

Export of geological, microfaunal, and microdebitage from Stratum 12 'Bench' Excavation

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Letter

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

Attention: Prof. Michael Chazan
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Canada

The scope of the analysis is to learn about site formation processes, the nature of fire and human activities in the ESA deposits of Excavation 1 at Wonderwerk cave. The particular focus is a small area from Stratum 12 which has been excavated in 2016-2017 using high precision excavation methods, along with a smaller number of reference samples from excavation of Stratum 10 at the south end of Excavation 1. Analyses include micromorphology and FTIR on blocks of sediment, rock fragments, and loose sediment, FTIR microscopy on microfauna, and microscopic analysis of microdebitage.

Dear Prof. Chazan,

Thank you for your permit application to temporarily export 50 archaeological samples from stratum 12, Wonderwerk Cave national heritage site, for analyses at the Geoarchaeology lab of Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, Canada.

SAHRA has reviewed your application and decided to approve it.

We wish you every success with this project.

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

Yours faithfully

Phillip Hine

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