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

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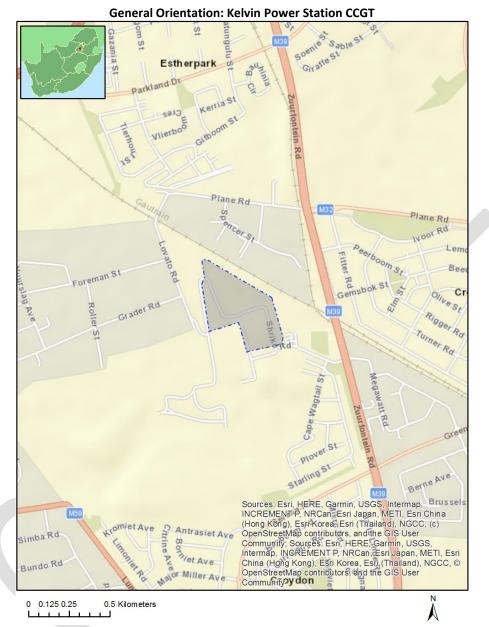
**Application Category:** Utilities Infrastructure | Electricity | Generation | Non Renewable | Hydrocarbon | Petroleum

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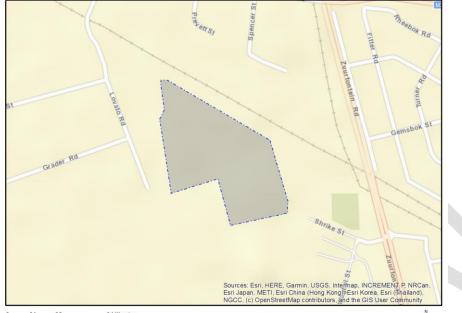
# **Proposed Project Location**

# Orientation map 1: General location



**General Orientation: Kelvin Power Station CCGT** 

# Map of proposed site and relevant area(s)



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## Cadastral details of the proposed site

Property details:

No	Farm Name	Farm/ Erf No	Portion	Latitude	Longitude	Property Type
1	ZUURFONTEIN	33	0	26°6'1.88S	28°12'22.41E	Farm
2	ZUURFONTEIN	33	391	26°6'50.15S	28°11'29.75E	Farm Portion

Development footprint<sup>1</sup> vertices:

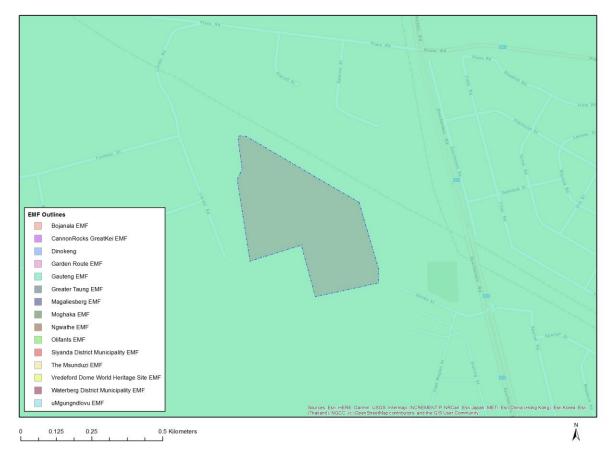
Footprint	Latitude	Longitude
1	26°6'40.39S	28°11'28.25E
1	26°6'39.84S	28°11'28.29E
1	26°6'39.87S	28°11'29.15E
1	26°6'46.67S	28°11'42.05E
1	26°6'53.54S	28°11'44.29E
1	26°6'54.02S	28°11'44.22E
1	26°6'54.74S	28°11'44.28E
1	26°6'54.93S	28°11'44.24E
1	26°6'56.32S	28°11'37.04E
1	26°6'51.05S	28°11'35.44E
1	26°6'52.67S	28°11'29.58E
1	26°6'44.34S	28°11'28.14E
1	26°6'43.24S	28°11'28.7E
1	26°6'40.39S	28°11'28.25E

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

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

No	EIA Reference No	Classification	Status of application	Distance from proposed area (km)
1	14/12/16/3/3/1/2358	Solar PV	Approved	27.9
2	12/12/20/2147/A1	Solar PV	Approved	4.6
3	14/12/16/3/3/2/375/AM1	Solar PV	Approved	23.7
4	12/12/20/2530	Solar PV	Approved	28.3
5	12/12/20/2147	Solar PV	Approved	4.6
6	12/12/20/2551	Solar PV	Approved	28.3
7	002/15-16/E0152	Solar PV	Approved	28.9
8	14/12/16/3/3/1/569	Solar PV	Approved	28.5

# Environmental Management Frameworks relevant to the application



Environmental Management	LINK
Framework	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/EMF/GPEMF
Gauteng EMF	2021_Gazette_and_summary.pdf

# Environmental screening results and assessment outcomes

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

Utilities Infrastructure | Electricity | Generation | Non Renewable | Hydrocarbon | Petroleum.

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

Incentive, restriction or prohibition	Implication
Strategic Transmission	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Developmen
Corridor-Central corridor	tZones/Combined_EGI.pdf
Air Quality-Highveld	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Developmen
Priority Area	tZones/HIGHVELD_PRIORITY_AREA_AQMP.pdf
Gauteng EMF-Urban	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Developmen
development zone 1	tZones/Zone1_2021.pdf
Gauteng EMF-Industrial and large commercial focus zone 5	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Developmen tZones/Zone5_2021.pdf

### Proposed Development Area Environmental Sensitivity

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

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

#### Specialist assessments identified

Based on the selected classification, and the known impacts associated with the proposed development, the following list of specialist assessments have been identified for inclusion in the assessment report. It is the responsibility of the EAP to confirm this list and to motivate in the

assessment report, the reason for not including any of the identified specialist study including the provision of photographic evidence of the footprint situation.

No	Specialist  Assessment Protocol    assessment				
1	Agricultural Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Agriculture_Assessment_Pro tocols.pdf			
2	Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_P rotocols.pdf			
3	Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_P rotocols.pdf			
4	Palaeontology Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment P rotocols.pdf			
5	Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment Protocols.pdf			
6	Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_Aquatic_Biodiversity_Assessment_Pr otocols.pdf			
7	Hydrology Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment P rotocols.pdf			
8	Noise Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_Noise_Impacts_Assessment_Protocol. pdf			
9	Traffic Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_P rotocols.pdf			
10	Geotechnical Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_P rotocols.pdf			
11	Climate Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_P rotocols.pdf			
12	Health Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_P rotocols.pdf			
13	Socio-Economic Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_P rotocols.pdf			
14	Ambient Air Quality Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_P rotocols.pdf			
15	Air Quality Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_P rotocols.pdf			

16	Plant Species Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_Plant_Species_Assessment_Protocols. pdf
17	Animal Species Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_Animal_Species_Assessment_Protoco ls.pdf

# Results of the environmental sensitivity of the proposed area.

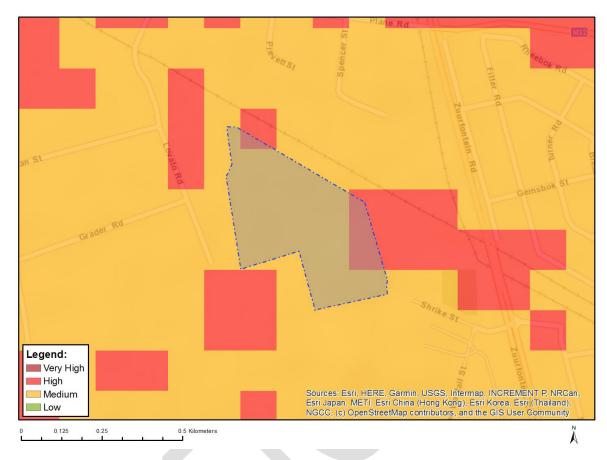
The following section represents the results of the screening for environmental sensitivity of the proposed footprint for relevant environmental themes associated with the project classification. It is the duty of the EAP to ensure that the environmental themes provided by the screening tool are comprehensive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



### MAP OF RELATIVE AGRICULTURE THEME SENSITIVITY

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
Х			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Land capability;09. Moderate-High/10. Moderate-High
Very High	Land capability;11. High/12. High-Very high/13. High-Very high/14. Very high/15. Very high

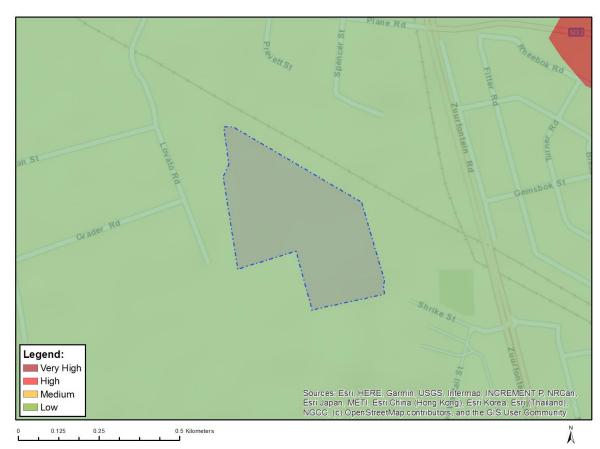


## MAP OF RELATIVE ANIMAL SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY

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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
High	Aves-Tyto capensis	
Medium	Mammalia-Chrysospalax villosus	
Medium	Mammalia-Crocidura maquassiensis	
Medium	Mammalia-Dasymys robertsii	
Medium	Mammalia-Hydrictis maculicollis	
Medium	Mammalia-Ourebia ourebi ourebi	
Medium	Invertebrate-Clonia uvarovi	

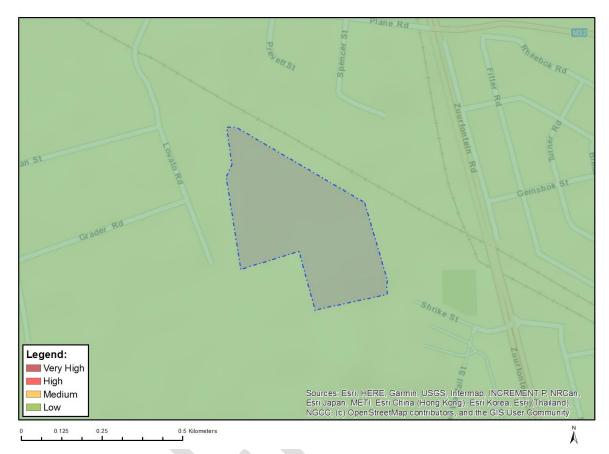


## MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Х

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low sensitivity

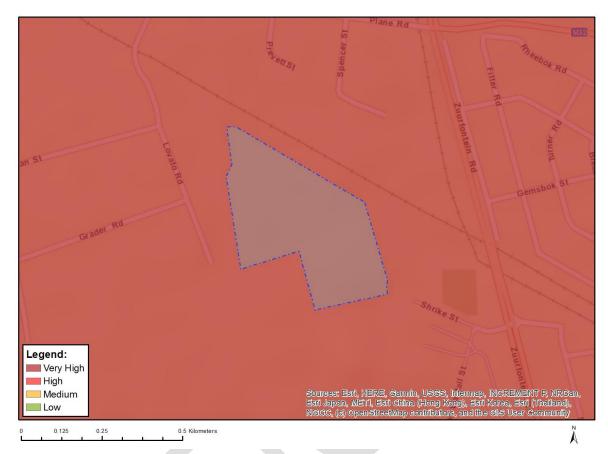
# MAP OF RELATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Х

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low sensitivity

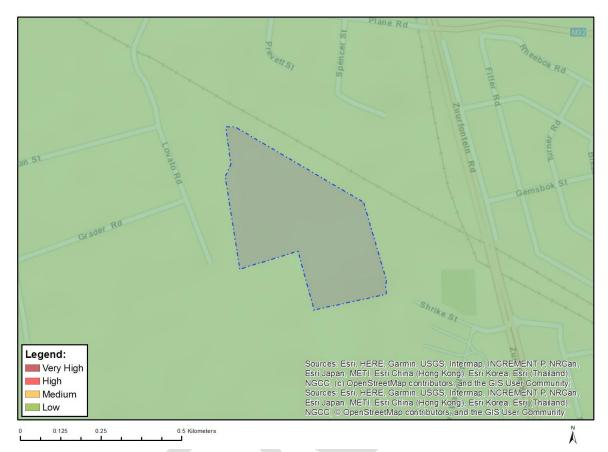
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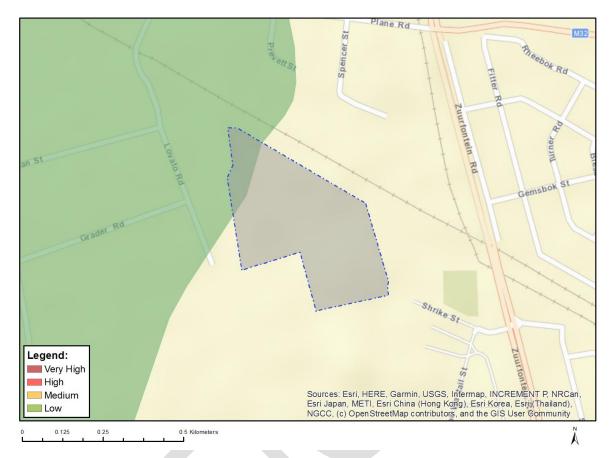
Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Within 15 km of a civil aviation radar
High	Within 8 km of other civil aviation aerodrome
Medium	Within 5 km of an air traffic control or navigation site
Very High	Within 8 km of a major civil aviation aerodrome

## MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Х

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity



### MAP OF RELATIVE PALEONTOLOGY THEME SENSITIVITY

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Х

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

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## MAP OF RELATIVE PLANT SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY

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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		Х	

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity
Medium	Sensitive species 1147
Medium	Brachycorythis conica subsp. transvaalensis
Medium	Sensitive species 1248



## MAP OF RELATIVE TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)					
Low	Low Sensitivity					
Very High	CBA 1					
Very High	ESA 2					

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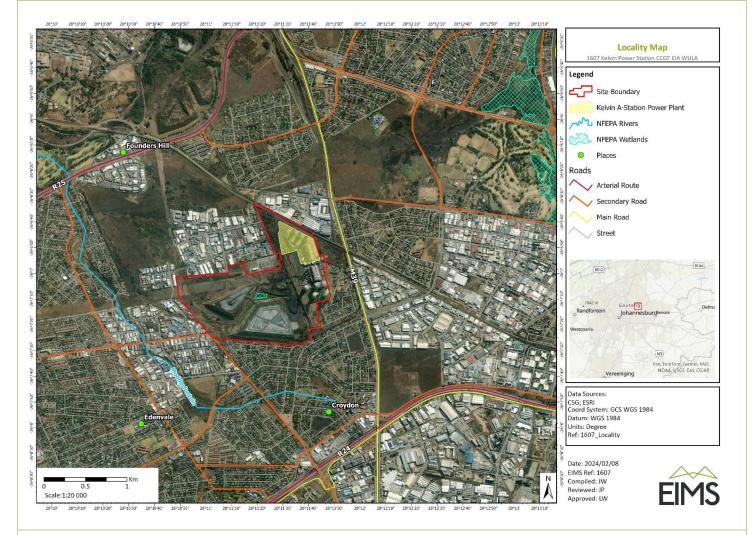
# **Environmental Site Sensitivity Verification Report**

	ite ID: ocation:	Kelvin Power Station Kempton Park, Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality	Contractor: Inspector:	EIMS Qaphela Magaqa	
С	lient representative:	Lavhelesani Nelwamondo	Inspection Date:	14 February 2024	

1. Background					
Background of the project:	net o 391 R	utput w /E, Ekui	t wishes to develop a Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) ill be approximately 600 megawatts. The proposed projec rhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province. The Park CBD. The centre point of the site is approximately	t is located on Zuurf	ontein Farm 33-IR portion
Project Acnosts:				Locatio	on (DD MM SS)
Project Aspects:	Yes	No	Details (provide specifications)	Latitude	Longitude
CCGT Power Plant			The CCGT Power Plant will comprise of one H class gas turbine, a heat recovery boiler and a steam turbine. The main structures comprising the plant include a gas turbine building, steam turbine building, water treatment plant, heat recovery steam generator, mechanical draft cooling tower, EHV substation, exhaust stack, auxiliary buildings and administration buildings. Other possible infrastructure includes additional water and treated sewage wastewater supply pipelines, as well as electricity transmission lines to the City Power Sebenza substation adjacent to the power station. The final positions of all project components are to be determined during the EIA process.	26°06'45.84''S,	28°11'36.42"E.



#### 2. Site Layout Plan



Aspect	Very High	High	Medium	Low
Agriculture Theme	Х			
Animal species Theme		X		
Aquatic Biodiversity Theme				x
Archaeological and Cultural Heritage				X
Civil Aviation Theme	Х			
Defence Theme				x
Palaeontology Theme				X
Plant Species Theme			X	
Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme	Х			

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3. Site Assessr	nent								
3.1 Gradient (	indicate the	general gr	adient characteristics	of site)					
Aspect	Ridge Line	Plateau	Mountain Slope	Open Valley	8	Closed Valley	Plain &	Ungulating	Foot hills &
WLTR plant, Remining and Repulping plant and Associated Infrastructur e					Σ	3			
Is the site loca	ited on or in	the imme	diate vicinity of any of	the following:					
					WLTR R	etrofitting and	ł		
					Yes	No	Comment		
Erosion Chann	els or areas o	of severe e	rosion/ destabilized so	pils			No erosion o soils were not analysis and si	ed through t	
Wetlands (wit	hin 32m)						No wetlands were identified withir of the proposed site through de- studies and the site visit.		
Unstable slopes or geological features (rocky outcrops)							No rocky outo were noted o analysis. It is proposed deve brownfield site	on site and v s noteworthe elopment is lo	via desktop y that the
Bare areas							The site was no by the A-s infrastructure. planned for located adjac cooling tower grass. The p stockpiles area during the site	tation buil These are demolition cent to the s are cover- previous A-si a was noted t	dings and e currently . Sections e A-station ed in lawn tation coal
Other Sensitiv	e or risk area	is?					No further sen	sitive areas w	vere noted.
the proposed	sites and r	outes (e.g	tures directly or indire . Eskom, public road ıd, farmer's water/irrig	servitudes and			The proposed within an exist mainly surro infrastructure/	ting power st ounded by	ation and is



noteworthy that Eskom servitude has recently bought a servitude adjacent to the site. The Gautrain railway line runs approximately 40m from the Kelvin Power Station boundary at its closest point. Furthermore, there is a Transnet railway running across the proposed site, through the A-station coal stockpiles area. All relevant stakeholders have been identified and included in the I&AP database and informed of the proposed development.

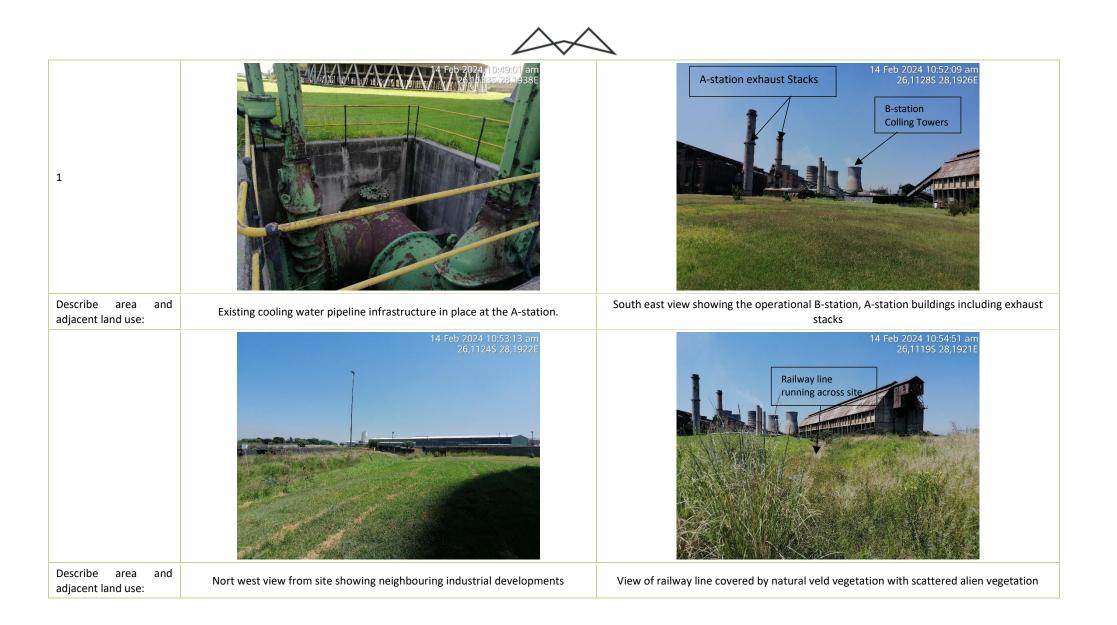
#### 3.2 Vegetation

Which of the listed descriptions best describes the general groundcover on and around the site?

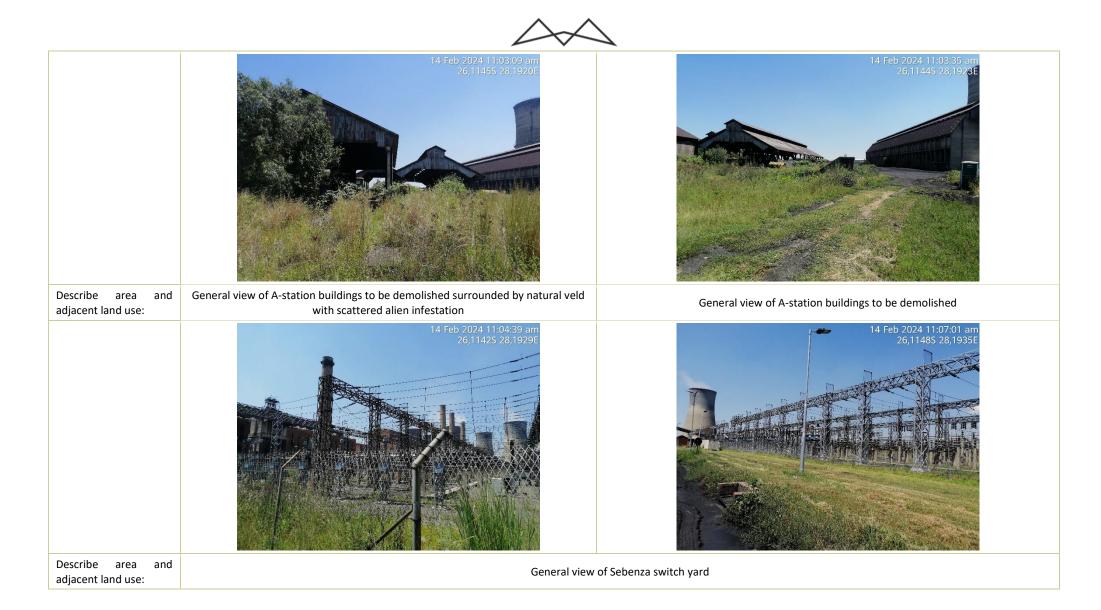
Natural veld - good condition	Natural veld with scattered aliens		Natural veld with heavy alien infestation	Veld dominated by alien species	Gardens 🗌		
Sport field	Cultivated land		Pav ed surface 🗌	Building or other structure	Bare soil 🗌		
Comments on composition:	on vegetation The proposed development site is located within the Kelvin Power Station. The site consists of bu and/colling towers surrounded by grass Kikuyu grass with scattered aliens located mainly along the alignment, access roads and sections adjacent the coal stockpiles area.						
Comments on weed species/type A terrestrial biodivers as per the specialist s			rsity screening and compliance statement will be prepared. This section will be updated site assessment.				
Land cover/ use descri	ption: Describe	the land uses on the si	ite				
The current land use description on the site is Public service infrastructure – power generation. Kelvin Power Station is an operational power station consisting of the A-station and B-station. The A-station is no longer operational and is undergoing a demolition process. The proposed CCGT is to be located at the current A-station footprint.							



Site Photos		
	14 Feb 2024 10:45:31 am 26,11445 28,1950E	14 Feb 2024 10:49:11 am 26,11335 28,1938E
Describe area and adjacent land use:	View of the Kelvin A-station, cooling towers and access road.	Kelvin A-station cooling towers surrounded by natural veld.
	14 Feb 2024 10:49:22 am 26,1134S 28,1937E	14. Feb 2024 10:49:29 am 26,11345 28,1937E Gautrain Railway Line
Describe area and adjacent land use:	Kelvin A-station dry coal storage area view surrounded by natural veld	Northerly view of the Gautrain railway line from site









#### 7. Verification findings and motivation:

Assessment for specialist st	udies and motiv	vation:			
Screening Tool Specialist Study Required:	Level Sensitivity:	of Suggested Sensitivity:	Required level Assessment	of	Motivation
			None.		The site is located on a property/site that is
	V. 18-1		Compliance Statement		utilised for power generation since the 1960s, the proposed development is not
Agriculture Theme	Very High	Low	Full Assessment		anticipated to impact agricultural resources. A DFFE compliant agriculture/land use land
			Other		capability/soils compliance statement will be undertaken by a suitably qualified specialist.
			None.	$\boxtimes$	The proposed development is located in a
			Compliance Statement		brownfield site whose land use has been power generation. The development site currently has power station infrastructure
Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment	N/A	Low	Full Assessment		including cooling towers, the proposed development is therefore not anticipated to
Assessment			Other		cause any visual/landscape intrusions as the proposed infrastructure is expected to be shorter/smaller than the currently existing power station infrastructure.
	High		None.		A previous heritage assessment was already
			Compliance Statement		completed for the decommissioning project in 2021 on the same site. The only heritage aspects identified in that study relate to the
Archaeological and		Low	Full Assessment		historic structures at the site. It is possible that exemption from the requirements of a
Cultural Theme			Other	x	full HIA will be granted by SAHRA for the CCGT project, and an exemption letter is planned to be submitted to SAHRA in this regard. If exemption is not granted then a full HIA will be undertaken.
			None.		
			Compliance Statement		No impacts on palaeontology are expected as a result of the project. The project is
Palaeontology Theme	Low	Low	Full Assessment		located within a low palaeontology sensitivity area.
			Other		
			None.		A DFFE compliant Terrestrial Biodiversity
Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme	Very High	Unknown	Compliance Statement		compliance statement will be undertaken by a suitably qualified specialist as the proposed
meme			Full Assessment		development is located in a brownfield site with various disturbances.
			Other		
			None.		The nature of the development and
Aquatic Biodiversity	Low	Low	Compliance Statement		components of the development during the construction and operational phases will not pose any risk to aquatic ecosystems and not
goode Stourier Sity			Full Assessment		wetlands are located in or near the proposed site. Therefore no specialist aquatic studies
			Other		will be undertaken.



			None.		The proposed Kelvin Power Station site
			Compliance Statement		situated on the boundary of two quaternary catchments, A21C and A21A, with 97% of the site in quaternary catchment A21C (Juksei
Hydrology Assessment			Full Assessment		River Catchment). An unnamed tributary
	N/A	Low	Other		drains north-west for approximately 1.1km to confluence with the Modderfonteinspruit from the Kelvin Power ash dams where effluent is discharged (downstream of the power station), no impacts on hydrology have been identified as the project is significantly far from any water resources.
			None.		
Noise Assessment	N/A	High	Compliance Statement		The proposed development is neighboured by industrial and residential developments. A
			Full Assessment		DFFE compliant Noise Assessment will be undertaken by a suitably qualified specialist.
			Other		
			None.	$\boxtimes$	The proposed development of a CCGT plant
			Compliance Statement		is not anticipated to cause any significant impacts on traffic. It is anticipated that during construction there may be delivery
<b>T</b>			Full Assessment		trucks bringing in components of the
Traffic Impact Assessment	N/A	Low	Other		proposed plant and increased number of workers traveling to site. However, it is understood that these activities will cause minor disruptions to traffic. The CCGT plant will be fuelled by gas that will be piped to the plant as such, no significant traffic impacts have been identified.
			None.	$\boxtimes$	The proposed CCGT plant will be built in a
			Compliance Statement		brownfield site that is currently being utilized for power generation infrastructure. It is understood that a geotechnical study was
Control Management	NI / A	1	Full Assessment		undertaken for the area previously and
Geotechnical Assessment	N/A	Low	Other		significant no geotechnical risks or issues were identified or have occurred on site, as such, no geotechnical studies have been deemed necessary for this EIA study. Aspects relating to soil erosion will be dealt with in the soils compliance statement.
			None.		
Climate Impact	N/A	Unknown	Compliance Statement		A Climate Impact Assessment will be
Assessment			Full Assessment	$\boxtimes$	undertaken by a suitably qualified specialist.
			Other		
			None.	$\boxtimes$	A full DFFE compliant Air Quality Assessment
Health Impact	N/A	Unknows	Compliance Statement		will be undertaken, and will cover the health risks/aspects associated with the development of the Kelvin Power CCGT
Assessment	N/A	Unknown	Full Assessment		plant. A human health risk and nuisance impact screening assessment based on
			Other		NAAQS and dispersion simulation results will form part of the AQIA.
	N/A	Unknown	None.		

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			Compliance Statement		
Socio-Economic			Full Assessment		A socio-economic study will be undertaken
Assessment			Other		by a suitably qualified specialist.
			None.		
Ambient Air Quality	N/A	Unknown	Compliance Statement		An Air Quality Impact Assessment will be undertaken by a suitably qualified specialist. The ambient air quality will be assessed as
Impact Assessment			Full Assessment		part of the Air Quality Impact Assessment/study.
			Other		/iscomenty study.
			None.		
Air Quality Impact	N/A	Unknown	Compliance Statement		An Air Quality Impact Assessment will
Assessment			Full Assessment	$\boxtimes$	undertaken by a suitably qualified specialist.
			Other		
	Medium		None.		
Plant Species Assessment		Low	Compliance Statement		A DFFE compliant Terrestrial Biodiversity compliance statement will be undertaken by a suitably qualified specialist and will cover
			Full Assessment		the plant species theme.
			Other		
Animal Species Assessment			None.		
	High	Low	Compliance Statement		A DFFE compliant Terrestrial Biodiversity compliance statement will be undertaken by a suitably qualified specialist. The proposed development is located on a brownfield site
			Full Assessment		and is not anticipated to have significant impacts on animal species
			Other		

#### Guidance notes:

- An applicant intending to undertake an activity identified in the scope of this protocol, on a site identified by the screening tool as being of "very high" or "high" sensitivity for terrestrial animal species must submit a Terrestrial Animal Species Specialist Assessment Report.
- An applicant intending to undertake an activity identified in the scope of this protocol on a site identified by the screening tool as being of "medium sensitivity" for terrestrial animal species must submit either a Terrestrial Animal Species Specialist Assessment Report or a Terrestrial Animal Species Compliance Statement, depending on the outcome of a site inspection undertaken in accordance with paragraph 4.
- An applicant intending to undertake an activity identified in the scope of this protocol on a site identified by the screening tool as being of "low" sensitivity for terrestrial animal species must submit a Terrestrial Animal Species Compliance Statement.
- Where the information gathered from the site sensitivity verification differs from the screening tool designation of "very high" or "high", for terrestrial animal species sensitivity and it is found to be of a "low" sensitivity, then a Terrestrial Animal Species Compliance Statement must be submitted.
- Where the information gathered from the site sensitivity verification differs from the screening tool designation of "low" terrestrial animal species sensitivity and it is found to be of a "very high" or "high" terrestrial animal species sensitivity, a Terrestrial Animal Species Specialist Assessment must be conducted.
- If any part of the development falls within an area of confirmed "very high" or "high" sensitivity, the assessment and reporting requirements prescribed for the "very high" or "high" sensitivity, apply to the entire development footprint. Development footprint



in the context of this protocol means, the area on which the proposed development will take place and includes the area that will be disturbed or impacted.