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RE: Taung research, permit No. 80/09/10/028/51.

Dear Mrs. Scheermeyer:

Initial results from fieldwork conducted in 2010 at Taung under the above mentioned permit was presented on the 5th of November 2011. The poster entitled "Taung..... A river ran through it" was presented at the 71st annual meetings of the Society of Vertebrate Palaeontology in Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S.A. This is the first of a number of publications currently coming out of the 2010 field season.

The evidence presented in the poster indicates that for nearly 90 years the interpretations of the fossil bearing breccias have been wrong. We have shown that the pink breccia, the breccia most commonly associated with the Taung Child, is in fact a landscape deposit. The new interpretations were very well received by other attendees, with numerous questions as to when more of the new research will be forthcoming. As the latest research suggests the pink breccias to be an underlying deposit, formed prior to the tufas, we plan on continuing fieldwork at Taung in 2012 via the use of ground penetrating radar, core drilling and test excavations at the Dart and Hirdlicka pinnacles. An article in the *Journal of Human Evolution* is currently under review.

PDF of poster is included.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian F Kuhn', written over a light pink rectangular background.

Brian F Kuhn, Ph.D.