



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 the information submitted via email on 7 May 2013. This information has not been loaded onto SAHRIS as per your request for confidentiality.

As per the previous email from SAHRA dated 24 April 2013, additional information was required in order to process your request for renewal including;

- 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

The submitted documentation goes some way to satisfying this request for additional information, however some concerns are raised. The map submitted was copied out of an existing publication. Due to the poor resolution of this copy, we were unable to identify any of the names of sites on this map. Also, no reference was provided as to the origin of this map. The relative locations requested were not included on the map.

The report from the test excavation at Equus Cave does not provide an adequate description of the work done. SAHRA is less concerned with what was found, and is more concerned with the methodology used. Field notes, measurements and sketches of excavations are part of the standard protocol for conducting archaeological work. It is therefore concerning that no map can be produced of the excavation site "as the results of the test excavations at Equus Cave are still in the analysis stage."

In order for SAHRA to consider the renewal of the above permit, more information is required that has not yet been included in the submissions received to date. Please can you provide the following;





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- A clear map of the relative location of all the identified sites, caves, tufas and breccias including the position of the samples taken.
 - A report from the test excavation that details the methodology used, the depth of the excavation, the stratigraphy etc.
 - 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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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/111320>

