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## **Letter**

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

Attention: Dr Michaela Ecker  
University of Kiel  
Institut für Ur- und Frühgeschichte  
Christian-Albrechts-Universität  
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**This application is for stable isotope samples from the archaeological site of Pniel 6. Two different materials are exported, herbivore tooth enamel and sediment samples. Please see attached document for details.**

Dear Dr Morris and Dr Ecker,

### **RE: Export of stable isotope samples from the archaeological site Pniel 6, Northern Cape**

Thank you for your request to extend your SAHRA issued permit to continue with the permanent export of 23 enamel samples (5 mg per specimen) from the Beaumont collection (McGregor Museum) and 3 x 300g sediment samples taken from excavation buckets from the excavations carried out under a SAHRA Permit 2916 at Pniel 6. The parameters of the study have not changed and the McGregor Museum has confirmed its support for the continuation and extension of the permit. SAHRA notes that the analysis will be done at the Leibniz Laboratory for Stable Isotope Research, University of Kiel.

This work was previously impeded by the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020. The work will resume with the sampling of the material in July 2022 in South Africa in preparation for export. The material will be hand carried to Germany by Dr. Michaela Ecker. This letter serves as authorisation for the continuation of the work until 31 July 2023. Conditions set in the issued permit (3041) are still application and must be adhered to. A permit report must now be submitted at the completion of the study on or before 31 July 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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## ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/526867>

## 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.