

18 February 2020

## FAO Dr Ragna Redelstorff

Heritage Officer Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites Unit

Dear Ragna,

Re: Extension of Temporary export permit (no.80/10/01/018/62 and ref no.3/4/2/1/4/227) of Karoo vertebrate fossils on display at the Perot Museum of Nature and Science

On behalf of Iziko Museums of South Africa I would like to apply for the renewal of the above mentioned permit for the following specimens on loan to the Perot Museum of Nature and Science since March 2010.

SAM-PK-K010643 Diictodon, SAM-PK-K010378 Lystrosaurus curvatus

I would like to add that these specimens form part of the Perot Museum exhibition. Iziko is still committed to the agreement between Prof Roger Smith (Iziko representative at the time) and the Perot Museum representative Dr Tony Fiorillo, that the loan will be renewable every five years for the duration of the long-term exhibition.

I am in full support of renewing this permit as it enables South African fossils to be displayed in an overseas venue while still maintaining ownership and control by South Africa. Due to South Africa's Heritage legislation, the Perot Museum does not have the option of acquiring ownership or purchasing these fossils.

Yours sincerely,

**Director Collections and Digitisation** 

Mr Paul Tichmann