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Dear Dr Binneman

**PERMIT:** 80/05/01/012/51

I attach as requested a permit to exhume the grave of King Mgolombane Sandile Ngqika of the amaRharhabe Nation at Ezidenge in the Stutterheim Magisterial District, who died in 1878 during the war of Ngcayichibi. The exhumation will verify whether the body does have a head or not as well as allowing a dignified and royal reburial in situ. SAHRA has been informed that King Maxhobayakhawuleza Sandile of the amaRharhabe and his Royal Council support this process. It is very important that all stakeholders have been fully consulted before the exhumation and reburial. We would appreciate it if Mr Thanuxolo Lungile of the SAHRA Eastern Cape office could be informed when the process of investigating the grave will be undertaken.

SAHRA wishes you every success with the process.

Sincerely

Mrs Mary Leslie  
SAHRA: Manager of the Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit  
For CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER