



## The Declaration of an Historic Breakthrough and Victorious Journey

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The Guam Preservation Trust would like to officially announce that on November 15, 2011 the U.S. Department of Justice had filed a motion declaring that the Navy will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to reevaluate live-fire training range complex alternatives. According to the U.S. Department of Justice motion, the Navy will include scoping as part of the SEIS and is committed to providing opportunities for public involvement consistent with the National Environmental Protection Act regulations. The Navy intends to begin the SEIS process in early 2012 and is expected to be completed within a minimum of two years.

This declaration is an historic breakthrough for it is the beginning of a process to resolve critical issues that the people of Guam have been seeking to address for the last two years since the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Specifically, for the Guam Preservation Trust, the issues of protecting and preserving our sacred, cultural, and traditional places and the violations of the process to address these core issues, are yet to be resolved. It is hopeful that the SEIS will address our concerns specific to our mission to preserve and protect Pagat village for the benefit our people and our future.

This first step to a victorious journey is greatly attributed to the overwhelming support from the community, the alliances of organizations that guided us, and the gracious and hard working legal team from SNR Denton headed by Nicholas Yost and Matthew Adams. Over \$1 million dollars has been SNR Denton's donated shared cost to date and we are most grateful for their contribution to our efforts. We would also like to thank our national partner, The National Trust for Historic Preservation for their continued guidance and assistance to our efforts here on Guam and the region.

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