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## **PERMIT: Excavation**

### In terms of Section 27(18) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Permit Holder: Ms Stephany Potze Ditsong Museums of South Africa PO Box 4197 Pretoria 0001

Site: Haasgat, Leeuwenkloof 480 JQ, North West (Haasgat Cradle)

This permit is issued to Ms Potze in collaboration with Dr Adams for the excavation and collection of breccia and fossils at Haasgat. This permit also covers the collection of geological samples from the site.

#### Conditions:

- If Ms Potze or Dr Adams are not to be present on the site at all times then SAHRA must be provided with the names and qualifications of the authorised representatives.
- Adequate recording methods as specified in the Regulations and Guidelines pertaining to the National Heritage Resources Act must be employed. Note that the position of all excavations and objects collected must be marked on a plan of site.
- A standard site record form must be lodged with the Ditsong National Museum of Natural History.
- All material collected and excavated, as well as field notes and records, will be curated by the Ditsong National Museum of Natural History, who will be responsible for the permanent curation and safekeeping of all artefactual and palaeontological material in a condition that allows ongoing research.
- If any work is to be undertaken in proximity of the calcified breccia wall, the recommendations included in the SRK Site Safety report dated August 2012 must be obeyed to: excavators must use hard hats, a visual inspections must be undertaken before work commences to ensure no movement or loose blocks. If any movement is noted, any loose, potentially harmful blocks must be removed prior to work.
- If any work is to be undertaken in proximity of the two averns at surface, the averns must be monitored by visual inspection since a low likelihood exists of a possible collapase.
- An annual progress report on the results of the excavations and analyses must be submitted to SAHRA on or before the end of November 2014, 2015 and 2016. A final report is due on or before the end of November 2017. SAHRA reserves the right to withhold further permits if progress is not deemed satisfactory.
- Reprints of all published papers or copies of theses and/or reports resulting from this work must be lodged with SAHRA.
- If a published report has not appeared within one year of the lapsing of this permit, the report required in terms of the permit will be made available to researchers on request.



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- It is the responsibility of the permit holders to obtain permission from the landowner for each visit, and the excavator is responsible for ensuring that he or she has an understanding with the landowner concerning: the number of visitors and workers; conditions for camping on the property; speed limits on access roads; possible prohibitions on off-road driving; size, type and number of vehicles permitted; possible prohibitions on trespassing beyond the site; disturbing fauna, flora or substrate; erection and demolition of structures on the Site; appropriate hours of visiting and working on the Site; use of firewood, electricity and water; lighting fires and the prevention of uncontrolled fires and any fencing necessary to protect livestock. Conditions of access imposed by the landowner must be observed.
- The permit holders shall be responsible for the activities and impacts of all colleagues, students and employees under their supervision and for their compliance with the terms of the Heritage Agreement and the Management Plan for this site.
- The permit holders must take measures to ensure the safety of any person who may enter the National Heritage Site as part of their excavation team or as their visitor.
- It is the responsibility of the permit holders to protect sites during and after excavation and to ensure that where appropriate excavations are filled in or stabilized with adequate materials (e.g. Loffelstein blocks or army bags in geotextile) to the satisfaction of SAHRA and the landowner.
- The permit holders should always be able to show a copy of this permit on request while working on site.
- The permit holders should ensure to obtain a NEMPAA authorisation from the COH WHS MA prior to the commencement of the NHRA permitted activities within the COH WHS.
- 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.
- SAHRA reserves the right to cancel this permit by notice to the permit holders.

This permit is valid from 06/11/2013 to 30/11/2016.

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## Additional Info:

Please note that this permit may be suspended should an appeal against the decisions be received by SAHRA within 14 days from the date of the permit. SAHRA may not be held responsible for any costs or losses incurred in the event of the suspension or retraction of this permit.

