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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: CONSENT FOR STORAGE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL MATERIAL AND RECORDS FROM THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION OF LATE IRON AGE STONE WALLED SITES ON THE FARM SHYLOCK 256JQ NEAR RUSTENBURG, NORTH WEST PROVINCE

Dr Julius Pistorius has submitted a proposal to conduct archaeological fieldwork at a Late Iron Age stone-walled settlement on the farm Shylock 256JQ in the Rustenburg Pilanesberg Area (RPA) in the North West Province.

The farm Shylock 256JQ is located west of the Magaliesberg in the North West and is home to a number of stone walled sites which reveal a mix of two different settlement styles, one of which have not been identified and described earlier. Historical information and oral records link the stone walled sites on Shylock 256JQ with the Kwena Modimosana Ramanamela, one of four branches of the Modimosana lineage cluster. The neighbouring stone walled settlements on Zephanjeskraal 251JQ which are currently under investigation is historically associated with the Ramanamela. According to oral records the two groups had close family relationships. This can be seen in the two styles of settlements on Shylock 256JQ

The archaeological research of the Shylock stone walled sites will comprise of the mapping and test excavation of some of the stone walled sites on Shylock 256JQ which exhibit both these two settlement styles with the following objectives:

- To outline the spatial distribution of these stone walled sites west of the Magaliesberg.
- Compile detail ground plans for the different styles that were distinguished by means of surveying and mapping of the sites.
- To identify, describe and to compare the different settlement types which occur on Shylock 256 and Zephanjeskraal 251 with stone walled sites with similar spatial features and compositions such as Roodewal and Selonskraal which are neighbouring farms with large numbers of stone walled sites.
- Scrutinizing available historical and oral accounts to outline and to describe the archaeological and historical identities of these stone walled complexes.
- Excavate settlement components (homesteads/dwelling compounds; enclosures for stock; court areas; middens, etc) of the different settlement types to determine the function and interrelationships of the material culture of these various settlement types with each other and with other settlement styles in the RPA.



- Analyse and compare archaeological and spatial evidence from Shylock 256JQ with ethnographic evidence which outline the settlement layout of Tswana and Nguni settlements to generate possible explanations for the spatial features of the Shylock stone walled settlements.
- Publish the results of the research in accredited journals or a book.

Due to the excavation component of the project the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology at UNISA hereby undertakes to store in our institution the material and records from this project once completed. Regional or inter-provincial relocation will only be considered after all the material has been analysed. The material will be curated under standard museum conditions and preservation protocols.

Please consider this matter for approval.

Kind regards



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