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To: South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)

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Dear SAHRA agent,

I am writing this letter in regards to a loan extension on a small therocephalian fossil from the Iziko South African Museum that I have been preparing and studying, SAM-PK-K8516 (loan 7417). The specimen is indirectly related to my doctoral thesis, and SAM curator Roger Smith and I have plans to describe it together in the near future as it will be important for understanding therocephalian systematics and comes from an undersampled time period (in terms of therocephalian "mammal-like reptile" diversity).

To date, I have used the specimen for measurements, performed some initial preparation on the external skull roof (more needs to be done on the palate and jaws) and included it in my most recent phylogenetic analysis (which will appear in my thesis). As more of my histological analysis and thesis write-up is off my plate, I will be devoting increasing time to the specimen and hope to illustrate it this upcoming academic year. I will be graduating in June 2013 and I can have the specimen returned by the end of 2013.

Please let me know what additional info you need.

Thank you,

-Adam Huttenlocker
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