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Letter

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

Attention: Prof. Michael Chazan

University of Toronto - Anthropology

Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto, 19 Russell St., Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2S2
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Excavation 1 at Wonderwerk Cave preserves a unique sequence spanning the entire Earlier Stone Age and Later Stone Age. Developing a robust absolute chronology for this sequence will provide an essential timescale for the region. Export of macrofauna for dating the LSA sequence and speleothems for completing dating of the ESA sequence is requested. Permission is also requested for export of faunal isotopes, sediment isotopes, OES isotopes, microfauna, and micromorphology to develop insight into the ecological context of human evolution.

Dear Prof Michael Chazan,

Thank you for submitting the following permit reports:

SAHRIS PermitIDs 72, 73, 159, 480, 1928, 2153, 2590, 2618, 2851, 2943, 3040

Please see our response to each report detailed below:

72 excavation: *Append curator letter confirming receipt of material incl catalogue.*

73 excavation: *Append curator letter confirming receipt of material incl catalogue; add list of finds.*

159 excavation: *Append curator letter confirming receipt of material incl catalogue.*

480 temporary export: *Append curator letter confirming return of material.*

1928 permanent export: *Please elaborate on the analysis and state of material as the current report does not meet our minimum standards.*

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2153 excavation: *Append curator letter confirming receipt of material incl catalogue.*

2590 temporary export: *Append curator letter consenting to extension to Dec 2023.*

2618 analysis: *Append curator letter confirming return of material.*

2851 temporary export: *Provide further detail on sampling & analysis as the current report does not meet our minimum standards; Append curator letter consenting to extension.*

2943 excavation: *Append curator letter confirming receipt of material incl catalogue.*

3040 temporary export: *Append curator letter to consent to extension until 01/2024.*

It is noted that there are still outstanding permit reports for SAHRIS PermitIDs 722, 723, 724, 951, 1011, 1286, 1565, 1566, 1567, 1619, 1624, 1670, 1676, 1791, 2520.

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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Heritage Officer
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Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/530663>

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.