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Dear: Itumeleng Masiteng

RESCUE OF THREE INDIVIDUALS SKELETONS UNCOVERED DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF SANITATIONS (PIT TOILETS), AT GA-SEBATI VILLAGE NEAR POLOKWANE, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

Ga- Sebati village is situated approximately 50 kilometers south east of Polokwane, The site is located on the following Global Positioning System co-ordinates(GPS) South 24°.02,02'.39", and East 29°.39'.32.05".

This letter serves to apply for a rescue permit for the rescue of three individuals skeletons identified during the construction of pit toilets project at Ga-Sebati Village (Sanitation projects under the Polokwane Local Municipality). These remains will be buried at Ga- Sebati Village cemetery after the exhumation process. In 2012, during the preparation of pit toilets project, the constructor uncovered human remains on three separate sites within the existing village stands. He was advice to cordon off the sites, and to involve archaeologist. Due to time constrains and the need to complete the project within specified timeframe another suitable area within the affected stands was selected for the construction of the toilets.

Information supplied to us by community members shows that all these sites were not marked either by grave dressings or a tree, family members used to cultivate their seasonal crops yearly all over the stands. Some of the remains were noted at the depth of 60cm, represented by human skull, and some ribs bones. Some of the remains were not visible since the owner of the stands tried to cover them with soil. In conclusion quick mitigation is required since these remains have been exposed to the surface for a long while now.

Your assistance in this regard will be highly appreciated.

Kind regards,

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Ga-Sebati

Site 002

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Site 001

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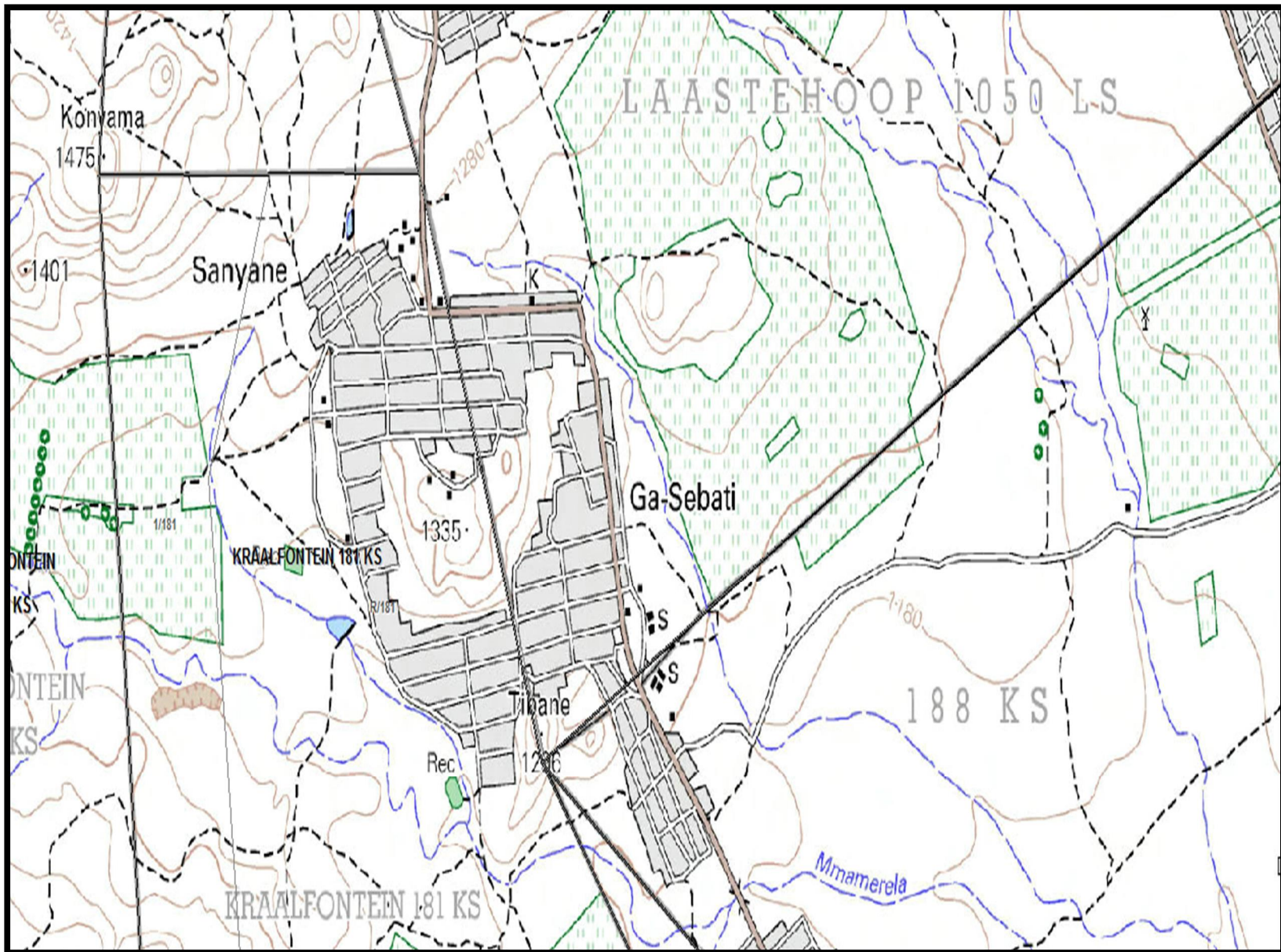




Figure 1: View of site 001 where human remains were unearthed, here are member of the tribal council showing where they noted remains. GPS co-ordinates South 24°. 02, 21'05", and East 29°.39'.55.61"



Figure 2: Site 002, indicated by mound of soil, the area was indicated by an old lady who is the owner of the stand. GPS co-ordinates South 24°.02, 06'. 86", and East 29°.39'.37.76".



Figure 3: View of site 003, indicated by an arrow where the third human remains were uncovered. GPS co-ordinates (GPS) South 24°.02, 21ø22", and East 29°.39'.30.16".