



Letter

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

Attention: Dr Dominic Stratford
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This application is for the renewal of the excavation permit at the stone tool-bearing site of Maropeng, near Krugersdorp, Gauteng. The application is to finish the excavations and intrusive research at the site which has been conducted under my direction for the last three years. Three excavations are open and are at the final stages of research. The next permit period will see the field work completed and the analysis of the lithic assemblage carried out culminating in a research publication.

Dear Dr Stratford,

Re: Stratford, D., February 2014. Research Report for the site of Maropeng (SAHRA permit number 80/11/02/008/51)

SAHRA has received and assessed your permit report submitted in February 2014 in accordance to Condition 5 of the original permit and as supporting documentation for the application for renewal of the permit.

SAHRA wishes to acknowledge that your permit report complies with most of the current requirements of the heritage authority in terms of permit reports.

SAHRA understands that four excavations were undertaken in proximity of the Maropeng Interpretation Centre, M1, M2, M3 and South Pit. Results from the excavations confirmed the site formation model and identified the area currently below the ticketing and reception area as the most dense in terms of material, which then formed most of the dump area. The discrepancy between the material found on the surface and the material found in the dump site was also resolved.

SAHRA recommends that

- As mentioned in the report, Dr Stratford and the management of Maropeng compile a plan for the management of the excavation on site to be kept open as showcase. SAHRA would like to suggest that a board be erected in proximity of the excavation to educate visitors about the excavation and its



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significance.

- SAHRA is also concerned about the conservation of the excavation and suggests that measures are put in place to preserve it as necessary.
- The interim report be amended to include:

1. accurate scale drawings of the stratigraphy of the four sites
2. results and analyses (with descriptions or frequency tables of the various objects excavated or removed. This may be submitted to SAHRA along with the next interim report when the analyses on the excavated material is completed.

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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