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Ms Anina Peens
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Dear Ms Peens

Vanderkloof Dam Fishery Interview

After considering the nature of the questions that you have sent, all of which require a well-considered response, I have made the decision that I cannot make Prof. Sauer nor Mr Rouhani available for a camera interview. You will appreciate that this project has many facets and getting the information to you in a well-structured and comprehensive manner is important to both us and I trust to the nature of your story.

Professor Warwick Sauer remains available to meet with you and go through all of the technical aspects of the project. We have attempted numerous times to secure such a meeting; your suggestion of a quick meeting directly before an interview process certainly implies you consider such a meeting unimportant in your understanding of the process, and we trust this is not the case.

As an investigative journalist, we further expect you to have met with the Northern Cape Government and got their input into the initial request for the project, and their expectations. We further expect and trust that you have met with the Chair of the Advisory Committee, the body responsible for the design and oversight of the project, including any changes to the experimental process. Also we trust that you have met with DENC, the agency responsible for the permit conditions, and received their input on the intention of the original permit and their

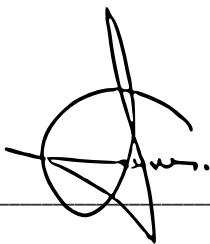
revision once the unintended permit requirement had been brought to the attention of the Advisory Committee.

We remain available to answer any of your questions in writing, provided the questions relate directly to Rhodes University's role in this project.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours faithfully

Cliff Jones

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cliff Jones', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large loop and a trailing flourish.

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