



3 February 2016

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Re: Permission for destructive sampling for DNA dating, *Homo naledi* hominins – Prof Lee R. Berger

This serves to confirm that the application for minimal destructive sampling of *Homo naledi skeletal* material for purpose of DNA dating, has been approved by the Evolutionary Studies Access Advisory (Loan number 470). I hereby approve the sampling and export of the specimens U.W. 101-1390A, U.W. 101-S1200, U.W. 101-1295, U.W. 101-021, U.W. 101-1214, U.W. 101-064, U.W. 101-136, B U.W. 101-1220, U.W. 101-042, U.W. 101-586, U.W. 101-740, U.W. 101-26,7 U.W. 101-1294, U.W. 101-1220A, U.W. 101-1206 to:

Dr. Svante Pääbo
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The material will be hand carried to the laboratory in Germany and returned by 30 June 2017.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Zipfel'.

Dr. Bernhard Zipfel
University Collections Curator