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## Letter

### In terms of Section 27(18) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Dr Dominique Gommery  
CNRS - Human Evolution  
UPR 2147 of CNRS  
44 Rue de l'Amiral Mouchez  
75014, Paris, France

**The permit is issued for collection of breccias, sediments and fossils, and excavation at Brad Pits karstic complex (BPB A & BPB), Milo Caves karstic complex (MA & MB), Waypoint 160 (WP) and Bridge Cave (BC), as well as the continued preparation of the backlog from AL, FD, UMA & UMB and XC. Bolt's Farm, Sterkfontein 173 IQ (portion 32), Gauteng (9/2/233/0032).**

Dear Dr Gommery, Mr. Kgasi and Dr Brink,

Thank you for your permit application to excavate at Klinkert's, on Bolt's Farm, Sterkfontein 173 IQ (portion 32), within the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site. Excavations are proposed to take place at Brad Pit A (SW corner); Brad Pit B (E and S corners); Waypoint 160 (main entrance, remove dump); Milo A (W side); Milo B (N side) and Bridge Cave (exposed material of the "Panthera spot" of the "Panthera infill"). It is noted that, because of the risk of degradation due to rainfall, Prof. B. Kuhn and his wife, both experienced speleologists, will be in charge of the Bridge Cave excavation. It is understood that the Femur Dump will not be excavated but maintained only. Previously excavated X Cave material will be analysed for fossils and sterile breccia blocks will be discarded.

The items requested in a letter from 13 October 2017 by SAHRA have been addressed in an amended, excellent proposal. SAHRA has reviewed your application and decided to approve it. The permit is valid until 31 December 2020.

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.

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Yours faithfully

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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/407490>

**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.