



University Curator of Fossil and Rock Collections

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Dr Julien Benoit
Evolutionary Studies Institute, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

Dear Dr Benoit,

Re: Approval for curation of fossils recovered from Oranje, Philippolis District and Oragia (Tweefontein 508) - pending approval of SAHRA permit

In my capacity as Curator of fossil collections at the Evolutionary Studies Institute, the University of the Witwatersrand, I agree to curate fossils recovered from two localities in the Free State Province: Oranje, in the Philippolis District (coordinates: S30°20'32.6", E25°29'32.3"), and Oragia (part of the farm Tweefontein 508), in the Bethulie District (coordinates: S30°29'10.7", E26°03'39.8"). Fieldwork will occur from 23 August 2022 to 2 September 2022, directed by Dr Julien Benoit.

I confirm that the recovered material will be housed at the Evolutionary Studies Institute, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. Curation will be carried out in accordance with the University of the Witwatersrand curatorial policies under the SAHRA rules and conditions of the permit.

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.
- Financial provision must be made for any archival materials that may be required for curation of recovered material.
- Updated electronic catalogues must be sent 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 must 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- A moratorium will be placed on unpublished material for three years after discovery, plus one year for publication to allow the primary investigators and collaborators to publish.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, are required to submit a formal access application to the curator at least 30 days prior to the work being carried out.
- The permit will only be renewed after expiry, provided the above are complied with.

Sincerely

Dr Bernhard Zipfel
University Collections Curator

Cc Dr Sifelani Jirah (Collections Manager: Evolutionary Studies Institute)
Prof Marion Bamford (Director: Evolutionary Studies Institute)