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## Letter

**In terms of Section 35(4), 32(19) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Attention: Lydenburg Museum

Lydenburg Museum  
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**The sampling of human remains for ancient-DNA analysis and carbon dating. This project aims to explore the genetic affiliation of the people who inhabited the site, and will also form part of an inclusive research initiative with the objective to trace the population history of southern Africans through time and across space. The remains were archaeologically excavated from an Early Iron Age context near the town Hoedspruit in Limpopo Province.**

Dear Mr Celliers,

Thank you for your application to sample and permanently export samples of human remains for ancient DNA analysis. It is noted that the research is done in collaboration with Dr Maryna Steyn and Prof. Marlize Lombard and that the analysis will be undertaken by Dr Carina Schlebush, population geneticist, Uppsala University.

SAHRA has reviewed your application and decided to approve it.

We wish you every success with this project.

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

Yours faithfully

**TRACING HUMAN POPULATION HISTORY THROUGH ANCIENT DNA:  
HAPPYLAND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE, HOEDSPRUIT, LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

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