



University Curator of Fossil and Rock Collections

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Dr Julien Benoit
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Dear Dr Benoit,

Re: Approval for curation of Karoo vertebrate fossils from the farm Tweefontein 508, Bethulie District, Free State, South Africa (Dr Julien Benoit, PI and Prof Roger Smith, Co PI)

In my capacity as University Curator of Fossil and Rock Collections, University of the Witwatersrand, I agree to the curation of fossil material recovered from Orangia, farm Tweefontein 508 (Bethulie District, Free State). GPS coordinates: S30°29'10.7", E26°03'39.8". The first fieldwork, will be carried out in September 2023.

In addition, we require you and the co-permit holder to comply with the following:

- Recovered material must be accessioned/catalogued, and handed over to the ESI as soon as possible after excavation for storage in the collections at least annually.
- Financial provision must be made for any archival materials that may be required for curation of recovered material.
- Updated electronic catalogues must be provided to the curator (at Wits) at least twice a year. These must include storage location information so that specimens may be located within the collections.
- The curatorial staff should be informed of any deviations from these procedures.
- A moratorium will be placed on unpublished material for three years after discovery, plus one year for publication to allow the primary investigators and collaborators to publish. A further three years may be applied for, through the Curator and the Access Advisory should this be required. After this period, the material will be made available for study by other researchers.
- Any additional collaborators, who have been assigned to work on the material at the Wits laboratories or elsewhere, are required to submit a formal access application to the curator at least 30 days prior to the work being carried out.
- After expiry, the permit may be renewed, provided the above are complied with and approved.

I wish you much success with your investigations.

Sincerely

Dr Bernhard Zipfel
University Collections Curator

Cc Dr Sifelani Jirah (Collections Manager: Evolutionary Studies Institute)