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## MILITARY RELOCATION TO GUAM AND CNMI PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT (PA) MEMO #1

<b>Project:</b> J-001B U&SI Mass Grub and Grade, Phase 1 (GoJ)	<b>Date:</b> April 17, 2014
<b>Project Location:</b> Naval Base Guam Telecommunications Site (NBGTS)	<b>Prepared By:</b> EV23
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION:</b>	
<p>This project proposes the first phase of required utilities and site improvements at Naval Base Guam, Telecommunications Site (NBGTS) on the island of Guam, should NBGTS be the selected alternative for construction of a main cantonment to support the Guam and Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Military Relocation (the Undertaking).</p> <p>J-001B is a revised laydown of J-001 Finegayan, which was originally identified in the 2010 Final EIS (FEIS) for the military relocation to Guam and CNMI and Appendix E of the PA. In accordance with Stipulation IV.F. of the PA, J-001B is a project for which new areas have been introduced, as the area of potential effect (APE) has changed location and increased in size (see Figure 1). Accordingly, this memo presents information to allow interested members of the public to provide comments on the identification and evaluation of historic properties in the newly proposed project area.</p> <p>Project works include clearing, grubbing, grading, earthwork such as digging, trenching, drilling, boring and/or cut and fill), processing and stockpiling of green waste, erosion and sediment control, roadways, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, traffic signs, temporary construction fence, perimeter/security fence, landscaping and other site improvements. An electrical substation, underground electrical distribution, telecommunications conduit and cabling, mechanical utilities (water transmission main and sanitary sewer) will also be constructed. Additionally, the effort may require munitions of explosive concern (MEC) removal, seismic fault, geotechnical/geophysical and/or topographic surveys in preparation for J-001B improvements and future vertical construction projects within the same area of potential effect.</p> <p>NBGTS is located in northwestern Guam, west of Route 3 and south of Northwest Field at Andersen Air Force Base. It supports headquarters communications center activities, and provides communications receiving operations for Navy and other Department of Defense (DoD) services on the island. It occupies approximately 2,952 acres (1,195 hectares) of land.</p>	

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The NBGTS area of potential effect (APE) is situated on the limestone plateau above the western cliffs of northern Guam. The plateau, which rises from 120 to 150 meters (400 to 500 feet) amsl (above mean sea level), is relatively flat, although there are localized raised and depressed areas caused by differential solution of the limestone bedrock below the soil layer.

The total APE for J-001B is 641 acres (279 hectares).

## **IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES:**

### **Scope of DoD Identification Efforts**

In planning for the Undertaking, the Department of Defense (DoD) first conducted a data gap analysis to determine the need for supplemental identification and evaluation surveys and then conducted those surveys. 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 to the extent practical. 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 July 2010 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Guam and CNMI Military Relocation and the April 2014 Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Military Relocation (2012 Roadmap Adjustments).

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 *nunu*, *da'ok*, *dukduk*, and *ifit* trees, and medicinal plants.

More specifically, the entirety of the J-001B APE has been subject to one or more of the historic property identification efforts listed in 36 CFR §800.4(b)(1), which may include background research, consultation, oral history interviews, sample field investigation and field survey. As such, results of identification and evaluation efforts for the J-001B APE are contained within the following original studies of cultural and/or historic resources conducted prior to, or in support of the 2010 FEIS.

Athens, J.S.

2009 *Final 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 by International Archaeological

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Research Institute, Inc. Honolulu, HI.

Dixon, Boyd, S. Walker and R. Schaefer

2011 *Final Report Cultural Resource Investigations Conducted in the Territory of Guam Supporting the Joint Guam Build-Up Environmental Impact Statement: Final Archaeological Surveys on Guam 2010 on Andersen AFB*. Prepared by the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific Division, by TEC Inc.

Haun, Alan E.

1988 *Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey and Field Inspections of Relocatable Over-the-Horizon Radar Sites on Guam, Mariana Islands, Micronesia*. Prepared for Wilson Okamoto and Associates, Inc., Paul H. Rosendahl, Ph.D., Inc. Hilo, HI.

Kurashina, H., D. Wooster, T. McGrath, and J. Toenjes

1988 *Archaeological Investigations of the Route 3 Road Corridor, Territory of Guam, Mariana Islands*. Prepared for Juan C. Tonorio and Associates, Inc., Agana, Guam.

Welch, D.

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 and Volume II: Site Descriptions*. Prepared for Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii under Contract N62742-06-D-1870, Task Order 10 to TEC, Inc.

Results of the above studies indicate that six historic properties are located within the J-001B APE:

**Historic Property 1** is comprised of an early 20<sup>th</sup> century water catchment cistern.

**Historic Property 2** is a large previously bulldozed pre-Contact habitation site and artifact scatter.

**Historic Property 3** is a WWII era Seabee Camp.

**Historic Property 4** is a pre-Contact artifact scatter.

**Historic Property 5** is a probable pre-Contact midden deposit.

**Historic Property 6** is a probable pre-Contact midden deposit.

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**PRELIMINARY DoD DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY:**

Pending input from consulting parties and the public, the DoD's determination is that six sites eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places are located within the proposed project area.

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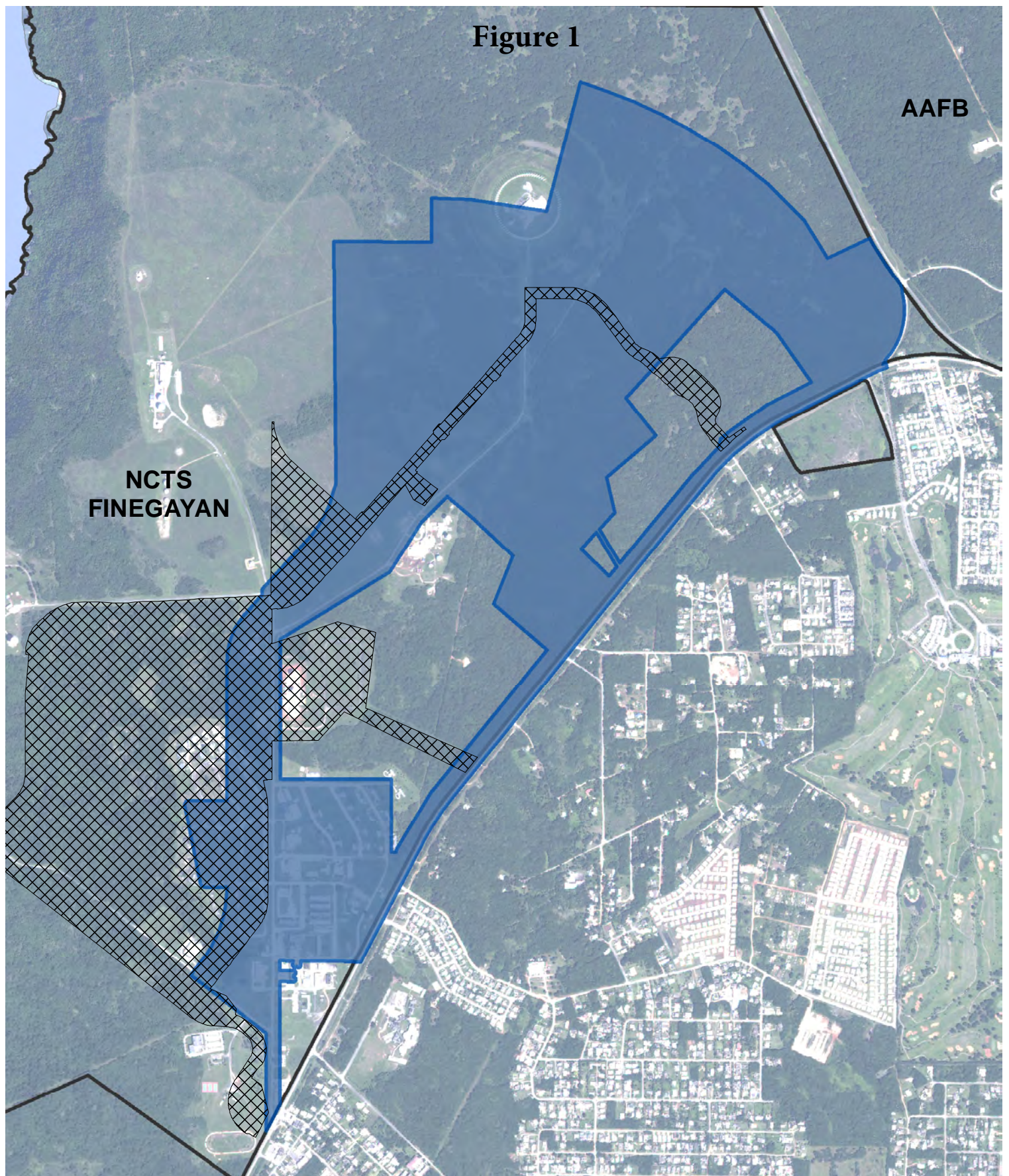
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Figure 1

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**J-001B U&SI Mass Grub and Grade,  
Phase 1 (GoJ)**



- Impact Footprint (J-001B)
- J-001 APE (2011)



**U&SI Impact Area = 641 Ac**



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