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Dear Dr Backwell

**PERMIT:** No.80/09/02/003/51

I attach as requested a permit for continued excavations at Heelbo 1, a Holocene bone bed site near Senekal in the eastern Free State. We note the aim of continued excavation is to verify suggestions from previous excavations that the bone bed represents four wildebeest mass death assemblages that accumulated in the Holocene following droughts.

The SAHRA APM Unit wishes you every success with the project.

Yours sincerely

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