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Dear Phillip

EXTENSION OF EXPORT PERMIT 2188 (CaseID9037)

I write to request an extension of the duration of the export permit application referred to above. The initial phase of research on the project to extract, characterise and date lipids from the exported pot sherds has been successful. However, the work is best regarded as a pilot study. It was undertaken by a masters student and her work sought to refine the methodology on a small sample of just 25 sherds. Now that this early success has been attained, her supervisors (Dr Vincent Hare and Dr Thibaut Devière) have applied for research funding to allow for further extraction of lipids followed by dating of the materials.

It is expected that the results of their various funding applications will be made known over the course of the next few months and that, should they be successful, work would be able to continue later in the year. SAHRA will be updated at such time as either the sherds are returned safely to South Africa or a further extension is required to allow continuation of the study.

I have attached a letter from Drs Hare and Devière providing further information.

I thus request a further one year extension to the export permit.

Yours sincerely

Jayson Orton