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**PERMIT**  
No. 80/06/07/001/51

Issued under Section 35(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act No. 25 of 1999. Permission is hereby given:

to: Dr DJ de Ruiter (Passport: JH730485),  
of: the Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, 77846-4352, USA,  
for: excavation and collection of fossils from a Pliocene locality for palaeoecology and paleoclimatology comparison with World Heritage Area fossil hominin sites,  
at: Virginia Railway Cutting, at approximately 28 06 39.8S, 26 54 56.1E,  
on: the farm Virginia 448,  
in: the Virginia District, Free State Province.

The following conditions apply:

1. If the permit holder is not to be present on the site at all times then SAHRA must be provided with the names and qualifications of the authorised representatives.
2. While using point plotting of material may be acceptable for a 'palaeontological' site, if there is any indication at all that hominin remains or stone tools are present, a grid (preferably tied into the national grid system) must be used as well.
3. Adequate recording methods as specified in the Regulations and Guidelines pertaining to the National Heritage Resources Act must be used. Note that the position of all excavations must be marked on a plan of each site.
4. A standard site record form must be lodged with the National Museum.
5. All material collected and excavated, as well as field notes and records, will be curated by the National Museum.
6. A progress report must be submitted to SAHRA on or before 1 August 2007 and 1 August 2008 and a final report is due on or before 1 August 2009. SAHRA reserves the right to withhold further permits if progress is not deemed satisfactory.
7. Reprints of all published papers, or copies of theses or reports resulting from this work must be lodged with SAHRA.
8. If a published report has not appeared within three years of the lapsing of this permit, the report required in terms of the permit will be made available to researchers on request.
9. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to obtain permission from the landowner for each visit, and conditions of access imposed by the landowner must be observed.
10. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to fill in excavations and protect sites during and after excavation to the satisfaction of SAHRA and the landowner.
11. SAHRA shall not be liable for any losses, damages or injuries to persons or properties as a result of any activities in connection with this permit.
12. SAHRA reserves the right to cancel this permit by notice to the permit holder.

This permit is valid until 1 August 2009.

for CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER .....

Date: 10 July 2006

Place: Cape Town