Developing a Chronology for the Wonderboom Acheulian site

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Letter of Advice

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

Attention: Dr Matthew V. Caruana

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The Wonderboom Acheulian site is located within the Magalieberg Mountain range (east of the Pretoria city center), which was first discovered and excavated in the 1950's. Mason (1957, 1958) reported on the site and suggested that its position next to a poort in the Magalieberg range was potential evidence of that Acheulian hominins were using this feature as a hunting blind for passing animal herds that were bottle-necked within the pass. We propose to date the site in effort to raise its scientific significance and eventually launch a re-investigation of its artefact assemblages.

Dear Matthew,

RE: Developing a Chronology for the Wonderboom Acheulian Site

Thank you for your permit application for research at the Wonderboom Acheulian Site in the Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality.

Kindly note that you attached two consent letters from the municipality. SAHRA has received your application and request that you provide the following outstanding documents:

1. Letter from the accessioning institution expressing an agreement to house materials from the site.

Best wishes,

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Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

Elijah Dumisani Katsetse

Heritage Officer

South African Heritage Resources Agency

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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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Direct URL to case: https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/553643

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.