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## Letter

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

Attention: Courtney Hopper

University of Toronto - Anthropology

**Spitzkloof D Rockshelter in the Northern Cape Province is a recently excavated (permit #2957) inland site with a potentially long occupational record that may capture the early adoption of herding by foragers living in a challenging environment. The successful excavation during our 2019 field season recovered a large number and variety of artifacts which are now being analyzed. Thus the next step is to radiocarbon date the site in order to situate it within the timeline for the adoption of herding in Namaqualand.**

Dear Courtney,

**RE: Radiocarbon Dating of Faunal Material from Spitzkloof D Rock Shelter.**

Thank you for your permit application for radiocarbon dating of faunal material from Spitzkloof D Rock Shelter, Northern Cape. SAHRA has successfully reviewed your application and approved it. Kindly note that your permit is valid until 30 November 2023.

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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Elijah Dumisani Katsetse  
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## ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/602827>

## 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.