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## Letter

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

Attention: Dr Aurore Val  
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**In October 2018, we conducted fieldwork at the site of Olieboomspoor Shelter, in the Waterberg (Limpopo Province, South Africa). The project focuses on the Middle Stone Age (MSA) layers from the site and one of the key aims is to provide a better chronological framework for these layers. The only existing chronological indication is an age greater than 36 ka BP provided by the radiocarbon technique in the 1950's (therefore, beyond the range of the method). A test-trench was initially dug in 1998 as part of previous research at the site (van der Ryst, 2007). In October, we have re-opened that trench and we have collected several samples for Optically Stimulated Luminescence (OSL) dating from the southern profile. Here, we are applying for an export permit to send those OSL samples to one of the world leading research laboratories in luminescence dating (Nordic Laboratory for Luminescence Dating in Roskilde, Denmark), in order for them to be dated.**

Dear Dr Val,

Thank you for your application to export two (2) of 4 *Optically-Stimulated-Luminescence (OSL) sediment samples* from Olieboomspoor, Limpopo Province. It is noted that the analysis will be done by Prof. Andrew Murray at the *Nordic Laboratory for Luminescence Dating, Department of Geoscience, Aarhus University, Denmark*.

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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