



University Curator of Fossil and Rock Collections

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Dr Tebogo V. Makhubela
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Dear Dr Makhubela,

Re: Permit application by Dr. Tebogo V. Makhubela (Principal Investigator) and Prof. Lee R. Berger (Co-permit holder) for work at the Lefika la Noka tufa site, Cradle of Humankind UNESCO World Heritage Site, Gauteng, South Africa

In my capacity as Curator of fossil collections at the Evolutionary Studies Institute, the University of the Witwatersrand, I agree to curate the material recovered from the Lefika la Noka tufa site, Gauteng.

I confirm that the recovered material will be housed in the fossil and/or geological collections, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. Curation will be carried out in accordance with Wits University curatorial policies and 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 brought to the collections facility as soon as possible after recovery 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- A moratorium will be placed on unpublished material for three years after discovery, plus one year for publication to allow the primary investigators and collaborators to publish.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, are required to submit a formal access application to the curator or assignee at least 30 days prior to the work being carried out.
- The permit will only be renewed after expiry if the above are fully complied with.

Sincerely

Bernhard Zipfel
University Collections Curator

Cc Mr Sifelani Jirah (Collections Manager: ESI)