



## Final Decision

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

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### Renewed scientific investigations at the Taung World Heritage Site.

Thank you for the proposed plan of work at Taung submitted to SAHRA on 1 August 2013 via email.

Firstly, SAHRA would like to thank you for your patience during this process. SAHRA recognises that the work you are doing is significant for providing further understanding of this significant site. Thank you also for the additional clarity provided regarding the extent of sites of heritage significance within the Taung complex.

To this end, SAHRA accepts the Final Report submitted by you on 13 June 2013 via email as satisfactory. Once again, please accept my sincere apologies for the administrative error that resulted in the initial permit report from 2011 not being filed correctly.

As indicated previously, the lack of guidelines for permit reports is noted and this, along with the identified intellectual property right issues are currently being discussed. A way forward will soon be communicated to all concerned.

### Decision

Based on the information received and the proposed plan of work provided, SAHRA APM HOB Committee has agreed to issue you a permit for the following work;

- Sampling and excavation of Black Earth Cave and analysis of this material.
- Recovery of previously excavated material from a fossil dump resulting excavations by Wits from 1988 to 1992.

This permit is valid from 1 June 2013 to 31 August 2014.

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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**ADMIN:**

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