

an agency of the Department of Arts and Culture

20 November 2020

Dr Ragna Redelstorff
Heritage Officer Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites Unit
South African Heritage Resources Agency
111 Harrington Street
PO Box 4637, Cape Town
8000, South Africa

Dear Ragna,

Re: Permit application for the thin-sectioning of Giraffid teeth from Langebaanweg.

After careful consideration, I grant permission to the applicants for the histological sectioning and analysis of the selected specimens from our Langebaanweg collection (list attached).

The applicants have requested to conduct thin-sectioning of the 20 teeth (M1 and M3) to gain insight into the life history traits of the two extinct Giraffid taxa at Langebaanweg. They have selected only isolated teeth and their selection will not majorly impact our collection, as we have a multitude of the same type of teeth. Their request to conduct destructive analysis has been thoroughly reviewed by us and this sample will not greatly affect the prospect of future research on the collection.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Paul Tichmann

Director: Collections and Digitisation

ptichmann@iziko.org.za