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## MILITARY RELOCATION TO GUAM AND CNMI PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT (PA) MEMO #2

<b>Project:</b> J-200 North Ramp Utilities II	<b>Date:</b> August 08, 2013
<b>Project Location:</b> Andersen Air Force Base	<b>Prepared By:</b> EV23
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION:</b>	
<p>This project proposes construction of infrastructure, such as asphalt concrete roadways, concrete sidewalks, electrical and communication duct banks, water lines, fire hydrants, sewer lines and drainage swales, most of which were originally included in project P-100 (North Ramp Utilities, Phase I). Additionally, paving and site improvements will consist of flight line security fencing, access gates, turnstiles, roadways, driveways, parking areas and other hardscape, sidewalks and ramps, retaining walls and concrete masonry structures.</p> <p>North Ramp Utilities II is a project that was identified after preparation of the Final EIS (FEIS) for the military relocation to Guam and CNMI and Appendix E of the PA. In accordance with Stipulation I.E. of the PA, it is a new project associated with the Guam and Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Military Relocation (the Undertaking). Accordingly, this memo presents information to allow interested members of the public to provide comments on the DoD's determination of effects and if adverse, DoD's plan for resolving those effects.</p> <p>The effort may also require munitions of explosive concern (MEC) removal, seismic fault, geotechnical/geophysical and/or topographic surveys in preparation for J-200 improvements and future vertical construction projects within the same area of potential effect (Figure 1).</p> <p>Project works include clearing and grubbing, earthwork (cut and fill to grade), temporary erosion and sediment control, and landscaping.</p> <p>Andersen Air Force Base is one of 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</p>	

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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.

The total APE for J-200 is 271.67 acres, however, all but 25 of these acres were included in the same footprint and consultation for MILCON (Military Construction) projects P-100 and P-101 (Figure 1).

## **IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES:**

### **Results of DoD Cultural Resources Review**

A portion of one historic property, a WW II-era runway complex, now essentially a Cold War-era airfield with the 1940s elements adapted for larger and heavier aircraft (B-36, B-47 and B-52), has been identified within the proposed location for the J-200 project. The site is significant for its association with Andersen AFB's role as an important strategic and logistical location for the Air Force during the Cold War but was originally constructed to serve as an airfield for B-29 bombers as part of the strategic bombing campaign over Japan during World War II. After the war, the U.S. Air Force took control of the base and used it first as a bomber base for the Far East Air Force (FEAF) and then as the only Strategic Air Command (SAC) bomber base in the Pacific Rim. During the Vietnam Conflict, Andersen's runways supported major B-52 bomber operations against North Vietnam, including Operations ARC LIGHT, BULLET SHOT, and LINEBACKER I and II, a crucial portion of the American strategy during the war.

Following completion of a Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) survey of the entirety of the runway complex in 2012 as mitigation for adverse effects related to MILCON projects P-100 and P-101, and also to address potential adverse effects for future (Defense Policy Review Initiative) DPRI projects within the site's boundaries, the DoD determined it to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A because of its association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of national, state or local history. Draft copies of the HAER survey report were sent to the Guam State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the National Park Service (NPS) for review, with only the NPS providing comments. The final version of the HAER was accepted by the NPS on November 30, 2012.

Comments for PA Memo #1 received via email on August 1, 2013 from Territorial Archaeologist John Mark Joseph noted known sites previously "recommended for possible re-evaluation which should be done as these sites look to be one continues site with different features or perhaps it should be considered a possible prehistoric district." However, all of these sites are outside the area of potential effect for project J-200 and as such, do not require consideration of adverse effects.

No comments for the proposed project were received from the public.

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**DoD's Plan for Resolving Adverse Effects:**

As mentioned previously, the entirety of North Field was subject to a HAER survey in 2012 as mitigation for adverse effects resulting from MILCON projects P-100 and P-101, which encompass the APE for the currently proposed MILCON project, J-200. Accordingly, the HAER survey also mitigates the adverse effect to North Field resulting from J-200.

Additionally, Stipulation VI.F. of the PA provides that the 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 individual is on-staff at NAVFAC Marianas and has also been tasked with supporting 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.

Lastly, Stipulation VI.G. of the PA requires the DoD to update the Guam Historic Properties inventory data form for all historic properties in Appendix E. This requirement for GHPI site 66-07-1064 was completed on February 9, 2012 as a component of the HAER, with the revised form forwarded to the Guam SHPO on April 10, 2012.

No additional mitigation is proposed.

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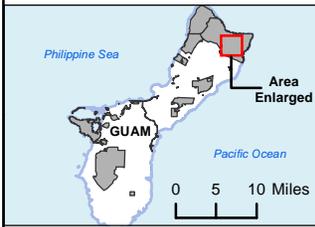
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# J-200 Project Boundary vs. P100/P101 PA Memo Boundary

## Legend

- J-200 Project Area - North Ramp Hangar Construction Final
- P-100 Project Boundary PA Memo
- P-101 Project Boundary PA Memo
- Military Installation

J-200, 25 acres



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