

Date: 25 November 2020

Mr ED Katsetse
Permit Officer
APM Unit
South African Heritage Resources Agency
111 Harrington Street
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BY EMAIL

Dear Mr Katsetse

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF SAHRA PERMIT 2985: EXCAVATION AND ALTERATION TO FACILITATE ADEQUATE DRAINAGE OF CAPE STORES, PARLIAMENT

On 8 December 2019 SAHRA issued a permit to myself, on behalf of Mr Johan de Lange of BVI Engineering, to monitor trenching and alterations to a historic drain adjacent to the western side of the old Assembly Building within the grounds of the Houses of Parliament.

The monitoring work is part of a project to undertake structural repairs to and refurbish the Cape Stores basement within the Parliament building and to upgrade the stormwater and groundwater drainage system to drain water away from the building to deal with leakage and damp that is causing structural problems within the basement.

The permit expires on 31 December 2020 but the Covid-19 lockdown and the restrictions on site and construction work it occasioned, as well as delays in the emptying Parliamentary archives from the Cape Stores basement where the remedial waterproofing work is required, has meant that the trenching for which the monitoring permit was issued has also been delayed and is unlikely to take place before the end of the year and the expiry of the permit.

ACO Associates has been asked by the contractor to request a renewal or extension of the permit from SAHRA.

As indicated in your recent email correspondence with my colleague, John Gribble, I can confirm that the scope of the project and the archaeological monitoring required remains unchanged, and that the permit renewal / extension request is simply a result of the delays described above.

I would like to request one amendment to the case and that is the addition of John Gribble as a co-permit holder on the new permit. Covid-19 related concerns are currently restricting my fieldwork

ability and I would appreciate it if Mr Gribble could also be listed on the permit to allow him to carry out the monitoring work when I am unable to do so.

I hope this is what you need to consider the extension of the permit, but if you require any further information please don't hesitate to let me know.

In the meantime, I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T J G Hart." The letters are written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Tim Hart
for ACO Associates cc

cc Mr Phillip Hine, APM Manager, SAHRA