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The Committee Chairperson,

SA Institute for Heritage Science and Conservation: Articulation of Proposed Post-Graduate Diploma with M Phil Programme

The University of Cape Town's Faculty for Engineering and the Built Environment has offered a Master in Philosophy (Conservation of the Built Environment) degree since 2009; and I convene that programme.

I have learned of the proposed post-graduate diploma programme being developed by the SA Institute for Heritage Science and Conservation by way of the interactions we have each year when lecturers of that Institute present a lecture in the Masters degree programme referred to above.

Given the content and scope of the Institute's proposed post-graduate programme and its the intended entry requirements, I believe that such a programme will successfully articulate with this faculty's Masters degree programme; and it would, indeed, serve as recommendation for enrolment.

The post-graduate diploma programme which is proposed will - to my knowledge - present a novel entry point within the South African academic and scientific environment; and it has obvious potential as a valuable prospect for graduates considering the interdisciplinary field of conservation studies, an arena which overlaps the arts and the sciences, culture and the environment.

I wish the Institute and the proposed post-graduate diploma programme every success with their accreditation bid before your Council.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Townsend'.

Adjunct Associate Professor Stephen Townsend