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**OCTOBER 2005 PROGRESS REPORT: PERMITS TO DESTROY
ARCHAEOLOGICAL MATERIAL (NO. 80/04/08/022/51, 80/04/08/023/51 &
80/04/08/024/51)**

In September 2004 the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) issued me with permits no. 80/04/08/022/51, 80/04/08/023/51 and 80/04/08/024/51 for the destruction of archaeological material, provisionally ascribed to the Doornfontein Industry, for dating purposes. Obtaining these dates forms part of my doctoral research project (as briefly discussed in the accompanying report on the excavation at Vlermuiscgat), conducted in the Department of Archaeology, University of Cambridge, under the supervision of Prof David Phillipson.

Samples submitted

The following samples from lower units of the sites Bokvasmaak 3, Biesje Poort 2 and Melkboom 1 were selected in consultation with Mr David Morris of the McGregor Museum, in terms of the abovementioned permit, and submitted for conventional radiocarbon dating at the *Quaternary Dating Unit (QUADRU)*, CSIR:

Accession number	Site	GPS Coordinate	Excavation	Square	Unit	Material
MMK 2963	Bokvasmaak 3	S28°28'16"; E20°06'45"	Exc	I14	10-15cm	Charcoal
MMK 6927	Biesje Poort 2	S28°26'2"; E20°33'11"	Exc 1	O51	5-10cm	Charcoal
MMK 6927	Biesje Poort 2	S28°26'2"; E20°33'11"	Exc 1	M50	15-20cm	Charcoal
MMK 6927	Biesje Poort 2	S28°26'2"; E20°33'11"	Exc 1	M50	45-50cm	Charcoal
MMK 6932	Melkboom 1	S29°01'41"; E21°00'49"	Exc	Q15	0-2cm	OES

The results of the radiocarbon dating of these samples are expected before the end of 2005 and will be included in my forthcoming progress report, due in October 2006.

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Biesje Poort 2 and Melkboom 1 assemblages, and Mr Peter Beaumont provided unique insights as excavator of these sites.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Isabelle Parsons'.

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