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Letter

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

Attention: Dr MH Alex Schoeman

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Thin walled pottery and cattle remains at Welgelgen Shelter (Schoonraad & Beaumont 1971) and geometric art near Bethal (Ouzman 2009; Nel 2013; Maseko 2021) might be hunter-gatherer thin ware (see Sadr & Sampson 2006), related to the earlier spread of pastoralists mooted by Smith and Ouzman (2004; also see Sadr 2015), or it might relate to the use of the site by Early Iron Age farmers around 1200 AD. My team's research aims to clarify the sequence for the arrival of livestock in northeastern South Africa. My excavations at Welgelgen Shelter form part of this pursuit.

Dear Prof. Schoeman,

RE: Welgelgen Shelter Re-Excavation

Thank you for your permit application for archaeological excavation at the Welgelgen Shelter on Portion 2 of the Farm Welgelgen 107 IT, Mpumalanga Province. SAHRA has reviewed your application and decided to approve it. Please note your permit is valid until 31 July 2024.

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

Yours faithfully

Elijah Dumisani Katsetse

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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.