# PROPOSED FILMING OF FRANCE 2 AT STERKFONTEIN, SWARTKRANS and SOATWATER NATIONAL HERITAGE SITES / PALAEONTOLOGICAL SITES

# **Introduction:**

I am a reporter with France 2, the main national TV channel in France. I am now directing a report about French geologist, Laurent Bruxelles, Institut Français d'Afrique du Sud, Honorary Research Fellow of Witwatersrand University in Johannesburg. His work on the Little Foot skeleton helped establish the importance of the discovery of the remains in the area of Palaeontology and South Africa as a reference country in the quest for the origins of humankind.

We will be traveling to South Africa with Laurent Bruxelles to document his work there, and how he interacts with South African scientists to move forward the field of Palaeoanthropology.

This 30-minute report will then air in April on France 2, in a program called *Envoyé Spécial*. *Envoyé Spécial* is the flagship current affairs program on France 2. It's been on for over 25 years and has been praised and awarded for the quality of its reporting.

We hope this report will bring more attention to the scientific potential of the site, and will shed light on the collaborative work between French and South African scientists.

#### **Proposed Filming Activities at Sterkfontein, Soetwater and Swartkrans:**

- Filming of the cave where the Little Foot skeleton was discovered, Silberberg Grotto, views and interviews of Dominic Stratford and Laurent Bruxelles
- Filming of the Little Foot skeleton at Wits University, and interview of Prof. Ron Clarke
- Filming of viewscapes of the site of Sterkfontein
- Filming of investigated caves in Swartkrans: views and interviews with Laurent Bruxelles and Matt Caruana.
- Filming in Soetwater caves: views and interviews of Laurent Bruxelles and Dominic Stratford.

All filming on site at Sterkfontein and Swartkrans will be supervised by respective permit holders (Dominic Stratford and Matt Caruna).

(Insert here an overview of the actual proposed filming activities that will take place on the day, e.g., filming of viewscapes, fauna, flora, interviews etc. This information should tie in with the introduction, but should be more detailed).

(In regards to filming of areas of research interest, such as excavations, work areas etc, please state that this will be done under supervision of the site permit holder [see the "Procedure for Filming at Palaeontological Sites in the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site" in this regard]).

**Proposed Dates for Filming at STERKONTEIN and SWARTKRANS:** 

From March 26th 2018 to April 1st 2018

#### **Crew:**

Please note that the following crew will be present at the shoot:

(Insert the names and details of the proposed crew. See below for example):

Wandrille LANOS – Reporter Philippe MAIRE – Cameraman Cédric BAUME – Sound man

# **Equipment List:**

Please note that the following equipment will be present at the shoot:

(Insert the details of the proposed equipment. Please note: only handheld, battery operated equipment is allowed within caves and excavation areas. See below for example):

#### **VIDEO**

- -1 drone Mavic Pro, Marque DJI
- -1 camera FS7 MK2 Sony
- 10 NPS batteries
- 15 cards XQD
- -1 sony Alpha 7sII photocamera
- 1 grip with 2 batteries
- 1 metabone MK IV rim
- 8 mem cards 32G
- 8 batteries
- 2 chargers
- -1 lens 24/105 Canon
- -1 lens 24/70 2,8 Sony
- -1 lens 70/200 2.8 Sony
- -1 lens 16/35 Zeiss
- 1 Varineutre sun filter
- 1 XLR adapter for sound
- 1 sanken cs1
- 1 liaison Wysicom eng Mpr 30 Mtp 40
- 1 plug Wysicol mtb40 s 48v
- 1 micro sanken Cos 11
- 1 monopod
- 1 tripod fsb6 new carbone
- 1 camera light
- 2 LM 200 light panels
- 1 LM 400 light panel
- 1 GoPro 5
- 1 atomos with HDMI cable
- 1 Iro Fusion camera

# **SOUND**

- 1 recorder 663 Sound Device
- 2 Hawkwood
- 1 micro Shoeps hyper cardio with cable for Alfa7 camera; Rycotte with windjammer, Suspension
- 1 HD 25 headphones
- 2 Sennheiser emittor/receiver with sony alfa 7 cable
- 1 Sennheiser MKh 40/shoeps hyper micro
- 4 Sanken capsules

**Battery charger** 

- 4 batteries
- 1 boom microphone
- 3 cables ( 2x5m et 1x10 m)
- SD cards and Compact cards 32G

# **Landowner Permission to Film:**

Permission from the Landowner (Marion Bamford, Wits University) has been obtained. Please see the attached permission included as part of this application.

(Attach approval from the relevant landowner under the Consent Letter item on SAHRIS)

### **Monitoring of Filming Activities:**

STERKFONTEIN Lindsay Marshall Dominic Stratford

SOETWATER

Dominic Stratford

SWARTKRANS Travis Pickering Matt Caruana

Please contact us should you need any further information.

**Kind regards** 

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