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Letter

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

Attention: Dr Michael Toffolo

Centro Nacional de Investigación sobre la Evolución Humana

Proposed excavation of the sedimentary deposits at the Lombards Drift spring, Horse Camp portion of the Soetdoring Nature Reserve, Free State (landowner: Free State DESTEA). The primary goal of the research is to reconstruct Pleistocene environments based on plant proxies, and assess the age of the deposits by luminescence dating. In addition, the excavation is aimed at probing the archaeological and fossil potential of the spring.

Dear Drs Lloyd Rossouw and Michael Toffolo,

Thank you for your permit application to excavate at Lombards Drift spring, Soetdoring Nature Reserve, Free State Province.

SAHRA has reviewed your application and decided to approve it. The permit is valid until 31 May 2026.

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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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.