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

<b>Project:</b> J-001 Utilities and Site Improvements, Phase 1 (GoJ)	<b>Date:</b> March 28, 2011
<b>Project Location:</b> NCTS Finegayan	<b>Prepared By:</b> EV23PJC

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project proposes seismic fault, geotechnical/geophysical and topographic surveys in preparation for, and utilities and site improvements at, NCTS Finegayan on the island of Guam.

Project works include munitions explosive clearance of select areas, mass grubbing and grading, and construction of mechanical/civil utility and electrical power infrastructures to build up the first phase of the infrastructure required at Finegayan. Potable water, sewer, road network, communication ducts and electrical power will also be constructed under this project.

NCTS Finegayan is located in northwestern Guam, west of Route 3 and south of Northwest Field at Andersen Air Force Base, supports headquarters communications center activities, and provides communications receiving operations for Navy and other Department of Defense (DoD) services on the island. It occupies about 1,195 ha [2,952 acres] of land that is also referred to as North Finegayan, which is separate from the South Finegayan housing area.

The NCTS Finegayan 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 m (ca. 400 to 500 feet) above mean sea level (amsl), is relatively flat, although there are localized raised and depressed areas caused by differential solution of the limestone bedrock below the soil layer.

The APE for J-001 Finegayan is 356.5 acres (see Figure 1).

### IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES:

In planning for the Undertaking, the Department of Defense (DoD) has conducted 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

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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 Finegayan 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.

Results of the study indicate that five historic properties are located within the NCTS Finegayan J-001 project area.

While the current condition and lack of integrity of each surface site makes it

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technically ineligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), the potential for finding intact subsurface deposits has resulted in them being considered significant under Criterion D of the NRHP for their potential to yield information important to history or prehistory.

Historic Property 1 is comprised of several small scatters of traditional pottery sherds and one fragment of basalt.

Historic Property 2 is a Latte Period ceramic scatter comprised of more than 30 pot sherds.

Historic Property 3 is a small pre-Contact artifact scatter containing at least nine Latte Period pot sherds.

Historic Property 4 is a large previously bulldozed habitation site in secondary context.

Historic Property 5 is a probable midden deposit along with several Latte Period body and rim ceramic sherds.

None of the above sites would be useful for interpretive purposes based on the highly disturbed surface elements, nor are they valuable for long-term preservation; however, subsurface testing may yield intact subsurface deposits significant for their research value such as additional information regarding the context and timing of habitation and others activities on the limestone plateau.

#### **ASSESSMENT OF ADVERSE EFFECT:**

Considering the information presented here and pursuant to the March 2011 "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," the Navy has determined that this undertaking will have an "adverse effect" on historic properties in that it will lead to the physical destruction of or damage to all or part of the properties.

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

#### **AVOIDANCE AND MITIGATION PLAN:**

Five historic properties are present within APE for Project J-001 at Finegayan. As per Stipulation V.A.1.b. of the PA, the DoD will provide a data recovery plan subject to additional review by the Guam SHPO prior to taking action that could affect these historic properties.

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No ground disturbing activity will occur within the area proposed for data recovery until data recovery is complete.

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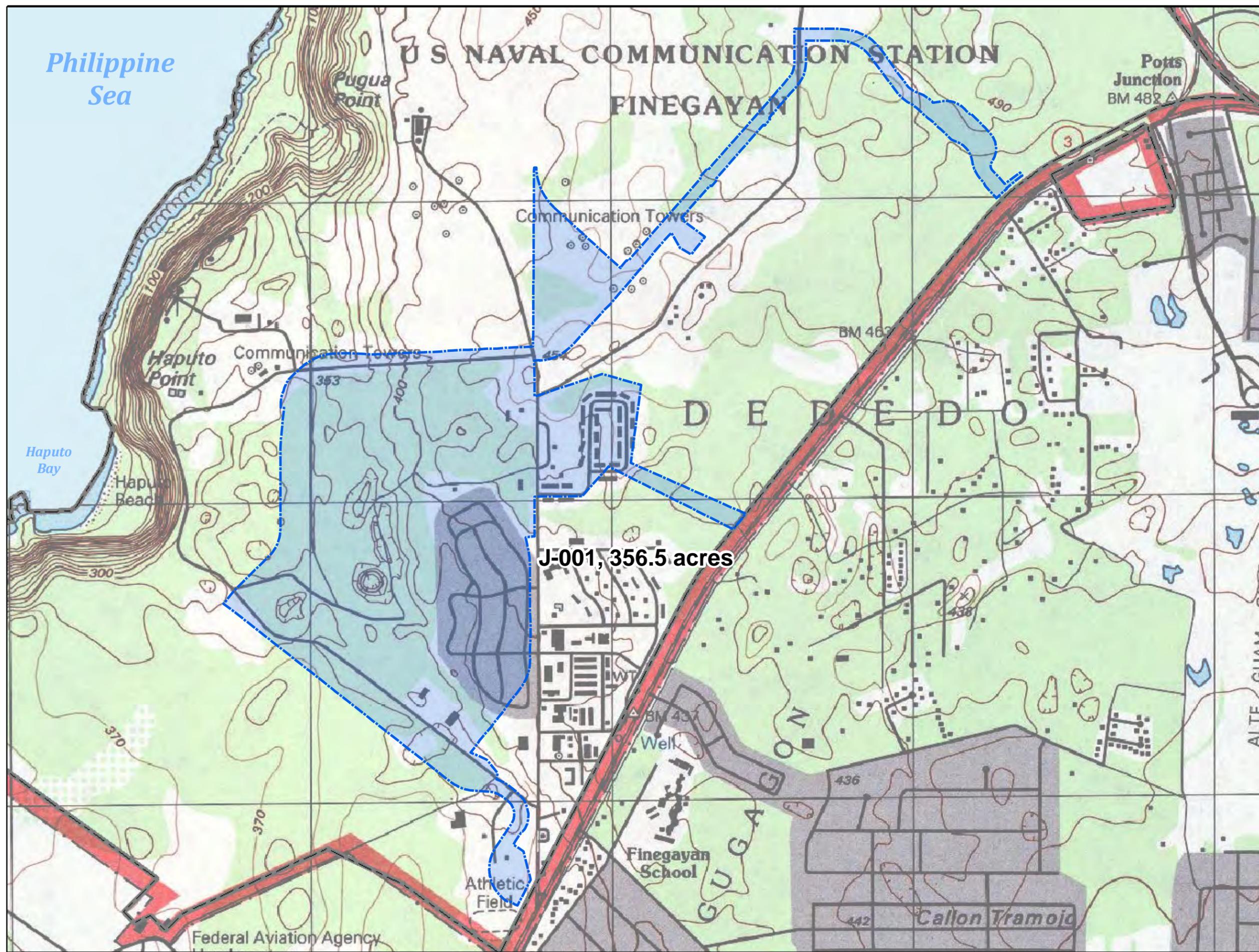
Figure 1

J-001 GOJ U&SI Phase 1, NCTS Finegayan

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Legend

 Impact Footprint (J-001)



**356.5 Acres Total**

