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## Letter

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

Attention: Dr Alexander Antonites  
University of Pretoria - Anthropology and Archaeology  
Human Sciences Building 8-22  
Pretoria

**LE6 and LE7 are adjacent Early Iron Age sites on the bank of the Letaba River in the Kruger National Park. Both were identified in 1977 and have not been visited by an archaeologist since 1990. A new site visit was conducted in 2021. From this it became clear that the sites has significant research potential to address research questions on early farming communities of the region. However, urgent rescue and mitigation actions are needs to be implemented due to active erosion exposing significant archaeological features. The permit request is for archaeological research by means of excavation and collection of surface material. Field research will be conducted in two phases: - Phase 1 aim to rescue of exposed material and deposits in danger of being destroyed and/or washed away by erosion. - Phase 2 will concentrate on conducting fine grained excavation based on clear research goals. The sites are located in the Kruger National Park, Letaba Ranger Section, Limpopo Province.**

Dear Dr. Antonites,

### **RE: Excavation of LE6 and LE7 Early Iron Age Sites**

Thank you for your permit application for archaeological research on Sites LE7 and LE7 on the banks of the Letaba River in the Kruger National Park, Mpumalanga Province. SAHRA has successfully reviewed and approved your application. Kindly note that your permit is valid until 31 August 2021.

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: <https://sahrissahra.org.za/node/578696>

## Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.