10 June 2015

Dear Mr Hine,

This letter serves to inform you that the Plio-Pleistocene Palaeontology Section at the Ditsong National Museum of Natural History is in support of the project proposal submitted Dr Frederick E. Grine, in which the proposal request to sample the Tuinplaas (TP1) specimen for ancient DNA.

Dr Grine has an impeccable track record as a scientist in the field of palaeontology. We have utmost certainty that it will be the same for this application. We are therefore requesting that the application for a temporary export permit be considered by SAHRA.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you seek any additional clarity to the above mentioned request.

Kind regards

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