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The samples for dating from newly excavated materials temporarily held at the Department of Archaeology, University of Cape Town, include the following:

Paternoster 2013:

This is a well-preserved adult male skeleton, excavated and bagged by J.C.Sealy in July, 2013. Age is middle adult, perhaps in his 40s. The context, the condition of the bones and teeth, and the behavioral indicators on the skeleton all suggest Later Stone Age provenience. See Sealy's report on HWC permit case no 130712TS23. The sample is the anterior portion of the right 6th rib, missing its sternal end at time of discovery.



Melkbosstrand, 75 Mostert Rd., currently under excavation by L. Hutten:

These human remains have been unearthed during the past few weeks, with more human remains possible. The contexts and material remains suggest that all are Later Stone Age, but that they were interred in multiple events. I have prepared an osteological report for Ms. Hutten to include in her report to the HWC.

For dating and analysis:

Mostert 75, G8 + H8:

A relatively complete skeleton of a young-mid adult male, rather large for the LSA. The sample is the anterior portion of the left sixth rib.



Mostert 75, F6 + G6:

A relatively complete and less well preserved skeleton of a female who appears to have died in her 30's. The sample is of a fragmentary right rib that is probably a fifth, plus a rib fragment that shows relatively good preservation on its broken edge.



Mostert 75, Q14:

An older female, excavated from a more organic context, which may explain the rather poor condition of the bones. She appears to have been aged 40 to 60 years when she died. The sample is a seventh right rib, chosen because of the mid-sternal ribs the tissue appears to be in the best condition.

