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Cape Archaeological Survey CC

Attention Ms Mary Patrick

Dear Ms Patrick

EXHUMATION OF THE OLD BLACK RIVER CEMETERY AT ERF 33030 ATHLONE

We confirm that, on behalf of the Diocese of Cape Town, you applied for and obtained a permit issued by SAHRA in respect of the above exhumation and the repatriation of the relevant remains to St Mark's Church in Athlone, which permit expires on 14 March 2017.

We have not been able to proceed with this work previously due to unexpected circumstances, but we do now intend going ahead without delay and we confirm that –

- all necessary funds have been set aside to meet the costs of the exhumation, including the removal and re-interment of all remains in the columbarium to be constructed at St Mark's Church, Athlone;
- all plans in respect of the columbarium have been approved by the City of Cape Town;
- the necessary contractors and professionals have been appointed for the construction of the columbarium, the site was recently handed over to the contractor and construction has commenced;
- we confirm that you have agreed to oversee the exhumation of the remains on the Black River Cemetery site in accordance with the terms of the permit issued by SAHRA in your name and that we have appointed you to do so; and
- you have advised that completion of the exhumation will not be completed by 14 March 2017, when the current permit expires, and that it will be necessary to seek an extension of the permit to allow sufficient time.

Please would you take all necessary steps to secure an extension of the above permit and, in anticipation thereof, commence taking such other steps as you may be able to do pending the decision of SAHRA.

In the event that you have any queries regarding your appointment and/or mandate, please would you liaise with Hugh Fichardt who has the authority to represent the Diocese in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Rt Revd Garth Counsell
BISHOP OF TABLE BAY - *on behalf of the Diocesan Trust Board*