

## Ragna Redelstorff

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**From:** Bernhard Zipfel <Bernhard.Zipfel@wits.ac.za>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 24 March 2020 12:56  
**To:** Ragna Redelstorff  
**Subject:** RE: Permit extensions ID 2874 and 3088  
**Attachments:** 14066 letter\_export\_Thrinaxodon\_exhibition\_Perot\_Museum.pdf; 14066 permit\_export\_Thrinaxodon\_exhibition\_Perot\_Museum.pdf

Dear Ragna,

I almost forgot, we also have a Thrinaxodon specimen that travelled to the Perot Museum exhibition together with the hominin material for which you extended the permit. This was issued on a separate permit ID 2976 (attached). The same extension of the permit applies to this specimen. Also as a result of the travel ban due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the specimen cannot be brought back to South Africa at this time. An extension to the end of 2020 would be appreciated. My apologies for the oversight.

Kind regards,  
Bernhard

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**From:** Ragna Redelstorff [mailto:rredelstorff@sahra.org.za]  
**Sent:** 24 March 2020 12:36 PM  
**To:** Bernhard Zipfel  
**Cc:** Lee Berger; Bonita De Klerk  
**Subject:** RE: Permit extensions ID 2874 and 3088

Dear Bernhard,

Considering the imminent lockdown and the end of financial year looming I have used your emails as a formal request, which the manager approved of. Please see the amended permits attached to your applications:  
<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/perot-museum-nature-and-science-wits-hominin-exhibition>  
<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/age-death-malapa-hominin-1>

Kind regards, stay safe,  
Ragna

Please note that due to the Corona virus outbreak I will frequently be working from home so will not be available via my office phone. I am still available via email and on SAHRIS.

Please also note the following vacancy at SAHRA for an **APM Heritage Officer**:  
<https://www.careerjunction.co.za/jobs/view/2360862/heritage-officer-archaeology-palaeontology-and-meteorites-in-zonnebloem-western-cape-at-the-south-african-heritage-agency-sahra>  
Closing date: **Tuesday, the 31st March 2020. By C.O.B at 5pm.**

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**From:** Bernhard Zipfel <Bernhard.Zipfel@wits.ac.za>  
**Sent:** Friday, 20 March 2020 15:00  
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**Cc:** Lee Berger <Lee.Berger@wits.ac.za>; Bonita De Klerk <Bonita.DeKlerk@wits.ac.za>  
**Subject:** RE: Permit extensions ID 2874 and 3088

Dear Ragna,

Thank you, I will do so.

All the best,  
Bernhard

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**From:** Ragna Redelstorff [<mailto:rredelstorff@sahra.org.za>]  
**Sent:** 20 March 2020 02:55 PM  
**To:** Bernhard Zipfel  
**Cc:** Lee Berger; Bonita De Klerk  
**Subject:** RE: Permit extensions ID 2874 and 3088

Dear Bernhard,

It's a pleasure. Please don't forget to upload the formal letters first so I can extend the permits.

All the best,  
Ragna

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**From:** Bernhard Zipfel <[Bernhard.Zipfel@wits.ac.za](mailto:Bernhard.Zipfel@wits.ac.za)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 19 March 2020 12:00  
**To:** Ragna Redelstorff <[rredelstorff@sahra.org.za](mailto:rredelstorff@sahra.org.za)>  
**Cc:** Lee Berger <[Lee.Berger@wits.ac.za](mailto:Lee.Berger@wits.ac.za)>; Bonita De Klerk <[Bonita.DeKlerk@wits.ac.za](mailto:Bonita.DeKlerk@wits.ac.za)>  
**Subject:** Re: Permit extensions ID 2874 and 3088

Dear Ragna,

I am glad to hear that you have a good grip on things. We are also doing our best with social distancing, even though it is difficult at times.

Thank you so much for taking care of the permit so quickly. Much appreciated!!

We shall do so; piling up that toilet paper :-). You also stay stay safe.  
Kind regards,  
Bernhard

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**From:** Ragna Redelstorff <[rredelstorff@sahra.org.za](mailto:rredelstorff@sahra.org.za)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:25 AM  
**To:** Bernhard Zipfel <[Bernhard.Zipfel@wits.ac.za](mailto:Bernhard.Zipfel@wits.ac.za)>  
**Cc:** Lee Berger <[Lee.Berger@wits.ac.za](mailto:Lee.Berger@wits.ac.za)>; Bonita De Klerk <[Bonita.DeKlerk@wits.ac.za](mailto:Bonita.DeKlerk@wits.ac.za)>  
**Subject:** RE: Permit extensions ID 2874 and 3088

Dear Bernhard,

All is well so far, social distancing appears to work well. I hope the same is true for Joburg.

I am happy to extend the permits if you could please upload formal letters to the applications in question so that we have it on record on SAHRIS:

<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/perot-museum-nature-and-science-wits-hominin-exhibition>  
<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/age-death-malapa-hominin-1>

Stay safe, sanitise and don't panic buy toilet paper :)  
Kind regards,

Ragna

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**From:** Bernhard Zipfel <[Bernhard.Zipfel@wits.ac.za](mailto:Bernhard.Zipfel@wits.ac.za)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 18 March 2020 17:53  
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**Cc:** Lee Berger <[Lee.Berger@wits.ac.za](mailto:Lee.Berger@wits.ac.za)>; Bonita De Klerk <[Bonita.DeKlerk@wits.ac.za](mailto:Bonita.DeKlerk@wits.ac.za)>  
**Subject:** Permit extensions ID 2874 and 3088

Dear Ragna,

I hope that you are well and staying safe. The world has certainly changed since we last communicated.

As you would have guessed, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the trip for returning the Perot Museum exhibition fossils back to South Africa has been cancelled (Permit ID 2874), as well as the trip to France where Lee was going to take some material to the synchrotron scanner (Permit ID 3088).

Due to these unforeseen circumstances, we request an extension of **Permit ID 2874** to December 2020. We hope to collect the fossils before that, but as you know, everything is currently unpredictable. The fossils will continue to be exhibited at the Perot Museum in Dallas (which has also temporarily closed its doors) and we have no concerns about their safety and they are in good hands.

In terms of **Permit ID 3088**, the fossils have obviously not left the country yet, but the permit is valid till end of August. If Prof Berger is unable to get to France before the permit expires, I will request an extension/re-issue of that permit with new dates.

Please let me know if you require a formal letter or changes on the SAHRIS system.

Stay safe and stay healthy,

Kind regards,  
Bernhard

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