



UNIVERSITY OF
LINCOLN

Higher Education Quality Committee
The Council on Higher Education
Pretoria, South Africa

June 4, 2015

RE: Joint supervision, external supervision, external examination and accreditation support

Dear Chairperson,

A faculty member of the South African Institute for Heritage Science and Conservation is currently enrolled on the MA programme 'Conservation of Historic Objects', in the School of History and Heritage, University of Lincoln, UK. Through this student, we have been made aware of the South African Institute for Heritage Science and Conservation's programme accreditation bid (accreditation of a postgraduate diploma programme in technical conservation studies), which is currently before the Council. Given the absence of conservation training programmes in South Africa, this appears to be both a necessary and highly desirable programme. Therefore, we wish the South African Institute for Heritage Science and Conservation's success with this programme accreditation application, as well as with its own, institutional bid.

As Head of the School of History and Heritage at the University of Lincoln, I am willing to authorize staff associated with the University of Lincoln programme in the 'Conservation of Historic Objects' to assist with external supervision and external examination of the research projects of an agreed number of postgraduate students enrolled in the South African Institute for Heritage Science and Conservation's programme in technical conservation studies.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul' followed by a stylized flourish.

Paul Stephenson

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