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Letter of Advice

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

Attention: Justin Bradfield
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WITS, 2050

This proposal is for permission to undertake chemical analysis of purported medicines and poisons. Approximately 10 mg of residue from inside purported medicine horn containers housed at the Ditsong Museum of Culture History and an equivalent amount of purported poison from Kruger Cave that was collected in 1983 needs to be removed for analysis. Both collections are housed in Gauteng Province.

Dear Prof J. Bradfield,

RE: GC-MS Analysis of Medicine Horns and Poison Quiver

Thank you for your permit application to sample medicine horns and quivers from the Wits Archaeology Department and Ditsong National Museum of Cultural History respectively. SAHRA has reviewed your application and request that you provide the following in order to assist with processing your application:

1. Kindly provide letters from both curating institutions that include accession numbers for objects to be sampled.
2. Indicate where the sampling will be done and by whom. Also indicate where the analysis will be done. If the analysis will be done overseas, kindly update your application to include the export of these samples.

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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