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To Whom It may Concern

I refer to the accompanying application by Dr Keneiloe Molopyane (Principle Investigator) and Prof. Lee R. Berger (co-permit holder), to re-open scientific work at Gladysvale site, which is situated within the John Nash Nature Reserve. The reserve is named after my late father, who met Lee through Prof, Tobias, soon after Lee came to South Africa to further his scientific work. Following Lee's initial commencement of work at Gladysvale, with the enthusiastic support of my father, they had a close friendship over many decades. My father always enjoyed hearing news from Lee of his latest finds, particularly the ground-breaking discoveries that followed later at Malapa.

On behalf of John Nash Nature Reserve I am delighted to confirm that we fully support the re-opening of the Gladysvale site and the proposed work to be undertaken. We will grant the necessary access to the site to Dr Molopyane/Prof. Berger and their associates in order to undertake the permitted work. We look forward to their work adding to the scientific knowledge about the Cradle of Humankind WHS generally and Gladysvale in particular, as we strongly believe that ever-greater scientific research and knowledge about the sites within the WHS, supports our own efforts to conserve and protect a very substantial portion of the core of the WHS.

Yours faithfully



Timothy Nash

Of behalf of John Nash Nature Reserve (Pty) Ltd – landowner, Gladysvale site.