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Letter

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

Attention: Ms Cynthia Larbey

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This project aims to analyse early modern human exploitation of plants for food, medicine and raw materials at Klasies River Main Site. We will be using multi-disciplinary analyses on a) three grindstones that were excavated from Cave 1A in 2015 and b) sediments taken through hearth features. The aim of this research is to understand how early modern humans exploited plants to increase their plasticity in adaptation to changing climates and environments.

Dear Dr Sarah Wurz and Dr Cynthis Larbey,

Thank you for your application to temporarily export three grindstones from Klasies River National Heritage Site for FTIR/Micro-FTIR, residue and use-wear analyses at the Ca'Foscari University of Venice. Kindly upload a consent letter from the accessioning institution, i.e. Iziko Museum in Cape Town.

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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Heritage Officer

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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.