



## Letter

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

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### **A comprehensive, 3-year archaeological fieldwork-based exploration of the Oorlogskloof Nature Reserve and surrounding area, including the Bokveld escarpment and Klein Koebee River Valley.**

Thank you for the above permit application. It is noted that the proposed project will incorporate locating and recording of rock art, test excavations and associated analysis, and the collecting of relevant oral histories from the region.

Please note that no archaeological permitting in terms of Section 35(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) is required for locating and recording rock art, or for the collection of relevant oral histories. However, a permit in terms of Section 35(4) is required for test excavations and associated analysis of archaeological sites.

Also, please note that SAHRA will not issue an excavation permit for such a large area. Rather, excavation permits are granted on a site by site basis unless sufficient motivation is provided for a broader permit.

As such, it is recommended that the proposed survey to locate and record rock art, and the collection of oral histories, proceeds without a permit from SAHRA on condition that no archaeological resources are damaged during this process.

Please provide SAHRA with the results of this survey for the National Inventory of heritage resources as is required in terms of Section 39(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999). This can be done through the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS).

Once sites suitable for excavation have been identified, it is recommended that site specific excavation permits are applied for. For any sites located within the Northern Cape, an application for an excavation permit must be submitted to SAHRA. For any sites located within the Western Cape, an application for an excavation permit must be submitted to Heritage Western Cape (Mr T. Smuts 021 483 9543).

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully





Our Ref: Permit: Oorlogskloof Archaeological Project

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