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Letter of Advice

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

Attention: Willem Hutten

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To archaeologically investigate the Skirmish of Zwartkopjes (1845) and the Battle of Boomplaats (1848). The archaeological investigation will involve the accurate recording of battle-related archaeological material identified through the use of metal detectors. The sites to be investigated will be the farms Boomplaats 540 and Excelsior 284 for the Battle of Boomplaats and Zwartkopjes 86 for the Skirmish at Zwartkopjes.

Dear Willem,

RE: The Battles of Boomplaats and Zwartkopjes

Thank you for your permit application to conduct research on the archaeology of conflict on a colonial frontier focusing on the encounters in the Orange River Sovereignty in the 1840s looking at the Battles of Zwartkopjes (1845) and Bloomplaats (1848) on Farms Excelsior 284, Bloompaats 540, and Zwartkopjes 86. SAHRA has reviewed your application and requests that you provide the following:

1. A detailed methodology on the excavation component of the methodology and how this will link to the use of metal detectors. How will you remove material from the ground once detected i.e. shovel spits or systematic excavation etc..
2. Add Farms Bloomplaats 540 and Zwartkopjes 86 to site references as you have done with Excelsior 286.

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

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Yours faithfully

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