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Dear Dr Redelstorff,

This letter serves as confirmation that the Museum is aware of, and has approved, the research request of Dr Justin Adams and his PhD student, Ms Georgia Zadow, to conduct destructive sampling on material from the Plio-Pleistocene Palaeontology collection at the Ditsong National Museum of Natural History in Pretoria.

The research request in question is associated with SAHRA Temporary Export Permit CaseID: 9210, CaseName: *Papio angusticeps* Adams & Zadow, which was submitted on the 3rd of March 2016. This study will involve sampling of dental specimens of *Papio angusticeps* for stable carbon and oxygen isotopes to investigate palaeodietary diversity. Electron-spin resonance and trace element analysis will also be conducted in order to establish a depositional age for these *ex situ* primates.

I encourage you to support this export permit request by Dr Adams and Ms. Zadow, as this project will contribute to the scientific significance of this taxon from South Africa, as well as the Ditsong collection.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further clarity with regards to this research application.

Sincerely,

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