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## Letter of Advice

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

Attention: Prof. Lyn Wadley  
School of Geography, Archaeology and Environmental Studies  
University of Witwatersrand  
Private Bag 3, Wits

**Excavation of Woodstock Rock Shelter, Waterberg, Limpopo Province is intended to explore the occupation hiatus between the Middle Stone Age and Later Stone Age/Iron Age on the plateau. The site has Middle Stone Age and Later Stone Age lithics on the surface in the dripline, as well as some Iron Age ceramics. The test excavation will open two square metres to see whether the sequence follows that in other Waterberg sites.**

Dear Prof Wadley,

### **RE: Excavation of Woodstock Rock Shelter, Waterberg**

Thank you for submitting a permit application for excavations at Woodstock Shelter, Waterberg. We have noticed that there are a few outstanding permit reports for previous permits (see list below). Before we can issue a new permit please be so kind to submit the outstanding permit reports for the following permits:

1. <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/temporary-export-120-fragments-charcoa...>
2. <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/temporary-export-non-artefactual-bone-...>
3. <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/temporary-export-23-still-bay-flakes-s...>
4. <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/temporary-export-worked-bone-fragments...>
5. <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/temporary-export-20-glass-beads-chemic...>
6. <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/excavation-steenbokfontein-spring-mound>
7. <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/temporary-export-quartz-notches-sibudu>
8. <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/temporary-export-57-archaeological-och...>
9. <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/export-8-sibudu-stone-tools>
10. <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/export-border-cave-rhizome-sem>
11. <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/raman-analysis-60000-year-old-tools-si...>
12. <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/export-and-analysis-geological-materia...>
13. <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/excavation-red-balloon-rock-shelter>

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14. <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/excavation-kaingo-rock-shelters-waterberg> (Final Permit Report due 30 September 2022).
15. <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/export-10-ostrich-eggshell-beads> (Final Permit Report due 31 March 2023).

The SAHRA request that you address this matter and submit outstanding permit reports. SAHRA will not be able to approve any future permit applications including the current application for excavation at the Woodstock Rock Shelter, Waterberg (Case ID: 18820). Please submit pending permit reports to [apmpermitreports@sahra.org.za](mailto:apmpermitreports@sahra.org.za) using the template in the following link: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/content/apmpermitreports>. Once all pending reports are received and reviewed successfully will SAHRA process the current permit application.

When you have addressed this matter kindly provide a letter of curation from the Polokwane museum in support of the Institution receiving the material as it will be temporarily curated at University of the Witwatersrand. The Polokwane Museum is accepting materials for curation from archaeological digs.

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/599373>