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Letter

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

Attention: Prof. Michael Chazan
University of Toronto - Anthropology
Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto, 19 Russell St., Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2S2
Canada

Excavation 1 at Wonderwerk Cave preserves a unique sequence spanning the entire Earlier Stone Age and Later Stone Age. Developing a robust absolute chronology for this sequence will provide an essential timescale for the region. Export of macrofauna for dating the LSA sequence and speleothems for completing dating of the ESA sequence is requested. Permission is also requested for export of faunal isotopes, sediment isotopes, OES isotopes, microfauna, and micromorphology to develop insight into the ecological context of human evolution.

Dear Dr Chazan,

Thank you for your application to temporarily export micromorphology blocks and permanently export sediment samples from Excavation 1 at Wonderwerk Cave, Northern Cape Province for isotope, microfaunal and micromorphological analysis at Department of Earth Science, University of Toronto, Canada; Institut für Ur- und Frühgeschichte, Christian-Albrechts-Universität, Kiel, Germany; Department of Archaeology, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, Canada; Department of Archaeology, Boston University, US; and National Natural History Collections, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel. The permit is valid until 31 December 2020.

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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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/530663>

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.