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## Letter

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

Attention: Dr Jonah Nathaniel Choiniere  
Evolutionary Studies Institute  
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Private Bag 3, WITS 2050

**This proposal seeks permission to export 21 craniodental specimens of five gomphodont cynodont genera: *Massetognathus*, *Diademodon*, *Trirachodon*, *Procynosuchus*, and *Scalenodontoides* to the ESRF facility in France for synchrotron scanning of their tooth roots. This scanning will determine the ontogenetic age of each erupted tooth, in order to assess tooth replacement strategies in these close relatives of mammals. Gauteng Province.**

Dear Prof J Choiniere,

Thank you for your application to temporarily export 21 specimens of five genera of gomphodont cynodonts for synchrotron scanning at the ESRF facility in Grenoble, France. It is noted that two of the specimens (BP/1/5538 and BP/1/5540) are already in the UK under SAHRA Export Permit #2797. It must be noted that Export Permit #2797 expired 31 January 2020, and as such all specimens, including BP/1/5538 and BP/1/5540, must be returned to the ESI under this export permit.

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/538277>

## 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.