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Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng
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Dear Professor Phakeng

Impact of the fire at the University of Cape Town

I am writing to reach out to you regarding the devastating fires that had such a dreadful impact on your institution. We are so sad that so many of your students were affected by the fire. I hope that the student's situation has been alleviated and they can settle down for the academic year ahead.

With regard to the loss of books, archival material and historical documents from the iconic Jagger Library, we hope the loss is minimal to our nation's history and heritage.

Iziko Museums have loaned a number of Marine Biology specimens to your institution and our curators and your staff have worked together to determine if these specimens were affected by the fire. Just to advise you that none of Iziko Museums marine biology loans were affected.

As a partner of UCT we would like to extend a further helping hand to your institution and would like to offer some limited space to house objects and materials in our storerooms if necessary.

Kindly note that we are willing to assist your institution and please do not hesitate to call on us where needed.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Omar' or similar, enclosed within a circular scribble.

Rooksana Omar

Chief Executive Officer

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