



20th November, 2012.

South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)

P.O. Box 4637,
Cape Town
8000

Attention: Jonathan Sharfman

Dear Jon,

RE: Annual report on *Brederode, Colebrooke, Britannia & Milagros 1686*

Brederode 1785

I would like to make reference to my unanswered request of attached email dated 14/08/2012 and once again appeal to have my existing permit extended.

All of SAHRA's requirements were being met and therefore SAHRA should have no reason as to why the permit should not be extended. Please advise/attend to this matter.

This site remains under great threat from being plundered, with rumours abound of this taking place!

Colebrooke 1778 & Britannia 1826 (Permits due for renewal on the 31 December 2012).

The overburden sand still remains too deep to uncover on both these sights. I am at present keeping a close watch of the sand movement. I hope to go back onto the *Colebrooke* site this coming season.

I would like to continue with these two sites and request that these two permits be renewed (Expiry date 31 December 2011).

I would greatly appreciate if this can be approved and renewed before the expiry date.

Nossa Senhora dos Milagros 1686

I once again repeat my previous annual report regarding this site, which was discovered during May 1999. A pre-disturbance permit was issued to me on the 5th June 2001, before any new policies were adopted by SAHRA or the 'supposed' signing of the UNESCO agreement. At that point in time SAHRA, Museums and myself were in the process of trying to formulate an agreement as to how we would split the artefacts.

Due to the unique nature of the cargo carried by the *Milagros* (presents for Kings), we could not follow the same pattern as we formulated for the *Brederode* and were discussing a similar contract as to that used on the *Grosvenor*.

These discussions never reached a satisfactory answer and while we were still trying to figure out a suitable contract, new policies were adopted by SAHRA as if the UNESCO agreement

had already been ratified. Without any consultation and very little regard for the existing permit holder, the permit was cancelled?

I hereby appeal to your department to renew my permit for the *Milagros*. My work has always been to your department's satisfaction and by issuing me the permits you will be assured that the sites will be protected from illegal activities, that would otherwise destroy their historical and archaeological importance, as well as accredited archaeological excavations being carried out on them.

General News:

1. I made a declaration to SARS with metals salvaged off the *Seafarer* dated 22/06/2012 (R5,208.98 in total).
2. Hettie Lotz and other staff members of the Bredasdorp Museum paid me a visit and I gave them some artefacts for their museum (see attached Bredasdorp Museum letter).

Plans for 2013.

Brederode 1785

This remains my top priority to begin with its excavation.

Colebrooke & Britannia

A close watch shall be kept on the sand movement and should either of them show promising signs of opening up, I shall continue with its excavation.

I hereby request to have my permits extended for these two sites.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and the staff at SAHRA a Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year!

Yours sincerely,



Charles Shapiro cc
T/A Aqua Exploration