

**Bioarcheological analysis of the skeletal remains from the Koffiefontein Cemetery, Kimberley, South Africa**

Attention: Elijah Dumisani Katsetse

Dear Elijah

I would like to provide an update on the progress that has been made related to Permit ID:1858. Staff members and students from the University of Pretoria and the University of Witwatersrand participated in the excavating and bioarcheological analysis of skeletal remains found at the Petra Diamonds Mine, Koffiefontein, Free State. Excavations were conducted on two occasions since the last interim report dated 20 February 2023 for CaseID: 181581. The excavations took place in July between 9 to 29 July 2023 and the second excavation took place from mid-September to early October 2023. The staff members and students from both these institutions were involved in the excavating of skeletal remains, surface scanning and photogrammetry of in situ skeletal remains in grave pits, surface scanning of selected skeletal remains and the skeletal analysis of removed skeletal remains. A total of 86 skeletal remains were excavated at the Petra Diamonds Mine, Koffiefontein from these excavations. Most of these individuals had their graves surface scanned and photogrammetry conducted while they were in situ to document their burial positions. Once the remains had been removed from their grave pits they were placed in labelled brown bags which indicate their burial number and the skeletal element found within that brown bag. The brown bags were placed in a box indicating the burial number which corresponds with the burial of the brown bags and once all the various analyses had been concluded. The boxes containing the skeletal remains were placed in secure containers, which are locked at all times, located inside the Petra Diamonds Mine.

Yours sincerely



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