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## Letter

### In terms of Section 32(19) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Dr David Morris  
McGregor Museum  
Atlas Street  
Kimberley, 8300

**Proposed temporary export of stone handaxe to the Bard Graduate Center, New York: The Bard Graduate Center, New York, requests temporary loan the re-knapped handaxe SPL 97 St 9 from Wonderwerk Cave for an exhibition on the subject of conservation. The BGC wishes to ground the modern discipline of conservation in a universal 'preservation' theme, opening the show with a 'deep history' object reflecting the long human effort to repair and reuse objects. As described by Michael Chazan (2015) the SPL 97 St 9 re-knapped handaxe illustrates this phenomenon. The exhibition runs from February to July 2022. The McGregor Museum's CEO has approved the loan including transport by courier after discussion on this point with SAHRA (Emails to be provided is requested). The museum therefore applies for a temporary export permit for the loan to be made.**

Dear Prof. Morris,

### **RE: Wonderwerk Cave Temp Export of Handaxe to Bard Graduate Center**

Thank you for your permit application for the temporary export of a re-knapped handaxe (SPL 97 St 9) to the Bard Graduate Center, New York for, United States of America for an exhibition on the theme "conserving active matter". The exhibition will begin on 25 February 2022 and conclude on 10 July 2022. SAHRA has successfully reviewed your application and approved it. Kindly note your permit is valid until 31 August 2022.

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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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/587521>

**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.