# Drilling and excavation at the Lefika la Noka tufa site, Cradle of Humankind UNESCO World Heritage Site, Gauteng, South Africa

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#### Letter

## In terms of Section 27(18) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Dr Tebogo Vincent Makhubela

University of the Witwatersrand - Centre for the Exploration of the Deep Human Journey

62 Ripley Road,

University of Johannesburg,

Department of Geology,

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Auckland Park Kingsway Campus,

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Permit for geological drilling and sampling, and initial archaeological and palaeontological excavations to systematically study the Lefika la Noka site and incorporate it into the well recorded and studied fossil sites of the Cradle. This project will acquire an extensive dataset that has the potential of expanding our knowledge of palaeo-climate and palaeo-environments of the Cradle and the interior of southern Africa in a critical period. The site is in the North West Province.

Dear Dr Tebogo Makhubela,

Thank you for your permit application to drill and excavate at the Lefika la Noka tufa site within the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site. It is noted that the drill cores will be stored at the Centre for the Exploration of the Deep Human Journey (University of the Witwatersrand) and any fossils and archaeological artefacts will be stored at the ESI (University of the Witwatersrand).

SAHRA has reviewed your application and decided to approve it. The permit is valid until 31 December 2024.

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: https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/587871

### 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.