any activity under subsection (3)(b) unless it is satisfied that the applicant has, in accordance with regulations made by the responsible heritage resources authority—

(a) made a concerted effort to contact and consult communities and individuals who by tradition have an interest in such grave or burial ground; and

(b) reached agreements with such communities and individuals regarding the future of such grave or burial ground.

(6) Subject to the provision of any other law, any person who in the course of development or any other activity discovers the location of a grave, the existence of which was previously unknown, must immediately cease such activity and report the discovery to the responsible



heritage resources authority which must, in cooperation with the South African Police Service and in accordance with regulations of the responsible heritage resources authority-

(a) carry out an investigation for the purpose of obtaining information on whether or not such grave is protected in terms of this Act or is of significance to any community; and

(*b*) if such grave is protected or is of significance, assist any person who or community which is a direct descendant to make arrangements for the exhumation and re-interment of the contents of such grave or, in the absence of such person or community, make any such arrangements as it deems fit.



APPENDIX A

PALAEONTOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PROPOSED BRANDVLEI TO SOAFSKOLK PIPELINE DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE






PALAEONTOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

PROPOSED BRANDVLEI TO SOAFSKOLK PIPELINE DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

August 2024

COMPILED FOR: UBIQUE HERITAGE CONSULTANTS



Declaration of Independence

I, Elize Butler, declare that –

General declaration:

- I act as the independent palaeontological specialist in this application
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favorable to the applicant
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work.
- I have expertise in conducting palaeontological impact assessments, including knowledge of the Act, Regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity.
- I will comply with the Act, Regulations, and all other applicable legislation.
- I will take into account, to the extent possible, the matters listed in section 38 of the NHRA when preparing the application and any report relating to the application.
- I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity.
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing - any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority; and - the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority.
- I will ensure that information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application is distributed or made available to interested and affected parties and the public and that participation by interested and affected parties is facilitated in such a manner that all interested and affected parties will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to participate and to provide comments on documents that are produced to support the application.
- I will provide the competent authority with access to all information at my disposal regarding the application, whether such information is favorable to the applicant or not
- All the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct.
- I will perform all other obligations as expected a palaeontological specialist in terms of the Act and the constitutions of my affiliated professional bodies; and
- I realize that a false declaration is an offense in terms of regulation 71 of the Regulations and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the NEMA.



Disclosure of Vested Interest

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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This Palaeontological 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: NEMA Table

Requirements of Appendix 6 – GN R326 EIA Regulations of					
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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				
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report including a curriculum vitae					
(b) A declaration that the person is independent in a form	Page ii of the report				
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which, the report was prepared	Section 4 Methods and TOK				
(cA) An indication of the quality and age of base data	Section 5 – Geological and				
used for the specialist report	Palaeontological history				
(cB) a description of existing impacts on the site,					
cumulative impacts of the proposed development and	Section 8				
levels of acceptable change;					
(d) The duration, date and season of the site investigation					
and the relevance of the season to the outcome of the	Executive Summary, Section 7 and 9				
assessment					
(e) a description of the methodology adopted in preparing					
the report or carrying out the specialised process	Section 4 Approach and Methodology				
inclusive of equipment and modelling used					
(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	Executive Summary, Section 9				
infrastructure, inclusive of a site plan identifying site					
alternative;					
	Section 5				
(g) An identification of any areas to be avoided, including	No buffers or areas of sensitivity				
buffers	identified				
(h) A map superimposing the activity including the					
associated structures and infrastructure on the	Section 5 – Geological and				
environmental sensitivities of the site including areas	Palaeontological history				
to be avoided, including buffers;					



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7 April 2017	Relevant section in report			
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Banzai Environmental was commissioned by Unique Heritage Consultants to conduct the Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) to evaluate the fossil heritage of the Brandvlei to Soafskolk pipeline development in the Northern Cape Province. This PIA is required to confirm whether fossil material may potentially be present in the planned development area and to assess the potential impact of the proposed development on the local palaeontological heritage in order to comply with the National Heritage Resources Act (No 25 of 1999, section 38) (NHRA).

The proposed Brandvlei to Soafskolk pipeline development is located in flat-lying terrain within the semiarid Bushmanland region and is underlain by the potentially fossiliferous Quaternary Kalahari Group, unfossiliferous Jurassic dolerite as well as fossiliferous Prince Albert Formation (Ecca Group). At depth, the area is underlain by a diversity of unfossiliferous Precambrian basement rocks (*c*. 2 billion years old) of the Namaqua-Natal Province.

The SAHRIS PalaeoMap indicates that the Palaeontological Sensitivity of the Quaternary Kalahari alluvium is Moderate, that of the unfossiliferous Jurassic Dolerite is Zero while that of the Prince Albert Formation is High (Almond and Pether, 2009; Almond et al., 2013, Groenewald et al. 2014). The suggested location is classified as having a High Palaeontology Theme Sensitivity in the DFFE Screening Report.

A site-specific field survey of the development footprint was conducted on foot and by motor vehicle on 28-29 April 2024. Although no fossils were detected in the proposed Brandvlei to Soafskolk pipeline development, trace fossils were identified in the broader footprint. The site investigation as well as desktop research (National Database and published data), concluded that **fossil heritage of scientific and conservational interest in the area is relatively rare.** However, many taxons have been described from a single specimen and thus all well-preserved fossils are important. Data indicates that fossil sites are generally rare, sporadic and unpredictable. A low significance has thus been allocated to the development footprint. This is in disagreement with the High Sensitivity allocated to the development area by the DFFE Screening Tool, and SAHRIS PalaeoMap.

In terms of palaeontological impacts, a Medium Palaeontological Significance has been allocated for impacts associated with the construction phase of the Brandvlei to Soafskolk pipeline development premitigation and a low significance post-mitigation. The construction phase will be the only development phase with the potential to impact Palaeontological Heritage, and no significant impacts are expected to impact the Operational and Decommissioning phases. As the No-Go Alternative considers the option of 'do nothing' and maintaining the status quo, it will have a Neutral impact on the Palaeontological Heritage of the development. The Cumulative impacts of the pipeline development are considered to be medium pre-mitigation (as the area is not highly fossiliferous) and Low post-mitigation and falls within the acceptable limits for the project. It is therefore considered that the proposed development will not lead



to damaging impacts on the palaeontological resources of the area. The construction of the development may thus be permitted to its whole extent, as the development footprint is not considered sensitive in terms of palaeontological resources. It is consequently recommended that no further palaeontological heritage studies, ground truthing, or specialist mitigation be required pending the discovery of newly discovered fossils.

Recommendations:

If Palaeontological Heritage is uncovered during surface clearing and excavations, the **Chance Find Protocol** attached should be implemented immediately. Fossil discoveries ought to be protected, and the ECO/site manager must report to South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) (Contact details: SAHRIS, 111 Harrington Street, Cape Town. PO Box 4637, Cape Town 8000, South Africa. 3rd floor Protea Assurance Building, 142 Longmarket St, Cape Town City Centre, Cape Town, 8000; Private Bag X9067, Cape Town, 8000 Tel: 021 483 9598. Fax: +27 (0) 21 483 9845. Web: https://sahris.sahra.org.za) so that mitigation (recording and collection) can be carried out.

Before any fossil material can be collected from the development site, the specialist involved would need to apply for a collection permit from SAHRA. Fossil material must be housed in an official collection (museum or university), while all reports and fieldwork should meet the minimum standards for palaeontological impact studies proposed by SAHRA (2012).

These recommendations should be incorporated into the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for the Pipeline Project and associated infrastructure.



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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Fossil

A fossil is the preserved remnants or vestiges of a long-dead organism, generally from millions of years ago. Fossils can be mineralized skeletons, shells, or other hard pieces of ancient animals and plants, as well as impressions, moulds, and casts left in sedimentary rock when the organism's remains decomposed and left an impression. Fossils provide valuable insights into the evolution and biodiversity of ancient species, allowing scientists to study and understand their evolution and biodiversity.

Heritage

That which is inherited and forms part of the National Estate (historical places, objects, fossils as defined by the National Heritage Resources Act No 25 of 1999).

Heritage resources

This means any place or object of cultural significance and can include (but not limited to) as stated under Section 3 of the NHRA,

- places, buildings, structures, and equipment of cultural significance.
- places to which oral traditions are attached or which are associated with living heritage.
- historical settlements and townscapes.
- landscapes and natural features of cultural significance.
- geological sites of scientific or cultural importance.
- archaeological and palaeontological sites.
- graves and burial grounds, and
- sites of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa.

Palaeontology

Any fossilised remains or fossil trace of animals or plants which lived in the geological past (other than fossil fuels or fossiliferous rock intended for industrial use) and any site which comprises of fossilised remains or traces of past life.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ВА	Basic Assessment
DEA	Department of Environmental Affairs
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
СА	National Competent Authority
ECO	Environmental Control Officer
EDI	Electrodeionization
EMPr	Environmental Management Programme
ESO	Environmental Site Officer
HIA	Heritage Impact Assessment
KTE	Kutulo Tsatsi Energy
Ма	Millions of years ago
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act
NHRA	National Heritage Resources Act
PIA	Palaeontological Impact Assessment
PSSA	Palaeontological Society of South Africa
SAHRA	South African Heritage Resources Agency
SAHRIS	South African Heritage Resources Information System
S&EIA	Scoping & Environmental Impact Assessment
ToR	Terms of Reference

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1 INTRODUCTION

The proposed KTE development entails the construction of a water provision Ponds from the Orange River, near Keimoes, to a hydrogen production facility located on Portion 1 and Portion 5 of Farm Uitkyk No. 889. The proposed Ponds will follow the existing road, and mainly falls within the road servitudes. The project will also deliver provisional bulk water supply to Kai !Garib Municipality at Kenhardt and the Hantam Municipality at Brandvlei. The distribution of water to these communities will remain the responsibility of the Kai !Garib and Hantam Municipalities. The project requires water to develop and operate, and as such, 10 950 000 m³/a of surface water will be abstracted from the Orange River, which will be pumped via a rising main and/or gravity-fed over 221 km for industrial and commercial use. The abstracted surface water will be stored at various locations across the project site. The Ponds route crosses numerous drainage lines, using existing culverts, which are perpendicular to the R27 National Road. The biggest disturbance will be where the Ponds passing through an existing culvert of the Sishen-Saldanha railway bridge and crossing the Hartebees River. The abstracted surface water will undergo initial treatment in Lennertsville to SANS 241:2015 drinking water standards where the by-products will be disposed of in a sludge drying bed. Final treatment will occur on Farm Uitkyk where the abstracted surface water first passes through a Reverse Osmosis (RO) treatment step, followed by an Electrodeionization step (EDI), where the by-products will be disposed of on-site in 80 ha evaporation ponds. Domestic wastewater from office blocks, messes/canteens and toilets will be collected in an onsite conservancy tank, abstracted by vacuum pumps into a fleet of Wastewater Tanker Trucks and transported to the inlet of the evaporation ponds, where it will be blended and homogenized with the brine









2 QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF THE AUTHOR

This study has been conducted by Mrs. Elize Butler of Banzai Environmental (Pty) Ltd. She has conducted approximately 750 palaeontological impact assessments (PIA) for developments in the Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Eastern 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 thirty 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 No. 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 No. 107 of 1998
- National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA) Act No. 25 of 1999
- Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA) Act No. 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 No. 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 No. 25 of 1999

- Protection of Heritage Resources Sections 34 to 36
- Heritage Resources Management Section 38

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 a comprehensive and legally compatible PIA report has been compiled.

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, Ponds, 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—
 - \circ exceeding 5 000 m² in extent; or
 - o 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 or
 - 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 METHODS AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

This PIA assesses the development's potential impact on the fossil heritage of the area. This Palaeontological Assessment is part of the HIA Report. The PIA's goals are to: 1) identify the palaeontological significance of the rock formations in the footprint; 2) evaluate the palaeontological magnitude of the formations; 3) clarify the impact on fossil heritage; and 4) make recommendations for how the developer might protect and minimize potential harm to fossil heritage, according to the "SAHRA APM Guidelines: Minimum Standards for the Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports".

Calculations of the palaeontological state of each rock segment and the potential impact of development on fossil history take into account the palaeontological status of the rocks, the type of development, and the amount of bedrock removed. The Provisional DFFE Screening Tool, the SAHRIS Palaeosensitivity map, all Palaeontological Impact Assessment reports for the same area, Google Earth images, topographical and geological maps, as well as academic articles about specimens from the development area and Assemblage Zones, are all used to create scoping reports.

When the development footprint has a moderate to high palaeontological sensitivity, a field-based assessment is necessary. A desktop or field assessment of the exposed rock is used to evaluate the significance of the proposed development's impact, and recommendations for more research or mitigation are made. Excavations for the project often only take place during the building phase, changing the terrain and destroying or permanently encasing fossils at or below the ground surface. Then, access to Fossil Heritage will no longer be available for academic study.

When doing a site investigation, a palaeontologist examines the local development as well as the quantity and variety of fossils found there. This can be demonstrated by looking at representative fossiliferous rock exposures (most igneous and metamorphic rocks are not fossiliferous, whereas sedimentary rocks contain fossil heritage). Examined rock exposures frequently contain a sizeable portion of the stratigraphic unit, which is primarily made up of recently exposed (unweathered) rock. These exposures may be man-made (such as quarries, open building excavations, even railway and road cuttings) or natural (such as cliffs, and dongas as well as rocky outcrops along stream or river banks). It is usual practice for palaeontologists to record well-preserved fossils (GPS, and stratigraphic data) during field assessment examinations.

Although mitigation is often done prior to construction, it may take place if potentially fossiliferous bedrock is revealed. Fossil collection and documentation are examples of mitigation. A permit from SAHRA must be obtained before beginning any fossil excavation, and the material must be stored at an authorized facility. When mitigation is properly used, it is possible to have a positive impact by raising awareness of the palaeontological past of the area.

By physically evaluating bedrock outcrops to determine their lithology and fossil richness and crisscrossing the development footprint, one can assess an area's fossil potential. Because the presence of fossils at the surface is so unexpected, an average sample size of the region is investigated. To be clear, however, the lack of fossils in a development footprint does not automatically suggest that there is no palaeontologically important material present on the site (on or below the ground surface).

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;
- Describe of the proposed project and provide information regarding the developer and consultant who commissioned the study;
- Describe location of the proposed development and provide geological and topographical maps
- Provide palaeontological and geological history of the affected area;
- Identify sensitive areas to be avoided (providing shapefiles/kmls) in the proposed development;
- Evaluate 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
- Detail the implications of specialist findings for the proposed development (such as permits, licenses etc).

4.1 Assumptions and Limitations

The geology of the area is the focal point of geological maps, and the sheet explanations of the Geological Maps were not intended to focus on palaeontological heritage. Many inaccessible areas of South Africa have never been examined by palaeontologists, and data is typically dependent solely on aerial pictures. Locality and geological information in museums and university databases is out of date, and data acquired in the past is not always adequately documented.

Comparable Assemblage Zones in other places are also used to provide information on the existence of fossils in areas that have not before been recorded. When similar Assemblage Zones and geological formations are used for Desktop studies, it is commonly assumed that exposed fossil exists within the footprint. As a result, the field investigation conducted for this report will improve the accuracy of the desktop evaluation.

5 GEOLOGICAL AND PALAEONTOLOGICAL HISTORY

The proposed Brandvlei to Soafskolk pipeline development is depicted on the 2920 Kenhardt (1998) and 3020 Sakrivier Geological maps (Council of Geoscience, Pretoria) (**Figure 3, Table 2-3**). The proposed study area is located in flat-lying terrain within the semi-arid Bushmanland region and is underlain by the potentially fossiliferous Quaternary Kalahari Group (yellow, single bird figure), unfossiliferous Jurassic dolerite (Jd, red) as well as Prince Albert Formation (Pp, peach; Ecca Group). At depth, the area is underlain by a diversity of unfossiliferous Precambrian basement rocks (*c.* 2 billion years old) of the Namaqua-Natal Province. These sediments comprise of ancient igneous and high-grade metamorphic rocks (Cornell et al., 2006) are thus not relevant to this project.

The SAHRIS PalaeoMap indicates that the Palaeontological Sensitivity of the Quaternary Kalahari alluvium is Moderate (green), that of the unfossiliferous Jurassic Dolerite is Zero (grey) while that of the Prince Albert Formation is High (orange) (**Figure 4, Table 4**); Almond and Pether, 2009; Almond et al., 2013, Groenewald et al 2014). The suggested location is classified as having a High (red) Palaeontology Theme Sensitivity in the DFFE Screening Report (**Figure 5**).

The basement rocks are primarily mantled by Late Cenozoic surface layers, including members of the Kalahari Group. These sediments are primarily thin, unconsolidated deposits comprising of patches of calcretes (soil limestones), small gravelly to sandy river alluvium, pan sediments along watercourses, colluvium (scree), surface gravels and Quaternary to Recent aeolian (wind-blown) sands of the Gordonia Formation (Kalahari Group) Almond et al. (2019).

The late Cretaceous to Recent Kalahari Group has been reviewed by the following authors: Thomas (1981), Dingle *et al.* (1983), Thomas & Shaw 1991, Haddon (2000) and Partridge *et al.* 2006. The Middle to Later Stone Age stone tools found from the Quaternary Gordonia Formation (Kalahari Group) date from the Late Pliocene/Early Pleistocene to recent periods (Dingle et al., 1983). The fossil assemblages of the Quaternary are generally low in diversity and exist over a large range, and has a moderate paleontological sensitivity. 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 Karoo igneous province is one of the worlds classic continental basalt (CFB) provinces. This province consists of intrusive and extrusive rocks that occur over a large area (Duncan et al, 2006). Generally, the flood basalts do not contribute to prominent volcanic structures, but instead are formed by successive eruptions from a set of fissures that form sub-horizontal lava flows (sills and dykes) varying in thickness. This lava caps the landscape on which they erupted. As the Karoo is an old flood basalt province it is BANZAI ENVIRONMENTAL (PTY) LTD. Reg No. 2015/332235/07 | Page 8 of 64 today preserved as erosional fragments of a more extensive lava cap that covered much of southern Africa in the geological past. It is estimated that the Karoo lava outcrop currently covered at least 140 000 km^2 while it was larger in the past [~2 000 000 km^2 (Cox 1970, 1972)].

The Karoo Igneous Province contains a large volume of flood basalts as well as silicic volcanic rocks. These units are comprised of rhyodacite and rhyolitic magma and crops out along the Lebombo monocline. Individual units span up to 60 km and sometimes show massive pyroclastic structures and are thus classified as rheoignimbrites. The basal lavas lie conformable on the Clarens Formation but in specific localities sandstone erosion occurred before the volcanic eruptions took place. Lock *et al* (1974) found evidence in the Eastern Cape that in the early stages of volcanism magma interacted with ground water to produce volcaniclastic deposits as well as phreatic and phreatomagmatic diatremes. Eales *et al* (1984) also found evidence of aqueous environments during early volcanism by the existence of pillow lavas and associated hyaloclastite breccias and thin lenses of fluviatile sandstones interbedded with the lowermost magmas.

The Prince Albert Formation is restricted to the Karoo Basin's south-west. The northern facies are distinguished by the presence of greyish to olive-green micaceous shale and grey, silty shale, as well as a distinct transition from the underlying glacial deposits. There is also dark-grey to black carbonaceous shale and fine- to medium-grained feldspathic arenite and wacke. The southern facies are distinguished by the occurrence of dark-grey, pyrite-bearing splintery shale and siltstone, as well as dark-coloured chert and phosphatic nodules and lenses.

The Prince Albert Formation is normally between 50 and 200 m thick, with a thickness of roughly 145 m observed in the type area near Prince Albert. It is thicker (230 to 497 m) between Brandvlei and Jansenville, thinning north-eastwards to between 30 and 60 m between Kimberley and East London. The formation is just 25 to 50 m thick in the Kalahari Basin due to post-Karoo erosion of its upper section. The Prince Albert Formation contains marine invertebrates, palaeoniscoid fish, sharks, sponge spicules, foraminiferans, radiolarians, acritarchs, and ichnofossils such as fish trails, arthropod trackways, and invertebrate burrows. Wood and leaf fragments are also present in these sediments. However, fossils of the Prince Albert Formation are scarce.

High Rb/K ratios in mudstones indicate a marine shelf environment. Sedimentation started in the Late Palaeozoic during a massive transgression event following the final melting of Dwyka Group-related ice sheets in southern Gondwana. The Prince Albert Formation (Pp), in the south of the development is intruded by Early Jurassic (Jd) dolerite sills (**Figure 5**). The Prince Albert Formation (Pp) post-glacial basinal mudrocks are the Ecca Group's lowest component. This Early Permian laminated mudrock-dominated to thin-bedded succession was previously known as the "Upper Dwyka Shales." Visser (1992) and Cole (2005) provide important geological descriptions of this formation. These bedrocks are most often covered by surface gravels deposited by down wasting, shallow streams, and sheet wash. A

mixture of dolerite gravels and locally weathered diagenetic nodules from the Prince Albert Formation may also be present.

The "marine" sediments of the Prince Albert Formation (Lower Ecca Group, Karoo Supergroup) are mostly composed of dark, well-laminated basinal mudrocks (shales and siltstones), with a minor quantity of finegrained, thin-bedded siltstone lenses and sandstone. Mudrocks are rich in carbonate minerals and iron and contain a variety of diagenetic concretions. Various authors (Visser et al. 1977–1978, Siebrits 1989, Zawada 1992, Bosch 1993) found that these concretions are micaceous, carbonaceous, or pyritic in nature. Carbonate concretions, some of which are larger than a metre in diameter, are abundant in certain regions of the Main Karoo Basin.

The Prince Albert sequence is dominated by tabular-bedded mudrocks of olive-grey, blue-grey, to reddish-brown hue, with intermittent thin (dm) buff sandstones and occasionally thinner (few cm), soft-weathering layers of yellowish water-lain tuff (volcanic ash layers). Extensive diagenetic modification of these sediments has resulted in the development of pearly-blue phosphatic nodules, thin cherty beds, rusty iron carbonate nodules, and beds and elongate ellipitical concretions impregnated with iron and manganese minerals. The brittle rocks are well-jointed and frequently exhibit a well-developed tectonic cleavage that results in sharp, elongate cleavage flakes ("pencil cleavage"). Extensive bedding planes are thus rare in the southern outcrop area along the Cape Fold Belt, whereas Northern Cape outcrops are significantly less distorted.

Cole (2005) gives a valuable review of the fossil biota of the Prince Albert Formation, whilst Almond (2008a, 2008b) examines the characteristic Umfolozia / Undichna dominated trace fossil assemblages of the non-marine Mermia Ichnofacies. Throughout the Ecca Basin, these assemblages were frequently found in basinal mudrock facies of the Prince Albert Formation. Diagenetic nodules in the Ceres Karoo have been discovered to contain sharks, palaeoniscoids (primitive bony fish), spiral bromalites (coprolites, etc.), and wood. Uncommon shark remains (Dwykaselachus) near Prince Albert on the Great Karoo's southern boundary has also been described (Oelofsen 1986). This deposit contains microfossil remnants of acritarchs, sponge spicules, foraminiferal and radiolarian protozoans, as well as miospores.

The most diverse fossil biota from the Prince Albert Formation can be discovered in calcareous concretions exposed along the Vaal River in the Northern Cape's Douglas district. It is also the most interesting in terms of paleobiogeography, palaeoecology and biostratigraphy (McLachlan and Anderson 1973; Visser et al., 1977-78). The significant includes articulate brachiopods, spiral and other "coprolites" (possibly sharks as well as fish), nuculid bivalves, petrified wood and large tree trunks, palynomorphs (miospores), while well-articulated palaeoniscoid fish remains are abundant. Evans (2005) found that the majority of the fish are categorised as belonging to the palaeoniscoid genus Namaichthys. Most of the preserved invertebrates are in the form of moulds.



Figure 3: Extract of the 3020Sakrivier (1988) and 2920 Kenhardt (1998) Geological maps (Council of Geoscience, Pretoria) indicating that the study area is underlain by Kalahari alluvium (yellow, single bird figure) and Kalahari sands (Os, yellow); as well as Jurassic Dolerite (Jd) and the Prince Albert Formation (Pp, peach; Ecca Group).



Table 2: Extract of the Northern Cape Palaeotechnical report (Almond, J and Pether, J. 2009) present in the study

area

19. OTHER CAENOZOIC FLUVIAL, LACUSTRINE & TERRESTRIAL DEPOSITS OF INTERIOR (Most too small to be indicated on 1: 250 000 geological maps) <i>eg</i> Kwaggaskop, Dasdap, Vaalputs, Arries Drift, Windsorton, Rietputs, Riverton Fms	Fluvial, pan, lake and terrestrial sediments, including diatomite (diatom deposits), pedocretes, spring tufa / travertine, cave deposits, peats, colluvium Late Cretaceous /Palaeocene to Holocene	Bones and teeth of wide range of mammals, including mammals (eg teeth & bones of mastodont proboscideans, rhinos, bovids, horses, micromammals), reptiles (crocodiles, tortoises), ostrich egg shells, fish, freshwater and terrestrial molluscs (unionid bivalves, gastropods), crabs, trace fossils (eg termitaria, horizontal invertebrate burrows, stone artefacts), petrified wood, leaves, rhizoliths, diatom floras, peats and palynomorphs. Calcareous tufas at edge of Ghaap Escarpment might be highly fossiliferous (cf Taung in NW Province – abundant Makapanian Mammal Age vertebrate remains, including australopithecines)	Scattered records, many poorly studied and of uncertain age Reflect ancient drainage systems of subcontinental interior (eg Geelvloer – Koa River Valley system, Palaeo-Orange and Vaal systems) Include fossil equivalents of famous Arriesdrift Mid Miocene fauna from S. Namibia (eg at Bosluispan, Proto-Orange Terrace Gravels of lower Orange River) Fossils threatened by alluvial diamond mining (Vaal & Mid to Lower Orange River gravels) Orange River Man (100-50 Ka, <i>H. heidelbergensis</i>) See archaeological literature for fossil & subfossil remains from archaeological sites (eg Wonderwerk Cave nr Kuruman, Kathu Pan near Sishen)
18. KALAHARI GROUP	Fluvial gravels, sands, lacustrine	Palynomorphs, root casts	Fossils mainly associated with
Wessels (Tw), Budin (Tb), Eden (Te), Mokalanen (T-Qm), Obobogorop, Gordonia (Qg) and Lonely Formations	and pan mudrocks, diatomites and diatomaceous limestones, evaporites, consolidated to unconsolidated aeolian sands, pedocretes (especially calcrete) Late Cretaceous to Recent <90 Ma → 0 Ma	(rhizomorphs / rhizoliths) and burrows (<i>eg</i> termitaria), rare vertebrate remains (mammals, fish, ostrich egg shell <i>etc</i>), diatoms, freshwater stromatolites, freshwater and terrestrial shells (gastropods, bivalves), ostracods, charophytes	ancient pans, lakes and river systems Palaeontology poorly studied. Basal Late Cretaceous gravels and lacustrine clays probably fossiliferous (bones, teeth, petrified wood, palynomorphs?) but v. rarely exposed.
15. KAROO DOLERITE SUITE	Intrusive dolerites (dykes, sills),	NO fossils recorded	Massive igneous activity (dolerite
(Jd) Early Jurassic (182-183 Ma)	associated diatremes		intrusion, basaltic volcanism) of Karoo-Ferrar Large Igneous Province preceded break-up of Gondwana and may have caused Early Jurassic extinction event (183Ma)
ECCA GROUP Early – Mid Permian (290 – 266 Ma)	Marine to hyposaline basin plain mudrocks, minor volcanic ashes, phosphates and ironstones, post- glacial mudrocks at base	Low diversity marine invertebrates (bivalves, nautiloids, brachiopods), palaeoniscoid fish, sharks, fish coprolites, protozoans (foraminiferans, radiolarians), petrified wood, palynomorphs (spores, acritarchs), non-marine trace fossils (especially arthropods, fish, also various "worm" burrows), possible stromatolites, oolites,	Transition from marine to brackish salinities early in history of epicontinental Ecca Sea. Marine body fossils rare (<i>eg</i> Douglas area) Biogenic origin of "stromatolites" within carbonate rocks needs confirmation.

Table 3: Palaeontological Significance of Rock units in the Northern Cape Paleotechnical Report (Almond, J and Pether, J. 2009).

COLOUR OF ROCK UNIT	PALAEONTOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE / VULNERABILITY	RECOMMENDED ACTION
RED	very high	field scoping study recommended before excavation takes place
PURPLE	high	desk top study + scoping study may be necessary
GREEN	moderate	desk top study
BLUE	low	no action required (any fossil finds to be reported by developer)
BLACK	insignificant or zero	no action required

NB.1. NB.2. These significance / vulnerability ratings are *provisional* Some rock units are largely unfossiliferous, but have thin subunits of high palaeontological significance (*eg* Table Mountain Group).



Figure 4: Extract of the SAHRIS PalaeoMap map (Council of Geosciences) indicates that the proposed development is underlain by sediments with a Zero (grey) and Moderate (green) and High (orange) Palaeontological Sensitivity.



Table 4: Palaeontological Sensitivity

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: Palaeontological Sensitivity generated by the National Environmental Web-Based Screening indicating the Medium (yellow) and High (red) Palaeontological Sensitivity of the proposed development.

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6 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 Ubique Heritage Consultants
- 1: 250 000 Kenhardt 2920 Geological Map (1998))
- Updated Geology produced by the Council of Geosciences (Pretoria).
- Palaeosensitivity map on SAHRIS website.
- The National Environmental Web-based Screening Tool.
- Palaeontological Impact assessments near the study area includes that of Almond 2016, 2019 (See references)

7 SITE INVESTIGATION

The site investigation for the study area was conducted on foot and by motor vehicle on 28-29 April 2024. No fossils were detected in the pond development but trace fossils were detected in the wider area.





Figure 6: General view over the development footprint indicates low vegetation aeolian sand with dolerite scree.



Figure 7: General view over the development footprint indicates aeolian sand calcrete and dolerite scree.

8 IMPACT ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

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; and
- 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 5: The rating system

NATURE				
The Nature of the Impact is the possible destruction of fossil heritage				
GEOGRA	PHICAL EXTENT			
This is de	efined as the area over which the imp	act 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.		
PROBAB	ILITY			
This des	cribes the chance of occurrence of ar	n 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).		
DURATIO	DN			
This des proposed	cribes the duration of the impacts. d activity.	Duration indicates the lifetime of the impact as a result of the		
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 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 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.

INTENSITY/ MAGNITUDE

Describes 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	n in a mo	oderat	ely modif	fied wa	ay and	d maintain:	s ger	neral
		integrity	(some i	mpac	t on integ	rity).				
3	High	Impact a	affects tl	ne con	tinued via	bility c	of the s	system/ co	mpo	nent
		and the	quality,	use, in	itegrity ar	nd func	tional	ity of the s	syste	m or
		component is severely impaired and may temporarily cease.								
		High costs of rehabilitation and remediation.								
4	Very high	Impact a	affects t	he cor	ntinued via	ability o	of the	system/co	mpo	nent
		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								
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		high costs of rehabilitation and remediation.								
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REVERSIBILITY

This describes the degree to which an impact can be successfully reversed upon completion of the 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						
		maggurog are required						
		measures are required.						
3	Barely reversible	The impact is unlikely to be reversed even with intense						
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		mitigation measures.						
4	Irreversible	The impact is irreversible, and no mitigation measures exist.						
IRREPLA	IRREPLACEABLE LOSS OF RESOURCES							





This describes the degree to which resources 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.

CUMULATIVE EFFECT

This describes the cumulative effect of the impacts. A cumulative impact is an effect which in itself may not be significant but may become significant if added to other existing or potential impacts emanating from other similar or diverse activities 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 = X.

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

8.1 Summary of Impact Tables

Loss of fossil heritage will be a negative impact. If fossils are recovered from the study area it could have a positive effect as fossils will be available for research. Only the site will be affected by the proposed development. The expected duration of the impact is assessed as potentially permanent to long term. In the absence of mitigation procedures, the damage or destruction of any palaeontological materials will be permanent. Impacts on palaeontological heritage during the construction phase could potentially occur and are regarded as having a Low probability. As fossil heritage will be destroyed the impact is irreversible. The significance of the impact occurring will be low.

	Site	Probability	Duration	Magnitude	Reversibility	Irreplicable Loss	Cumulative Effect	Significance
Pre- Mitigation	1	2	4	2	4	4	2	34
Post- Mitigation	1	2	4	1	4	4	1	16

9 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The proposed Brandvlei to Soafskolk pipeline development is located in flat-lying terrain within the semiarid Bushmanland region and is underlain by the potentially fossiliferous Quaternary Kalahari Group, unfossiliferous Jurassic dolerite as well as Prince Albert Formation (Ecca Group). At depth, the area is underlain by a diversity of unfossiliferous Precambrian basement rocks (*c.* 2 billion years old) of the



Namaqua-Natal Province. These sediments comprise of ancient igneous and high-grade metamorphic rocks (Cornell et al., 2006) are thus not relevant to this project.

The SAHRIS PalaeoMap indicates that the Palaeontological Sensitivity of the Quaternary Kalahari alluvium is Moderate, that of the unfossiliferous Jurassic Dolerite is Zero while that of the Prince Albert Formation is High (Almond and Pether, 2009; Almond et al., 2013, Groenewald et al. 2014). The suggested location is classified as having a High Palaeontology Theme Sensitivity in the DFFE Screening Report.

A site-specific field survey of the development footprint was conducted on foot and by motor vehicle on 28-29 April 2024. Although no fossils were detected in the proposed Brandvlei to Soafskolk pipeline development, trace fossils were identified in the broader footprint. The site investigation and desktop research (National Database and published data) concluded that **fossil heritage of scientific and conservational interest in the area is relatively rare.** However, many taxons have been described from a single specimen, and thus all well-preserved fossils are important. Data indicates that fossil sites are generally rare, sporadic and unpredictable. A low significance has thus been allocated to the development footprint. This is in disagreement with the High Sensitivity allocated to the development area by the DFFE Screening Tool and SAHRIS PalaeoMap.

In terms of palaeontological impacts, a Medium Palaeontological Significance has been allocated for impacts associated with the construction phase of the Brandvlei to Soafskolk pipeline development premitigation and a low significance post-mitigation. The construction phase will be the only development phase with the potential to impact Palaeontological Heritage, and no significant impacts are expected to impact the Operational and Decommissioning phases. As the No-Go Alternative considers the option of 'do nothing' and maintaining the status quo, it will have a Neutral impact on the Palaeontological Heritage of the development. The Cumulative impacts of the pipeline development are considered to be medium pre-mitigation (as the area is not highly fossiliferous) and Low post-mitigation and fall within the acceptable limits for the palaeontological resources of the area. The construction of the development may thus be permitted to its whole extent, as the development footprint is not considered sensitive in terms of palaeontological resources. It is consequently recommended that no further palaeontological heritage studies, ground truthing, or specialist mitigation be required pending the discovery of newly discovered fossils.

Recommendations:

If Palaeontological Heritage is uncovered during surface clearing and excavations, the **Chance Find Protocol** attached should be implemented immediately. Fossil discoveries ought to be protected and the ECO/site manager must report to South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) (Contact details: SAHRIS, 111 Harrington Street, Cape Town. PO Box 4637, Cape Town 8000, South Africa. 3rd floor Protea Assurance Building, 142 Longmarket St, Cape Town City Centre, Cape Town, 8000; Private Bag X9067, BANZAI ENVIRONMENTAL (PTY) LTD. Reg No. 2015/332235/07 | Page 22 of 64 Cape Town, 8000 Tel: 021 483 9598. Fax: +27 (0) 21 483 9845. Web: https://sahris.sahra.org.za) so that mitigation (recording and collection) can be carried out.

Before any fossil material can be collected from the development site, the specialist involved would need to apply for a collection permit from SAHRA. Fossil material must be housed in an official collection (museum or university), while all reports and fieldwork should meet the minimum standards for palaeontological impact studies proposed by SAHRA (2012).

These recommendations should be incorporated into the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for the Pipeline Project and associated infrastructure.

10 MITIGATION AND EMPR REQUIREMENTS

The naturally preserved remnants (or traces) of plants or animals imbedded in rock are known as fossils. These plants and animals existed millions of years ago in the geologic past. Fossils are incredibly valuable and difficult to replace. It is possible to identify the environmental conditions that occurred in a certain geographical area millions of years ago by analysing fossils.

This fact sheet is intended for construction workers and foremen. It describes what to do if fossil material is discovered accidentally during mining.

It is the responsibility of the project's Environmental Site Officer (ESO) or site manager to train the workers and foremen on **what to do** if a fossil is accidentally discovered. In the absence of the ESO, a member of staff must be designated to be accountable for the effective application of the chance discovery protocol so that the conservation of fossil material is not jeopardized.

If fossils are discovered during excavation, the following method shall be followed.

10.1 Legislation

Cultural Heritage in South Africa (includes all heritage resources) is protected by the **National Heritage Resources Act (Act No 25 of 1999) (NHRA).** According to Section 3 of the Act, all Heritage resources 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 NHRA protects and owns the state's palaeontological legacy, which is unique and non-renewable. It is consequently the responsibility of the state to manage and protect fossils on behalf of South African citizens. According to Section 35 of the NHRA, palaeontological resources may not be excavated, broken, transferred, or destroyed by any development without previous assessment and a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority.

10.2 Chance Find Procedure

- If a chance find is made, the person responsible for the find must immediately stop working, and all work in the immediate vicinity of the find must stop as well.
- The individual who discovered the item must immediately notify his or her direct supervisor, who
 must then notify his or her management and the ESO or site manager. The ESO or site manager
 must notify the relevant Heritage Agency (South African Heritage Resources Agency, SAHRA) of
 the discovery. (Contact information: SAHRA, 111 Harrington Street, Cape Town, South Africa. PO
 Box 4637, Cape Town 8000, South Africa. Fax: +27 (0)21 462 4509. Tel: 021 462 4502. Web
 address: www.sahra.org.za). Photographs of the find from various perspectives, as well as GPS
 coordinates, must be submitted to the Heritage Agency.
- Within 24 hours of the discovery, a preliminary report must be sent to the Heritage Agency, which must include the following: 1) the date of finding; 2) a description of the discovery; and 3) a description of the fossil and its context (depth and position of the fossil), as well as GPS coordinates.
- Photographs of the discovery (the more the merrier) must be of high quality, in focus, and accompanied by a scale. Photographs of the vertical part (side) where the fossil was discovered are also required.
- Upon receipt of the preliminary report, the Heritage Agency will notify the ESO (or site manager) whether a palaeontologist rescue excavation or collection is required.
- The place must be guarded to prevent future damage. There should be no attempt to remove material from their environment. Stabilize the exposed items and cover them with a plastic sheet or sand bags. The Heritage organization will also be able to advise on the best way to protect the find.
- If the fossil cannot be stabilized, the ESO (site manager) may carefully collect the fossil.
- Once the Heritage Agency has received the written authorization, the developer may continue with the development on the affected area.
- Fossil finds must be placed in tissue paper and in an appropriate box while necessary care must be taken to remove any fossil material from the rescue site.

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