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Sent by Email

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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Additional Archaeological Excavation, Updated Costs – Pontefract Castle Gatehouse

Following our recent project meeting, I enclose updated costs relating to the complete excavation of the drawbridge pit in the table below, taking place from 27 July – 14 August 2020.

The original costs quoted to complete the excavation of the drawbridge pit were [REDACTED] (February 2020). The unspent contingency from the project was [REDACTED] and Historic England therefore agreed a variation to costs of [REDACTED] in March 2020.

The overall increase amounts to [REDACTED] and relates to:

- Additional costs to improve safety measures onsite in line with requirements for RPE relating to COVID19 safety measures [REDACTED]
- Increased mobilisation cost due to the need for single room / bathroom accommodation space and increased vehicles in line with government guidelines re away working and COVID19 [REDACTED]
- Increased supplier costs for Davit Arm system (issued February 2020) [REDACTED]

The variation request, inclusive of the existing contingency amount, is therefore [REDACTED]

I trust this provides you with the information you require. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries and require additional information. I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Pontefract Castle Gatehouse

Additional Archaeological Excavation – Updated Costs

Table 1

Item	Description	Cost
Archaeological Evaluation		
1	Three Archaeological Site Staff x 15 days @ [REDACTED] per day	[REDACTED]
2	Team mobilisation, including additional accommodation and vehicles	[REDACTED]
3	COVID related RPE	[REDACTED]
4	Deep excavation equipment (Davit Arm System, gas monitor etc)	[REDACTED]
5	Post-excavation assessment ([REDACTED] of fieldwork costs, as original quote)	[REDACTED]
	Sub Total	[REDACTED]
	VAT	[REDACTED]
	Total	[REDACTED]

CONTINGENCY

- Recovery of exceptional archaeological finds, such as human remains or unexpected survival of waterlogged remains, may incur additional costs for scientific sampling, analysis, conservation, preservation, and archive (see table below)

Bulk finds Timber: prepare/assessment/recording/database entry	[REDACTED]	Each
Excavation, recording, storage and reporting of human remains	[REDACTED]	Each
Conservation of artefacts	[REDACTED]	Day rate
Geoarchaeological samples	[REDACTED]	Each
Freeze drying of leather objects	[REDACTED]	Each
Provision of X Ray investigation of objects including all materials required	[REDACTED]	Each

THE ABOVE EVALUATION QUOTATION ASSUMES THE FOLLOWING:

- That access to the relevant areas of the development will be made readily available to facilitate excavation and recording.
- That Item 2 is based on discussions and site visits with deep excavation professionals, and the ability to achieve a pragmatic programme of work undertaken with a single mobilisation.
- That Item 3 is a realistic estimate on the basis of encountering archaeology at depth within the excavated area. If significant archaeological remains are discovered requiring the mobilisation of an additional excavation team (such as the discovery of human remains), or unexpected archaeological material is recovered, this will be charged as additional costs in line with the information presented in contingency items above.
- The site is not contaminated, and no special Health and Safety measures will be required in respect of contamination, and any plans pertaining to the identification of services on the site will be provided in advance.
- Any additional site work or consultation beyond the scope detailed here will be calculated on the basis of our usual day rates, with travel and accommodation billed at cost.
- Invoices will be issued on completion of each item and subject to the usual payment terms.

All costs are exclusive of VAT, which will be charged at the prevailing rates / All costs are valid for 90 days

All work will be subject to standard terms and conditions / DigVentures 21/07/2020