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## Letter

### In terms of Section 32(19) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mrs Zaituna Erasmus  
Iziko: South African Museum  
25 Queen Victoria Street  
Cape Town  
8000

**Export of these specimens to Germany is requested both because of the protracted duration of the proposed research projects (1 year) and in order to utilize European facilities for specimen scanning. Digital scans of these specimens are of vital importance for the proposed work, particularly in order to study the internal anatomy of these specimens without causing any physical damage to the fossils.. For example, conclusive determination of whether the braincase elements of SAM-PK-K011409 are fused or unfused will be impossible without detailed scans.**

Dear Ms. Z. Erasmus and Dr. R. Smith,

Thank you for your application to temporarily export two dicynodont specimens from the Late Permian near Graaff Reinett in the Eastern Cape for digital scanning and possibly neutron scanning in two facilities in Berlin, Germany. The objects are accessioned by the Iziko Museums of South Africa in Cape Town. SAHRA has reviewed the application and has decided to approve it.

We wish you every success with this project.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/368572>

**Terms & Conditions:**

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.