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Letter

In terms of Section 35(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Dr Roger Smith

Iziko: South African Museum

P.O. Box 61

Cape Town 8000

This multidisciplinary, international collaborative project is aimed at excavating and studying a 70 million year old lake deposit buried beneath the Kalahari Fm. sands of the Northern Cape near Marydale. Initially discovered by diamond prospectors at least 40 years ago it has since been shown to have accumulated in an extinct volcanic crater and has great potential to yield fossils of diverse aquatic and terrestrial fauna and flora, dating back to the Late Cretaceous. This proposed 3 -5 year project will initially investigate the known deposit on the farm StompOor 109 and, if successful, it will include other possible crater lake occurrences in the area.

Dear Dr R Smith,

Thank you for your application.

In order to avoid trespassing or other legal disputes between the parties involved, i.e. SAHRA excavation permit holder and a prospecting permit holder, we would like to ask you to submit a letter or email from the prospector that they are aware of the proposed excavations occurring and there will be an agreement regarding access between the parties.

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: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/550591>

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.