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PERMIT
No. 80/04/11/005/51

Issued under Section 35(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act No. 25 of 1999 in terms of application no: 80/04/11/005/51.

to: Mr R Brown (ID: 5601125039081), of Van Riet and Lowe, 347 Charles Street, Brooklyn, Pretoria, 0001,

for: Furneaux Stewart Gapp,

The Archaeology, Palaeontology, Meteorites, Heritage Objects and Burials Permit committee has no objection to permission:

for: the development of infrastructure outside the palaeoanthropological site, which includes:

- built pathways:
 - from the new main building to the cave entrance;
 - from the cave entrance to the cave exit (on the existing parking area);
- timber walkways:
 - from the cave exit to a look-out deck on the northern face of the excavation;
 - from the excavation look-out deck at the northern face to a second deck at the crest of the koppie;
- a stepping stone pathway from the kopje deck down the western slope and
- built pathways
 - from the western slope, past the new fossil preparation building back to the main building,
 - along the existing tarred road from the cave entrance to near the fossil preparation building,
- a new fence around the excavation area and a
- new skin over the existing steps, and
- the demolition of the existing tarred road from the exiting spoil heap,

at: Sterkfontein, in the Krugersdorp, District, Gauteng Province.

THE PERMIT DOES NOT INCLUDE PERMISSION FOR:

- any alterations within the cavern itself, such as stairways and replacement of the timber supports at the entrance to the site (not included in this application), which should form part of a second application to the APMHOB permit committee;
- restructuring of the old dump site;
- alterations or demolitions of the existing buildings (café) or the construction of new buildings which require application to the relevant SAHRA committee;

- signage, which in terms of the legislation must be approved by the heritage authority.

The following conditions apply:

1. A complete photographic record must be made of the site as it is now.
2. All developments must be in keeping with the management plan for the site and must maintain “the site’s connectedness with the surrounding grassland landscape” and “extended views westwards, northwards and eastwards” (Sterkfontein Site Management Plan, section 4). Paths and the timber walkway through the Isaac Edwin Stegman Reserve must be approved by DACE in terms of the botanical aspects and the route of the paths should be checked (by Professor Partridge) so as to avoid any special stromatolite features. The latter could be incorporated by means of a storyboard for interest. Path structures should be sensitive in colouration and texture to, and leave no building residue, in the environment and will presumably be disabled friendly.
3. 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. An arrangement must be made, as indicated in the application, with Professor Partridge, to monitor these developments and the permitted scientist on the site must be consulted, especially with regard to the building of the deck, the skin on the steps and the fence.
4. The tarred road direct to the site will remain and be accessible for the use of scientists and adequate measures will be taken to ensure the security of the site and of the fossils on site and in the preparation laboratory.
5. A report must be submitted to SAHRA on or before 1 December 2005.
6. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to obtain permission from the landowner for each visit, and the developer is responsible for ensuring that he or she has a written understanding with the landowner concerning conditions of working on the site and conditions of access.
7. The developer shall be responsible for the activities and impacts of all colleagues and employees under his or her supervision and for their compliance with the terms of the Heritage Agreement and the Management Plan for this site.
8. The developer must take measures to ensure the safety of any person who may enter the National Heritage Site as part of their team or as their visitor.
9. The permit holder including colleagues, visitors, students and employees under the direct supervision of the permit holder must carry documents of identification indicating their legitimacy to be on the National Heritage Site.
10. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to protect sites during and after development 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 upon notice to the permit holder.

This permit is valid until 1 December 2005.

For: Archaeology, Palaeontology, Meteorites, Heritage Objects & Burials Units Permit Committee
Date: 29 November 2004 Place: Cape Town