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MILITARY RELOCATION TO GUAM AND CNMI PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT (PA) MEMO

Project: J-001 Utilities and Site Improvements, Phase 1 (GoJ) North Gate	Date: March 28, 2011
Project Location: Andersen Air Force Base	Prepared By: EV23PJC
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	
<p>This project proposes seismic fault, geotechnical/geophysical and topographic surveys in preparation for, and utilities and site improvements at, Andersen Air Force Base on the island of Guam.</p> <p>Project works include munitions explosive clearance of select areas, mass grubbing and grading, and construction of mechanical/civil utility and electrical power infrastructures necessary for the completion of a construction access road and a secondary access road.</p> <p>The construction road access project involves widening an existing ca. 2.4 km (1.5 mile) road corridor. Within this corridor are two small areas planned for placement of an Entry Control Point (pass and identification) and Vehicle Inspection Facility.</p> <p>The secondary access road project also follows an existing road.</p> <p>Andersen Air Force Base is one the largest airfields in the US Air Force. It covers 6,275 ha (15,500 acres) and occupies a mostly flat, uplifted limestone plateau in the northern portion of the island of Guam. The Main Operations area in the eastern third of the base includes the main active airfield and an array of operations, maintenance and community support facilities, most of which are located along the South Ramp. The North Ramp area includes operations of the Navy's HSC-25, munitions storage in the former Strategic Command storage area, and parking apron space for contingency operations. The central third of the base is a Munitions Storage Area (MSA). The western third is Northwest Field, a WWII-era airfield that is currently used for fixed-wing aircraft, helicopter training, and various field exercises and bivouacs.</p> <p>The APE for J-001 at Andersen Air Force Base is 76 acres (see Figure 1).</p>	
IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES:	
In planning for the Undertaking, the Department of Defense (DoD) has conducted	

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extensive archaeological and architectural surveys and evaluations, and, in consultation with the Guam State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), National Park Service (NPS) and some Concurring Parties, we have applied the results to the siting/lay down of individual projects to avoid and minimize effects to historic properties. DoD has provided documentation of these efforts to the Signatories and Invited Signatories via Appendices D and E of the Programmatic Agreement (PA).

DoD surveys and evaluations have focused on project-specific APEs, defined consistent with 36 CFR §800.16(d) to include those portions of the island of Guam and Tinian subject to direct and indirect effects of projects included in the Undertaking, based on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

In addition to the archaeological and architectural surveys and evaluations, DoD has completed extensive archival research and oral history studies and interviews to identify traditional cultural properties, places, sacred sites, and culturally important natural resources such as the *donni sali*, *nunu*, *da'ok*, *dukduk*, and *ifit* trees, and medicinal plants.

More specifically, the J-001 Andersen Air Force Base project footprint was included in one or more of the following studies of cultural and/or historic resources conducted in support of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) by the DoD beginning in 2007:

Athens, J. Stephen

2009 *Archaeological Surveys and Cultural Resources Studies on Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Support of the Joint Guam Build-Up Environmental Impact Statement, Volume I: Guam*. Prepared for Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Contract N62742-06-D-1870, Task Order 07.

Dixon, Boyd, Sam Walker and Mike T. Carson

2009 *Cultural Resource Investigations Conducted in the Territory of Guam Supporting the Joint Guam Build-Up Environmental Impact Statement: Draft Archaeological Surveys on Guam 2008-2009*. Prepared for Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Contract N62742-06-D-1870, Task Order 07.

Welch, David J.

2010 *Final Archaeological Surveys and Cultural Resources Studies Conducted in 2007 on the Island of Guam in Support of the Joint Guam Build-Up Environmental Impact Statement; Volume I: Narrative*. Prepared for Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Contract N62742-06-D-1870, Task Order 10.

A pedestrian survey of the J-001 Andersen Air Force Base project footprint revealed that the entire area has been cleared, utilized, abandoned and re-utilized by the Air

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Force. The north-south alignment of the construction access road contains only secondary and tertiary vegetation, as well as numerous push piles and extensive debris.

No historic properties are located within the J-001 Andersen Air Force Base project footprint.

DETERMINATION OF EFFECT:

Considering the information contained in the "Programmatic Agreement Among the Department of Defense, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Guam State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Military Relocation to the Islands of Guam and Tinian" dated March 9, 2011, the Navy has determined that this project will have no effect on historic properties and does not require further review under the National Historic Preservation Act.

This memo is to be retained as an administrative record of this finding.

AVOIDANCE AND MITIGATION PLAN:

No historic properties are present within APE for Project J-001 at Andersen Air Force Base.

However, should an inadvertent discovery be made, as per Stipulation VI.F. of the PA, DoD will retain a full-time Archaeologist throughout the life of the construction program of this Undertaking to provide site checks, oversee coordination and execution of the archaeological mitigation measures in the PA and to provide quality control. This person shall support the CJRM in responding to and reporting of any inadvertent discoveries to the Signatories, Invited Signatories, and Concurring Parties per Stipulation XII of the PA.


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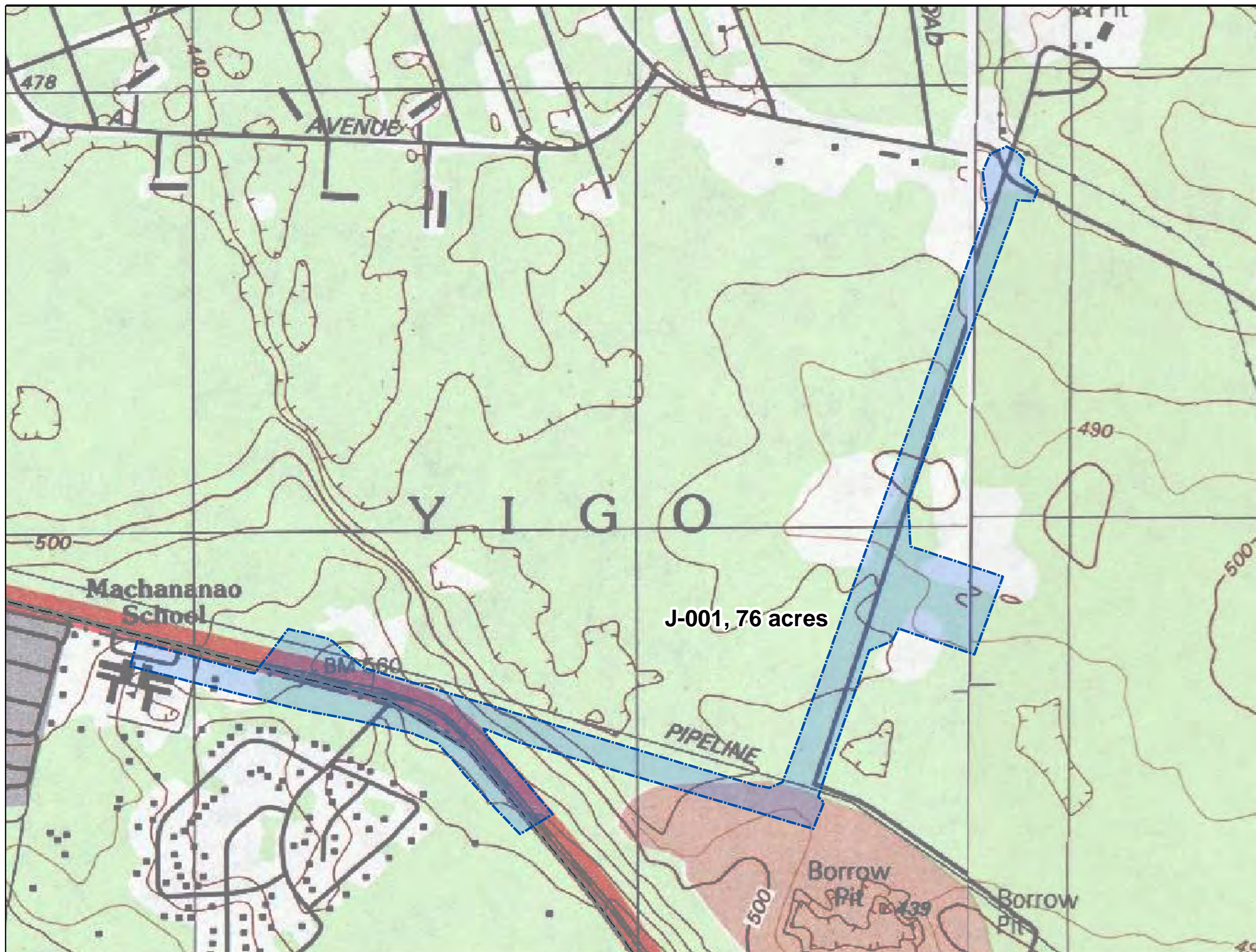
Figure 1

**J-001 GOJ U&SI Phase 1,
ACE Gate, Andersen AFB**

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Legend

 Impact Footprint (J-001)



J-001, 76 acres

