



Letter

In terms of Section 35(4) 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 your letter requesting the renewal of Permit No. 80/09/10/028/51

In your letter and subsequent emails, you indicate that completed fieldwork has consisted of taking geological samples and cores from the Dart and Hrdlicka Pinnacles, as well as a test excavation at Equus Cave Site which was found to contain evidence of a possible human occupation site.

In your renewal letter, you indicate that in future field seasons, you would like to "open up" Black Earth Cave and conduct test excavations on the large mammal deposit at the Oxland Tufa, at Quinney Cave, at Peabody Pinnacle and at Berger Cave.

The original permit granted by SAHRA in June 2010 was for;

- The mapping of breccias etc., as well as sampling of breccias pockets, speleothems, tufas and of faunal material in the collections for dating by U-Pb and palaeomagnetic methods
- As well as for test excavations at Dart's, Hrdlicka's and Equus Sites and the limestone tufas (plans for any extensive excavation must be discussed with and approved by SAHRA before hand)

In order for SAHRA to consider the renewal of the above permit, more information is required that has not been included in the submitted permit report (2012). Please can you provide the following;

- A clear map of the relative location of all the identified sites, caves, tufas and breccias including the position of the samples taken.
- Photographs and description of the samples taken and the fieldwork conducted
- A report from the test excavation
- A copy of the publication describing the results of your analyses once published

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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