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Letter

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

Attention: Dr Matthias Meyer

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Through the analyses of sediment from Klipdrift Cave (KDC), Klipdrift Shelter (KDS), and Blombos Cave (BBC), we propose to identify hominin groups and lineage assignments using sediment samples and, when possible, generate nuclear genomic data.

Dear Dr C. Henshilwood and Dr M. Meyer,

Thank you for your application to permanently export 24 sediment samples from Klipdrift Cave, Klipdrift Shelter and Blombos Cave, Western Cape Province, for DNA analysis at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany. 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

Ragna Redelstorff

Heritage Officer

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- 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.