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Letter

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

Attention: Miss Julia Becher
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The application of organic residue analysis will help to identify the overall cuisine and the process of food within the Iron Age settlers. ORA is a well established method, which helped to identify a wide range of animal products within pottery, e.g. animal adipose, ruminant dairy fats, marine oils as well as plant oils, beeswax, wine, resins and spices. This approach will help to better understand the dynamics of food consumption, to fill gaps within the understanding of the usage of pottery and will give new insights in living habitats within and also between cultural groups. Province: Mpumalanga

Dear Ms Becher,

Thank you for your application to permanently export a maximum of 270 2g Iron Age ceramic and sediment samples for residue analysis to be done at the University of Tübingen, Germany. It is noted that this work is done in collaboration with Dr Alex Schoeman (Wits) and Prof. Cynthiane Spiteri (University of Tübingen) and Dr Gavin Whitelaw (KwaZulu-Natal Museum).

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

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