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**AGENDA**  
**COUNCIL HEARS PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS · 473 S. Main Street, Room #106**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2011**  
**at 6:30 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Consent Agenda** – All those items listed below may be enacted upon by one motion and approved as consent agenda items. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item if a member of Council requests.
  - a) **Approval of the Minutes:**
    - 1) Work Session – January 12, 2011
  - b) **Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**
    - 1) February 2, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
    - 2) February 16, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
    - 3) February 23, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters
5. **Special Announcements & Presentations** – There are no special announcements or presentations.
6. **Council Informational Reports.** These reports are relative to the committee meetings that Council members attend. The Committees are Camp Verde Schools Education Foundation; Chamber of Commerce, Intergovernmental Association, NACOG Regional Council, Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization, Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee, and shopping locally. In addition, individual members may provide brief summaries of current events. The Council will have no discussion or take action on any of these items, except that they may request that the item be placed on a future agenda.
7. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.**
8. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Resolution 2011-826, a resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona, approving Use Permit 2010-03 for a portion of parcels 404-30-368A and 404-30-368C, fifteen acres, which is leased to the Town of Camp Verde by the Camp Verde Sanitary District for use by Dateland Proving Grounds to allow for research, development, and training for persistent ground surveillance systems for the Naval Air Warfare Center aircraft division. Site equipment includes portable powered surveillance trailers and aerostats. Any changes to these uses must come before the Planning & Zoning Commission and Town Council for approval. Note: the portable powered surveillance trailers and aerostats will help protect US Troops operating in remote areas of Afghanistan. The property is located on the road to the Camp Verde Sanitary District facilities approximately .52 miles north from the entrance at State Route 260. Staff Resource: Mike Jenkins**
  - Call for STAFF PRESENTATION
  - Declare PUBLIC HEARING OPEN
    - Call for APPLICANT'S STATEMENT
    - Call for COMMENT FROM OTHER PERSONS (either in favor or against)
    - Call for APPLICANT'S REBUTTAL (if appropriate)
  - Declare PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED
  - Call for COUNCIL DISCUSSION
9. **Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda.**
10. **Advanced Approvals of Town Expenditures.** There are no advanced approvals.

11. **Manager/Staff Report** Individual members of the Staff may provide brief summaries of current events and activities. These summaries are strictly for informing the Council and public of such events and activities. The Council will have no discussion, consideration, or take action on any such item, except that an individual Council member may request that the item be placed on a future agenda.
12. **Adjournment**

Posted by: *D Jones*

Date/Time: *1-20-2011*

*8:25 a.m.*

Note: Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.2 and A.3, the Council may vote to go into Executive Session for purposes of consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney on any matter listed on the Agenda, or discussion of records exempt by law from public inspection associated with an agenda item.

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**DRAFT MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
MAYOR and COMMON COUNCIL  
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2011  
6:30 p.m.**

**Minutes are a summary of the actions taken. They are not verbatim.  
Public input is placed after Council motions to facilitate future research.  
Public input, where appropriate, is heard prior to the motion**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Mayor Burnside, Vice Mayor Kovacovich, Councilors Whatley, Garrison, Baker, and German were present; Roulette was absent.

**Also Present:** Town Manager Russ Martin, Town Marshal Dave Smith, Acting Community Development Director Mike Jenkins, Acting Building Official Robert Foreman, Fire Inspector Barbara Rice, Town Clerk Debbie Barber, and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was led by German.

**4. Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to preparing an ordinance regulating the use of fireworks within the Town limits of the Town of Camp Verde. Presentations will be provided by the Clerk's Office and Community Development departments explaining provisions that are currently in place for licensing of the sale of fireworks and providing information from other communities around the state. The Camp Verde Fire District will provide a presentation relative to allowable sales, restrictions, and possible consequences of the use of fireworks. Marshal's Office representative(s) will also be present to answer questions.**

Staff was directed to develop a policy banning the use of fireworks, draft a proposed ordinance addressing the regulation of fireworks, including signage, emergency response liability issues, adequate resources provided for the Marshal's Office, property owner responsibility, restriction of use on public property and possible purchaser registration as well as a possible I.D. requirement to verify age, for review and any additions or deletions prior to review by the Town Attorney, and bring back to Council for further consideration.

Town Clerk Barber referred to the materials provided in the agenda packets that included examples of ordinances from other communities and a spreadsheet indicating what other communities throughout the State have done in connection with the December 1, 2010 law that was enacted to allow the sale of certain types of fireworks. The law does allow communities to regulate the use of some or all of these fireworks. Barber said that staff is requesting direction from Council on its policy regarding this issue.

Barber briefly reviewed the current Town Code and Town policy regulating the sales and use of fireworks in Camp Verde. Acting Community Development Director Mike Jenkins discussed with Council the Zoning requirements for retail sales, and Acting Building Official Robert Foreman reviewed the business license process. Fire Inspector Barbara Rice gave a Power Point presentation on fireworks responsibilities and statistics on injuries, with emphasis on the need for education in handling fireworks. Town Marshal Smith commented on problems in enforcing regulation of the use of fireworks.

Opinions were expressed by the members on allowing the use of fireworks in the Town, with the majority in favor of outright banning the use of fireworks. Martin cautioned that the Council should be prepared to provide the Marshal's Office with adequate resources for this coming July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration; if he is given the responsibility for enforcing a ban on fireworks.

5. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Baker, seconded by German, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Bob Burnside, Mayor

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Margaret Harper, Recording Secretary

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the actions of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde during the Work Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona; held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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Debbie Barber, Town Clerk



**TOWN OF CAMP VERDE  
Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters  
Agenda Action Form**

**Meeting Date:** January 26, 2011      **Meeting Type:** Regular Session  
 **Consent Agenda**       **Regular Business**

**Reference Document:** Use Permit 2010-03

**Agenda Title (be exact):**

**Public Hearing, Discussion and Possible approval or denial of Resolution 2011-826 for Use Permit 2010-03:**

An application submitted by Mr. Colin McCavitt agent for Dateland Proving Grounds on a fifteen (15) acre portion of parcel 404-30-368A and 404-30-368C which is leased to the Town of Camp Verde by the Sanitary District. The applicant is requesting to allow for research, development and training for persistent ground surveillance systems for the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division. The portable powered surveillance trailers and aerostats will help protect US Troops operating in remote areas of Afghanistan. The property is located on the road to the Camp Verde Sanitary District facilities approximately .52 miles north from the entrance at State Route 260.

**NOTE:** A letter was received from Mr. Douglas Powell, Dir. of Marketing, requesting to change the company name from STARA Technologies, Inc. to Dateland Proving Grounds. The change is a result of the development of a training facility that is currently in use. Dateland Proving Grounds, has recently built, and oversees their existing facility in Dateland and will be responsible for all aspects of the development in Camp Verde. In addition, a letter was received from Mr. Douglas Powell stating that he will be presenting the project instead of Mr. Colin McCavitt

**Purpose and Background Information:**

- Dateland Proving Grounds will use this land as a training facility, designated to test and evaluate surveillance and renewable resource technologies for rapid incorporation into the field.
- Operating twenty four hours a day, employees will train with radar, camera and communications technology, establishing Camp Verde as the official training site for these highly specific military technologies. Camera training privacy policies are in place and will be followed. Training Policy included in packet.
- All equipment and buildings will be portable and fully capable of re-positioning if needed. The portable offices will be fully compliant with all IBC codes, and will meet the required separation distance of at least 10 feet.
- Dateland Proving Grounds will not be pouring concrete pads, paving roads or placing anything permanent on this site. The service drives and maneuverable areas will consist of the existent dirt on the property, or a mixture of crush gravel. The property will be secured with standard eight foot chain link fencing and locked gates. Generators will be used as a source of power for the site along with a portable solar panel power station.
- Dateland Proving Grounds is anticipating between fifteen to thirty employees at any given time on the property.
- A certificate of Waiver (FAA Form 7711-1) was issued for the moored balloon up to 1,000 feet above ground level. FAA letter is included in packet. The Certificate of waiver or authorization expires on Feb. 5, 2011 and Dateland Proving Grounds is in the process of re-application.

**A neighborhood meeting was held on December 23, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in the Camp Verde Marshal's office conference room.**

Dateland Proving Grounds placed a display ad in the paper to announce the neighborhood meeting and posted the property. There were nine people in attendance. A list of the questions and answers and responses are attached.

Due to the nature of this project and no other property owners outside of the Camp Verde Sanitary were located within 300' of the subject parcels, the Community Development Department prepared a Public Service Announcement. The Camp Verde Bugle graciously assisted the Town by allowing the Community Development Department to place the Public Service Announcement in the paper to notify all Camp Verde citizens of the dates and times of when the Planning & Zoning Commission and Council meetings would be held. The Public Service

Announcement was published on December 15, 2010. A 300' letter was sent and e-mailed to the Sanitary District on December 16, 2010.

- Administration received a letter e-mailed from Beaver Creek Regional Council, Inc. that was distributed at the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting on January 6, 2011.
- On January 4, 2011, the Clerk's office received communication from a Ms. Betty Valencia who wanted to bring to the attention of the Town Manager, Mayor and Town Council the opinions of the Town Citizens in response to the Bugle article on the "eye in the sky". Copies were distributed to Council.

**Agency responses** were received with the following comments:

- Ron Long – Town Engineer, had no comment.
- Barbara Rice – Camp Verde Fire, had no comment.
- Robert Foreman – Building Official, had no comment.
- Yavapai Co. Flood Control – had no comment.
- Yavapai Co. Environmental Services – Dateland Proving Grounds advised the Yav. Co. Environmental Services that they would be utilizing 2 to 3 port o John's on site as well as possibly 1 restroom inside a trailer that has a holding tank. Yavapai County responded that it should be fine with what Dateland is proposing and has no concerns.
- Camp Verde Sanitary District – The property is not within the Sanitary District boundaries and as such is not served by the District, therefore the Sanitary District has no comment. However in no way is this response to be interpreted as acceptance by the Sanitary District of the use of a portion of parcels 404-30-368A and 404-30-238C for the purpose proposed in the Use Permit. The Town will bring this item to the Board for acceptance or refusal at a later date.
- Arizona Department of Transportation – had no comment.
- Coconino National Forest – had several comments which are attached. Dateland Proving Grounds response to Coconino National Forest's concerns are attached as well.

**Planning & Zoning Commission Recommendation:**

On a motion by Norton, seconded by Freeman, the Commission voted 6-1 to recommend that Council approve the application submitted by Dateland Proving Grounds on a fifteen (15) acre portion of Parcels 404-30-368A and 404-30-368C, which is leased to the Town of Camp Verde by the Sanitary District; with the following recommendations: The Camera Training Policy shall be modified prior to the Use Permit becoming effective, to provide as follows: Any observations of crime being committed shall be promptly reported to the proper authorities in accordance with Emergency Response Policy Guidelines, to be dealt with by the Town of Camp Verde, and all such violations of the Camera Policy shall be also reported in a Monthly Violations Report and submitted to the Town of Camp Verde; in addition, insurance policies and proof of insurance indemnifying the Town satisfactory to the Town Council must be presented before any Use Permit could become effective; rescue efforts, humanitarian efforts and crime prevention efforts are all included as part of the Emergency Response Policy; a 5-year duration on the Use Permit is also recommended; with a 'no' vote by Hisrich.

**Included in packet:**

- Mr. Powell has provided a Certificate of Liability Insurance sample and a revised PGSS Camera Training Policy which are included in the packet.

**NOTE:** As added clarification, staff is requesting, should council approve this application, to specifically state in their motion that all violations of the "Camera Policy" shall be reported to the Community Development Department in the form of a "Monthly Violations Report". In addition, that a Certificate of Liability for the Camp Verde facility be in place.

**Recommendation (Suggested Motion):**

A motion to **approve or deny** Resolution 2011-826, for Use Permit 2010-03, an application submitted by Dateland Proving Grounds to allow for research, development and training for persistent ground surveillance systems for the Naval Air Warfare Center Division. Resolution 2011-826 to include the stipulations as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission on January 6, 2011. (and/or additional stipulations as approved by Council) The Use is located on a fifteen (15) acre portion of parcel 404-30-368A and 404-30-368C which is leased to the Town of Camp Verde by the Sanitary District. The property is located on the road to the Camp Verde Sanitary District facilities approximately .52 miles north from the entrance at State Route 260.

Finance Review:  Budgeted     Unbudgeted     N/A

Finance Director Comments/Fund:

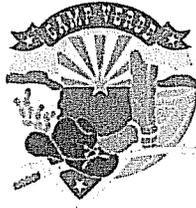
Attorney Review:         Yes                 No                 N/A

Attorney Comments: See attached e-mail from Attorney dated January 10, 2011

Submitting Department: Community Development

Contact Person: Jenna Owens – Asst. Planner

Action Report prepared by: Jenna Owens – Asst. Planner



**RESOLUTION 2011-826**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, ARIZONA, APPROVING USE PERMIT 2010-03 FOR A PORTION OF PARCELS 404-30-368A and 404-30-368C, FIFTEEN ACRES, WHICH IS LEASED TO THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE BY THE CAMP VERDE SANITARY DISTRICT FOR USE BY DATELAND PROVING GROUNDS TO ALLOW FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING FOR PERSISTENT GROUND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS FOR THE NAVAL AIR WARFARE CENTER AIRCRAFT DIVISION. SITE EQUIPMENT INCLUDES PORTABLE POWERED SURVEILLANCE TRAILERS AND AEROSTATS. ANY CHANGES TO THESE USES MUST COME BEFORE THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION AND TOWN COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.**

The Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde hereby resolves as follows:

1. The Common Council hereby finds as follows:

A request for approval of Use Permit 2010-03 was filed by Mr. Colin McCavitt, agent for Dateland Proving Grounds a portion of parcels 404-30-368A and 404-30-368C which is located on the road to the Camp Verde Sanitary District facilities approximately .52 miles north from the entrance at State Route 260.

- A. The parcel is zoned RCU 2A, and the proposed uses are permitted under such zoning with a Use Permit.
- B. The request was reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission on January 6, 2011 and by the Common Council on January 26, 2011 in public hearings that were advertised and posted according to state law.
- C. A neighborhood meeting was held on December 23, 2010 by the applicant as required by A.R.S. § 9-462.03 and the Town of Camp Verde Ordinance Section 113.
- D. The purpose of the Use Permit is for Dateland Proving Grounds to utilize a portion of parcels 404-30-368A and 404-30-368C for research, development and training for persistent ground surveillance systems for the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division. Site equipment includes portable powered Surveillance Trailers and Aerostats
- E. The proposed use will not constitute a threat to the health, safety, welfare or convenience to the general public and should be approved.

The Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde hereby approves UP 2010-03 for the purpose of Dateland Proving Grounds to utilize a portion of parcels 404-30-368A and 404-30-368C which is leased to the Town of Camp Verde, for research, development and training for persistent ground surveillance systems, by utilizing Aerostats, for the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division. The property is located on the road to the Camp Verde Sanitary District facilities approximately .52 miles north from the entrance at State Route 260. Changes to the allowed uses will have to come before the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Town Council.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR SESSION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, ARIZONA ON JANUARY 26, 2011.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Bob Burnside, Mayor**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to form: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Town Attorney**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Deborah Barber, Town Clerk**

## Jenna Owens

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**From:** Jenna Owens  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2011 8:57 AM  
**To:** 'Bill Sims'  
**Subject:** RE: Resolution for review

Thank you Bill for your quick review, I do appreciate it. I will make the change you requested. I hope you have a great day! Jenna

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**From:** Bill Sims [mailto:wjsims@lasotapeters.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2011 8:56 AM  
**To:** Jenna Owens  
**Subject:** RE: Resolution for review

Jenna:

I had a minor revision. Please see attached.

Bill Sims  
LaSota & Peters, PLC  
722 East Osborn Road, Suite 100  
Phoenix, Arizona 85014  
Phone (Office): 602.296.0950  
Phone (Cell): 602.524.0575  
Fax: 602.248.2999  
E-mail: [wjsims@lasotapeters.com](mailto:wjsims@lasotapeters.com)

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**From:** Jenna Owens [mailto:Jenna.Owens@campverde.az.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 04, 2011 2:58 PM  
**To:** William J. Sims  
**Subject:** Resolution for review

Hi Mr. Sims,  
I have attached a resolution for your review. I will need to submit this to the Clerk's Office on the 13<sup>th</sup>, so if you could have it back to me in time to make revisions that would be great.  
Have a great day! and thank you,

Jenna Owens  
Town of Camp Verde

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*Effective January 10, 2010, Town offices are closed on Friday. Hours of operations are Monday - Thursday 7 am to 6 pm.*

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# Use Permit Check List

Pre-Application Conference with staff and the Acting Community Development Director

## **\*Directions to Property**

Legal Description

## **\*Letter of Intent (Narrative)**

Public Participation, Neighborhood meeting, completed. Date: 12-23-10

- Copy of letter sent to neighbor's within 300'
- Posting of Property by applicant (photo)
- Affidavit attesting to notification of neighbors
- Sign in sheet
- **\*Affidavit of summary of meeting**
- **\*Statement of how the applicant addressed neighborhood concerns.**

ADOT outdoor advertising permit (if applicable) for commercial signage

Traffic Impact Analysis or ADOT approval of site access (if applicable)

## **\*Site Plan**

## **\*Vicinity Map with adjacent land use**

## **\*Resolution (for Council Hears Planning & Zoning)**

## **\*Staff Report**

Will include summary of agency & citizen's comments, Traffic Impact Analysis or ADOT approval of site access (if applicable), Town requirements, applicant's narrative as it addresses requirements for application and recommended stipulations if approved. (if any)

Advertising & Posting has been completed & meet State Law Requirements.

Reviewed and approved by Town Attorney (For Council Hears P & Z)

**NOTE: \*Indicates included in packet**

Revised 10/09

CASE NO. 2010-46

PROJECT NO. 4P2010-03

**TOWN OF CAMP VERDE**  
 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
 473 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 108  
 CAMP VERDE, ARIZONA 86322  
 (928) 567-8513 • FAX (928) 567-7401  
**USE PERMIT APPLICATION Fee: Current Fee Schedule**

APPLICATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. PORTION OF 404-30-368A & 368C  
 PRESENT ZONING RCU-2A 15AC  
 SUBDIVISION METES & BOUNDS  
 ADDRESS OF PROPERTY N/A

TAKEN BY [Signature]  
 CLASSIFICATION OF UP \_\_\_\_\_  
 FEES \$ 1800.00  
 HEARING DATE P:Z COMM 10/11 COUNCIL 1/26/11

**REQUEST:**

A USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A TESTING FACILITY FOR PERSISTANT GROUND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS.

SUBJECT PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY BEING LEASED BY THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE

OWNER CAMP VERDE SANITARY DISTRICT PHONE 567-6794 FAX \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS PO BOX 1205 CITY CAMP VERDE STATE AZ ZIP 86322  
 CONTACT PERSON JAN GOGAN OR CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD - GREG FREEMAN

If the applicant is not the property owner, the owner shall complete and sign the following statement. I herby authorize N/A to act as my agent in the application.

Name of Agent

By signing this Use Permit Application, as the owner of the property, you are not giving approval for the proposed use, only for the applicant to move forward with the application & hearing process.

[Signature] 9/27/10  
 Signature of Owner Date

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 AGENT DATELAND PROVING GROUNDS PHONE 480-850-1555 FAX \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS 61 S. WILLIAM DILLARD DR. CITY GILBERT STATE AZ ZIP 85233  
 CONTACT PERSON COLIN McCAVITT

I herby file the above request and declare that all information submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further acknowledge that any omission of information or any error in my application may be cause for delay in it's normal scheduling.

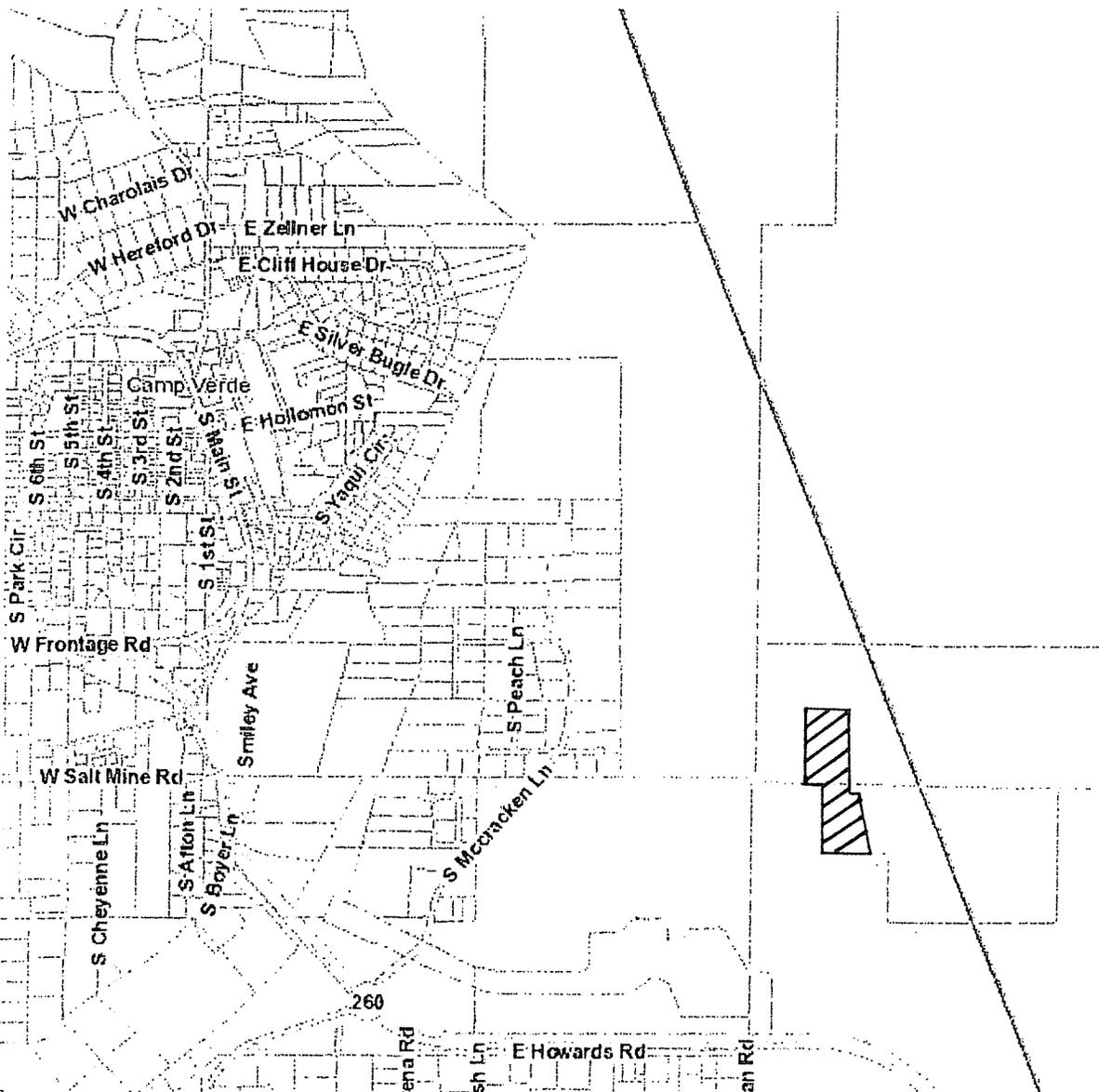
[Signature] 10/25/10  
 Signature of Applicant Date

# DIRECTIONS TO PROPERTY

A PORTION OF  
Assessor's Parcel Number 404-30-368A : 404-30-368C

Applicants Name DATELAND PROVING GROUNDS

Property Address METES & BOUNDS





Camp Verde Public Hearing

Date: 12/23/10

Time: 4:30

Re: Dateland Paving Grounds interest in leasing land 15 acre  
parcel east of the Camp Verde Sanitary District.

Sign in sheet.

HOWARD PARRISH

Jan Orogan

KEN RALSTON

JAMES STRAUT

Norma Harigan

~~Bob Stevens~~

Fran Arriea

Sue Burnside

Hollister Lew

## **DATELAND PROVING GROUNDS**

Dateland Proving Grounds  
Community Meeting Camp Verde  
December 23, 2010  
4:30pm  
Marshalls Office

Questions:

What is recorded during use of the camera?

There is no recording of video surveillance, only longitude and latitude points for establishing training targets.

Will there be a mixture of trainers and trainees, and how many?

Yes, a mixture of trainers and trainees with approximately 12-24 at the site.

Will there be jobs for local employees?

Yes, local residents who have the qualifications can apply for positions available. Local companies will be used for such things as water, waste disposal, fencing and land grading.

What about resident's personal privacy?

Dateland Proving Ground has a camera policy in place that does not permit viewing of citizens in their homes.

How large is the balloon?

The aerostat is approximately 70ft long with a 25ft circumference.

Would cameras be used to assist local law enforcement?

No, if local agencies wished to use our cameras in such a way, we would need to address the request as part of the use permit.

When did the first system go into Afghanistan?

January of this year.

Do you need to notify local airports when the balloon is deployed?

Yes, we contact various organizations within the area. (AFSS, ARTCC, AMOC)

## **DATELAND PROVING GROUNDS**

Is the balloon visible both day and night?

Yes, at night the aerostat has blinking lights attached every 100ft on the tether.

What is the scope of work for daylight?

Trainees are taught all aspects of how to handle the aerostat. Patching, flying, target acquisition, inflating, deflates.

What would the impact be on the stargazers?

We would follow the dark sky's ordinance.

How long would it take to get the site up and running once approved?

The site could be operational between 4 and 8 weeks.

How long is the training course?

The training program is a six week course.

How much noise do the generators make?

The generators are called Whisper Watts, and do not emit a great deal of noise.



# CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

OP ID B9

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

01/12/11

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

**IMPORTANT:** If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

<b>PRODUCER</b>  <b>THE MAHONEY GROUP - MESA</b> 1835 South Extension Road Mesa AZ 85210-5942 Phone: 480-730-4920 Fax: 480-730-4929	<b>CONTACT NAME:</b>	
	<b>PHONE (A/C, No, Ext):</b>	<b>FAX (A/C, No):</b>
<b>E-MAIL ADDRESS:</b>		
<b>PRODUCER CUSTOMER ID #:</b> STARA-1		
<b>INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE</b>		<b>NAIC #</b>
<b>INSURER A:</b> Federal Insurance Company		02081
<b>INSURER B:</b> State Automobile Mutual		
<b>INSURER C:</b> Chubb Indemnity Insurance Co		
<b>INSURER D:</b>		
<b>INSURER E:</b>		
<b>INSURER F:</b>		

**COVERAGES**                      **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:**                      **REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSR	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS	
A	<b>GENERAL LIABILITY</b>			35842297	03/15/10	03/15/11	EACH OCCURRENCE	\$ 1,000,000
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY						DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence)	\$ 1,000,000
	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR						MED EXP (Any one person)	\$ 10,000
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Per Location Aggr</b>						PERSONAL & ADV INJURY	\$ 1,000,000
GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO-JECT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOC							GENERAL AGGREGATE	\$ 2,000,000
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	<input type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$						E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT	\$ 1000000
<b>WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY</b> ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below								

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (Attach ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, if more space is required)

**Proof of insurance**

<b>CERTIFICATE HOLDER</b>		<b>CANCELLATION</b>	
PROOF--  Proof of Coverage		SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.	
		AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE  	

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## PGSS Camera Training Policy

### *Guidelines For Use In Public Settings*

Dateland Proving Grounds will maintain control of and responsibility for its video imaging system at all times.

Camera control operators and trainers are trained in the technical, legal and ethical parameters of appropriate camera use. Camera operators are monitored at all times by a trainer.

Operators and trainers are **not** permitted to collect any recorded data (visual, audio or other images) of identifiable individuals during its training and orientation programs.

Pervasive, routine or random surveillance of ordinary, lawful public activities, in a residential area is **not** permitted.

Video data obtained from the training camera shall not be retained or used for any other purposes, outside of the scope of training, as it relates to Force Protection for Forward Operating Bases. Operators and trainers shall not store video recordings on personal media devices (USB, DVD, CD-ROM, etc).

Operators and trainers are **prohibited** from using or disseminating information acquired from Dateland cameras except for official training purposes. All information and/or observations made in the use of the camera are considered confidential and can only be used for official training purposes. *(Exception) Any observations of a crime being committed shall be promptly reported to the proper authorities in accordance with the Emergency Response Policy Guideline (to be dealt with by each individual City/Town where the training facility is operating).*

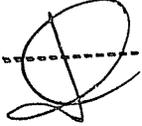
All appropriate measures must be taken to hold training information securely through its creation, storage, transmission, use and deletion. Information must be handled with an appropriate level of security to protect against unauthorized access, alteration or disclosure.

Operators and trainers are required to review and comply with this policy in performing their duties and functions related to the operation of the video surveillance system. Failure to follow this policy will result in termination. *(All such violations of the Camera Policy shall be reported in a Monthly Violations Report and submitted to the appropriate City/Town where the training center is operating.)*

Operators and trainers shall receive a copy of this policy and provide written acknowledgement that they have read and understand its contents, regarding their duties under the policy, including an undertaking of confidentiality.

All operators and trainers will perform their duties in accordance to this policy.



RECEIVED  
NOV 29 2010  
BY: 

Town of Camp Verde  
Community Development Department  
473 S. Main St., Suite 108  
Camp Verde, AZ 86332  
Attn: Jenna Owens  
Date: 11/29/10

Dear Ms. Owens;

I wish to change the company name on our Use Permit documentation to read Dateland Proving Grounds. This company is owned by the same owners of STARA Technologies, Inc. (Colin McCavitt & Glen Bailey) In doing so, I authorize you to amend the paperwork on my behalf.

The change is a result of the development of a training facility we currently use. Dateland Proving Grounds, has recently built and oversees our existing facility in Dateland and will be responsible for all aspects of the development in Camp Verde.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Respectfully,



Douglas Powell

Director of Marketing  
STARA Technologies  
61 S. William Dillard Dr.  
Gilbert, AZ 85233  
[Doug.powell@staratechnologies.com](mailto:Doug.powell@staratechnologies.com)  
602-739-0348

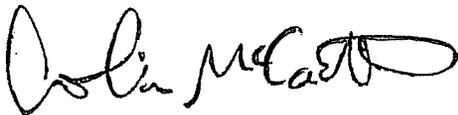
## **DATELAND PROVING GROUNDS**

Town of Camp Verde  
Community Development  
473 South Main Street, Suite 102  
Camp Verde, Arizona 86322

Dear Ms. Owens,

Please note that I have designated Mr. Doug Powell to be our company representative for future Camp Verde discussions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colin McCavitt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "C" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Colin McCavitt

Dateland Proving Grounds



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
Federal Aviation  
Administration

Federal Aviation Administration  
Western Service Area

1601 Lind Avenue SW  
Renton, Washington 98057

**FEB 08 2010**

Mr. Glen R. Bailey  
STARA Technologies, Inc.  
61 S. William Dillard Drive  
Gilbert, AZ 85233

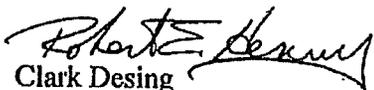
Dear Mr. Bailey:

Enclosed is the Certificate of Waiver (FAA Form 7711-1) issued as per your application for a moored balloon up to 1,000 feet Above Ground Level (AGL), at Latitude 34°33'3"N, Longitude 111°50'1"W, effective February 6, 2010 through February 5, 2011. Your compliance with the enclosed special provisions is required when conducting operations specified by the Certificate of Waiver.

You must submit an annual application requesting renewal of the waiver. Please submit all future waiver requests to the FAA Western Service Center, Operations Support Group, AJV-W2, 1601 Lind Ave. SW, Renton, WA 98057, no less than 45 days prior the expiration date and/or the event date. Along with your FAA Form 7711-2, application for Certificate of Waiver or Authorization, please include a map (such as an aeronautical sectional chart) clearly depicting the launch site.

If you have questions, please contact Carol Long, Operations Support Specialist, Operations Support Group, Western Service Center, at (425) 203-4515.

Sincerely,

  
fn Clark Desing  
Manager, Operations Support Group  
Western Service Center

Enclosure

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

CERTIFICATE OF WAIVER OR AUTHORIZATION

ISSUED TO

STARA Technologies, Inc.

ADDRESS

Mr. Glen R. Bailey  
STARA Technologies, Inc.  
61 S. William Dillard Drive  
Gilbert, AZ 85233 phone: (480) 850-1500 email:

This certificate is issued for the operations specifically described here. No person shall conduct any operation pursuant to the authority of this certificate except in accordance with the standard and special provisions contained in the certificate, and such other requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations not specifically waived by this certificate.

OPERATIONS AUTHORIZED

Moored balloon to a height of 4,224 feet Mean Sea Level (MSL), 1,000 feet Above Ground Level (AGL).  
Launch site: DRK 092° radial at 33 nautical miles (nm), Latitude 34°33'03"N, Longitude 111°50'01"W.  
Times: Operations will be 24 hours a day for a one to two week duration, with advance notice as required in the Special Provisions.

WAIVED REGULATIONS BY SECTION AND TITLE

14 CFR 101.13, (a) (1) and (2) Operating Limitations

STANDARD PROVISIONS

1. This certificate must be presented for inspection upon the request of any authorized representative of the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, or any state or municipal official charged with the duty of enforcing laws or regulations.
2. The holder of this certificate will be responsible for the strict observance of the terms and provisions contained here.
3. This certificate is nontransferable.

NOTE. - This certificate constitutes a waiver of those federal rules or regulations specifically referred to above. It does not constitute a waiver of any state or local ordinance.

SPECIAL PROVISION

Special Provisions Nos. 1 to 2 inclusive, are set forth on page two.

This certificate is effective on February 6, 2010 through February 5, 2011, subject to cancellation at any time upon notice by the Administrator or his authorized representative.

BY DIRECTION OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Western Service Center

(REGION)

FEB 08 2010

(DATE)

  
Clark Desing

(SIGNATURE)

Manager, Operations Support Group  
(TITLE)

**STARA Technologies, Inc.**  
**SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

1. Authority to deviate from the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) is limited to specific regulations shown on the Certificate of Waiver. All other applicable FARs must be fully complied with.
2. You must make the following notifications prior to conducting operations:
  - a. **Between 6 and 72 hours prior:** Call the Automated Flight Service Station (AFSS), national NOTAM number at (877) 487-6867. Advise your launch location and ask to issue a Notice to Airman (NOTAM), referencing this waiver. If no response, contact the Prescott AFSS Operations Supervisor at (928) 583-6154.
  - b. **At least 1 hour prior:** Notify Albuquerque Air Route Traffic Control Center (ZAB ARTCC), at (505) 856-4575.
  - c. **When operations have ended:** Notify Albuquerque Air Route Traffic Control Center (ZAB ARTCC), at (505) 856-4575. Call Prescott AFSS at (877) 487-6867 and ask to have the NOTAM cancelled.
3. Provide the following information to each facility upon initial notification:
  - a. Type of activity to be conducted: moored balloon, specify diameter.
  - b. Location: (N34° 33' 03"/ W111° 50' 01")
  - c. Date, time, and duration of the launch.
  - d. Affected altitudes: surface to 1000 feet AGL (4,224 feet MSL).
  - e. Means of contacting launch site (on-site cell or satellite phone number) with ability to cease operations within 15 minutes of notification.
4. The holder must notify ZAB ARTCC and PRC AFSS if, for any reason, any or all of the operation has been cancelled. If the balloon does not deflate as designed, the holder must immediately notify ZAB ARTCC.
5. All operations must be conducted in accordance with the holder's safety rules and codes.
6. As directed in Advisory Circular AC70/7460-1K, the balloon will be illuminated with high intensity strobe lights for any operations between sunset and sunrise.
7. ZAB ARTCC reserves the right to cancel the balloon launch at any time they determine aircraft safety may be at risk.
8. The holder must be responsible for safeguarding persons and property on the ground.
9. It is the responsibility of the holder to ensure that all persons participating in this operation are briefed on both the standard and special provisions of this waiver.

## Jenna Owens

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**From:** Judy Adams <jadams05@fs.fed.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 24, 2010 2:47 PM  
**To:** Jenna Owens  
**Subject:** Use permit 2010-03

RECEIVED  
NOV 24 2010

Jenna, I have just reviewed the proposal for STARA Technologies. The Forest Service has a few concerns about this project and its proximity to the Verde Ranger District Administrative office and forest operations at that site.

- 1) We occasionally have aircraft land at the ranger station location during emergency and fire situations. We do not want the aerostat balloon to limit our abilities to have these operations at the ranger station when needed.
- 2) There is National Forest land adjacent to this site. It is part of a grazing allotment and is open for public use. The use of this proposed site must not restrict any use or public access to National Forest lands in this area at any time.
- 3) The road access into the sanitary district is under permit through the National Forest to the Sanitary District. If there is going to be multiple users of this roadway, it may be more appropriate for them to form a road association and change the permit responsibility to that association. The Forest Service has received an application from the Town of Camp Verde to do improvements to the road and perhaps obtain the permit for the access road but at this time, the Sanitary District has responsibility for maintenance and it is a private road for their purposes. We would expect that some new permit or arrangement be done to address multiple users of this road. In addition, the road permit is limited in width. No improvements to the roadway are currently permitted and there would need to be additional coordination and the completion of NEPA analysis if the improvements proposed by the Town are needed for the construction or delivery of the facilities proposed.
- 4) It appears that they are proposing to construct fencing along the forest boundary as well as a roadway very near the boundary. (Their site plan indicates Tonto NF and it should be Coconino NF). The forest would want to make sure they are required to survey the boundary prior to any construction activities and all construction including fence construction must occur from the Sanitary District property and not by driving on the National Forest. They should be required to construct the fence or install temporary construction fencing along the forest boundary to prevent any encroachment during construction.
- 5) We assume that there is not risk of the balloon drifting away from the site requiring potential access through the National Forest. There should be appropriate measures in place to ensure the balloon is secure at all times, with appropriate secondary measures.

We would recommend that STARA have a discussion with the Verde Ranger District staff to ensure there is not other potential interference with ranger station operations, such as communications equipment, (radio base stations and federal frequencies that are used from this site.)

Thank you for letting us comment on this proposal.

Judy  
JUDY ADAMS, Lands Team Leader  
Coconino National Forest  
Mailing: PO Box 20429, Sedona, AZ 86341  
Location: 8375 State Route 179, Sedona, AZ 86351  
phone (928) 203-7506  
fax (928) 203-7539  
email: [jadams05@fs.fed.us](mailto:jadams05@fs.fed.us)

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## Jenna Owens

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**From:** Doug Powell <doug.powell@staratechnologies.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 13, 2010 11:25 AM  
**To:** Jenna Owens  
**Subject:** FW: Camp Verde Aerostat Proposal

**From:** Doug Powell  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 30, 2010 2:38 PM  
**To:** 'jadams05@fs.fed.us'  
**Subject:** Camp Verde Aerostat Proposal

Judy,

I have looked at your questions and put together a response to each. I hope this ensures you that we are fully committed to working with all of the local agencies in making sure this project fits into the community.

- 1) We occasionally have aircraft land at the ranger station location during emergency and fire situations. We do not want the aerostat balloon to limit our abilities to have these operations at the ranger station when needed. **We currently operate an identical site in Dateland AZ, where we work in conjunction with the Border Patrol and there air vehicles. We call between 6 and 72 hours in advance of the aerostat launch to the Border Patrol as well as the other agencies (AFSS, NOTAM) to make them aware of our aerostat schedule. The aerostat is tethered, and is thus, locked into a specific area where it can drift. We do not foresee any issues with the ranger station and its use of emergency aircraft when needed. We would also be able to bring down the aerostat in the event of an emergency, and the ranger station needed to land a larger aircraft.**
- 2) There is National Forest land adjacent to this site. It is part of a grazing allotment and is open for public use. The use of this proposed site must not restrict any use or public access to National Forest lands in this area at any time. **We do not foresee any restrictions to public access to the Forest lands. This site has been surveyed by Tim Hammes, and clearly marked. The fence that will be constructed will enclose the property that was surveyed by Mr. Hammes and nothing further.**
- 3) The road access into the sanitary district is under permit through the National Forest to the Sanitary District. If there is going to be multiple users of this roadway, it may be more appropriate for them to form a road association and change the permit responsibility to that association. The Forest Service has received an application from the Town of Camp Verde to do improvements to the road and perhaps obtain the permit for the access road but at this time, the Sanitary District has responsibility for maintenance and it is a private road for their purposes. We would expect that some new permit or arrangement be done to address multiple users of this road. In addition, the road permit is limited in width. No improvements to the roadway are currently permitted and there would need to be additional coordination and the completion of NEPA analysis if the improvements proposed by the Town are needed for the construction or delivery of the facilities proposed. **We have no issues with the road width at this present time. Once the initial site is developed, trailers, generators, etc., the road should only have limited traffic coming from our site. Daily SUVs and Pickup trucks would be using the road to access our site. The trainees would arrive in the morning and depart at night to their hotels. No NEPA survey is expected to be performed. If the Town decided to do improvements to the road, we would comply with any requirements needed at that time.**
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- 5) We assume that there is not risk of the balloon drifting away from the site requiring potential access through the National Forest. There should be appropriate measures in place to ensure the balloon is secure at all times,

with appropriate secondary measures. The aerostat is securely tethered to a mooring station, and we have appropriate emergency measures in place should there be an event requiring the deflation of the aerostat.

We would recommend that STARA have a discussion with the Verde Ranger District staff to ensure there is no other potential interference with ranger station operations, such as communications equipment, (radio base stations and federal frequencies that are used from this site.) I would be available for discussion anytime with the Ranger Station personnel. My cell is 602-739-0348

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call me.

Doug  
602-739-0348

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Please consider our environment before printing this email. 

Hard copied Jackie B & Bob K  
e-mailed Council, Russ Martin, Mike Jenkins

12-31-10

TO: TOWN COUNCIL, MAYOR, TOWN MGR.

I AM WRITING TO BRING YOUR  
ATTENTION TO THE OPINIONS OF THE  
TOWN CITIZENS AND THEIR RESPONSE  
TO THE "BUGLE" ARTICLE ON "EYE  
IN THE SKY" REGARDING THE BUSINESS  
FROM PHOENIX WHO WANTS TO LOCATE  
HERE OFF HWY 260 IN CAMP VERDE

LAST COUNT THERE WERE 36  
OPINIONS VOICED TO THE ARTICLE.

AS YOU WILL SEE WHEN YOU  
GO ONLINE AND BRING UP THE ARTICLE  
THE VAST MAJORITY ARE AGAINST  
THIS BUSINESS BEING GIVEN A  
BUSINESS LICENSE TO OPERATE AT  
THE LOCATION IN TOWN BEING  
CONSIDERED.

PLEASE CONSIDER THIS WHEN  
VOTING FOR OR AGAINST THIS APPROVAL.

01-04-11 AT 10:04 RCVD

B. Valencia  
POB 1210  
Camp Verde, AZ 86322

SINCERELY,  
BETTY VALENCIA

Received  
1-4-11



**Beaver Creek Regional Council, Inc.**

P.O. Box 939  
Rimrock, Arizona 86335  
[www.BeaverCreekAZ.org](http://www.BeaverCreekAZ.org)  
Email: [Council@BeaverCreekAZ.org](mailto:Council@BeaverCreekAZ.org)

TO: Camp Verde Planning and Zoning Committee & Camp Verde Town Council  
DATE: January 6, 2011  
RE: STARA Technologies – Date Land Proving Grounds Research Division

Dear Committee and Council Members;

The Beaver Creek Regional Council, serving the communities of Rimrock, Lake Montezuma, McGuireville and surrounding areas, wishes to voice its concerns on the Town of Camp Verde's proposed contract with STARA Technologies – Date Land Proving Grounds Research Division. By a majority vote of the Council at its January 5<sup>th</sup> 2011 meeting, BCRC in principal is opposed to the proposal. Abstaining Council member votes required additional information and assurances negating the concerns of our local citizenry.

Specifically, our citizens have voiced concern for the potential invasion of privacy, potential damage to our local economies, the visual impact of the balloons which would be visible from miles around, community safety, protection of our dark skies and the possible effects on local flights from our regional airport.

There may be far less populated regions in Arizona similar to the mountainous terrain in Afghanistan which could be better suited for this type of operation where the potential threat of invasion of privacy could be negated. Training operations in these areas may prove to be more beneficial statewide by observing illegal trafficking activities prevalent in those areas. In that regard, STARA Technologies experience working with the U.S. Border Patrol could prove to be a beneficial asset for us all.

As the closest neighbors to Camp Verde, which has continually contributed to the Camp Verde local economy and sales tax base, we urge you to carefully weigh the economic impact of creating 15 to 30 jobs for out-of-town workers versus the overall economic impact, trust and good faith placed in the Town from the Beaver Creek and Camp Verde citizens. We encourage the Town Council and its committees to first focus on economic development plans that target the type of business and industry our areas desire to attract which can stimulate our areas' economy for the long haul.

In support of the U.S. Forest Service and our many area recreational users, an object floating in the sky this large may detract from the peaceful and secluded recreational uses of the area. Here in Beaver Creek, we take pride in the sanctity that our open space area provides. We do not wish to jeopardize this or suffer the potential negative impact to our eco-tourism and recreation industry.

Effects of our local weather – high winds in March and microbursts during our monsoon season, also brings into question safety issues for both our communities. Although it is said that these tethered balloons could be brought down quickly, the accident risk probability of sudden weather changes experienced in our Valley may be huge and of great concern to our local citizens.

As identified in the Beaver Creek Community Plan – Vision 2020, the citizens of Beaver Creek have recognized the protection and promotion of dark sky ordinances as one of its' primary objectives. Additional lighting of the night sky visible from our community is objectionable.

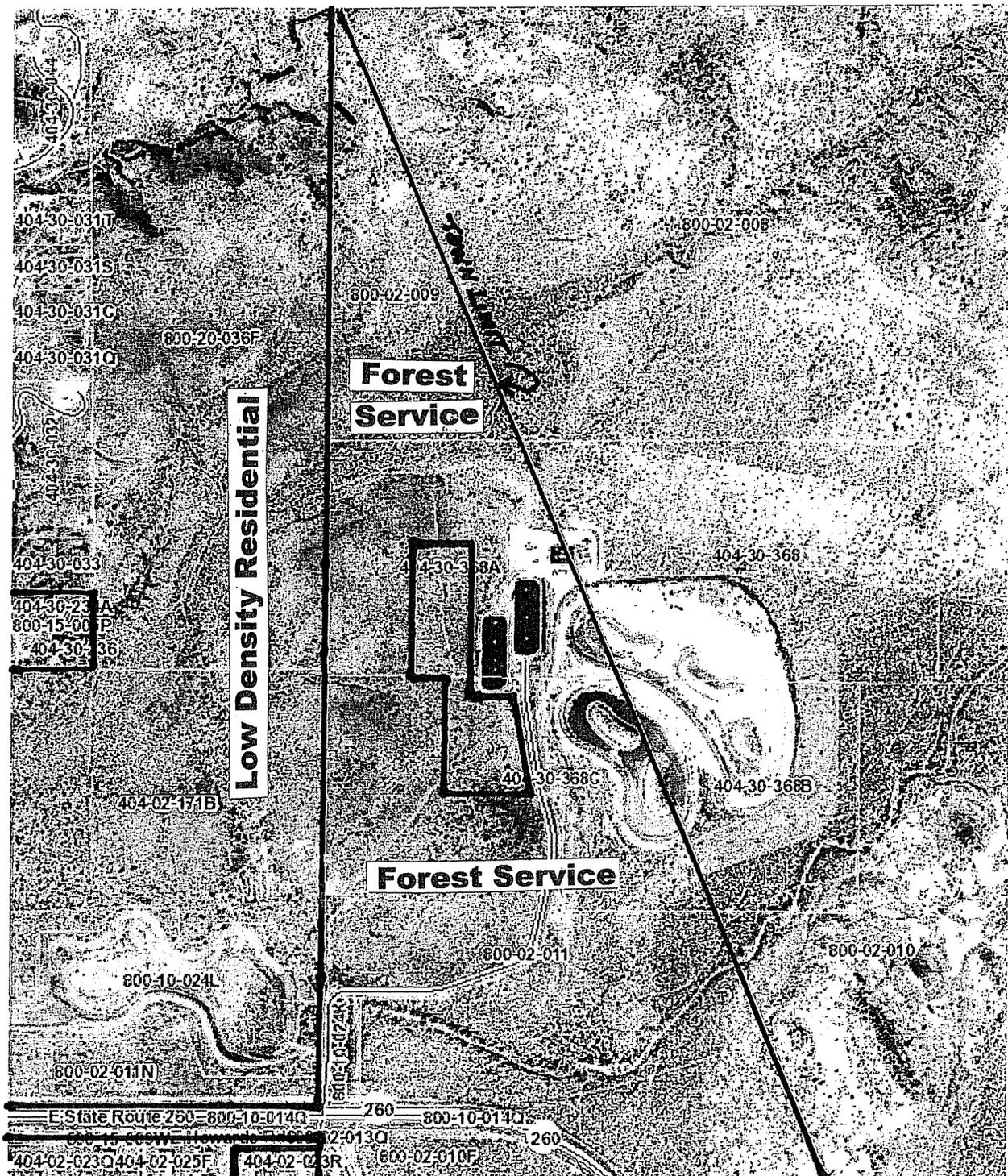
Finally, in support of our organization member, the Rimrock Airport Association, we urge you to listen to the cautions and experience of area pilots and users on the potential hazards this project may pose. The Rimrock Airport is one of the earliest airports in the country and the first in Arizona, activated in 1947.

We do not wish to be labeled as "NIMBYs", however, Camp Verde is our back yard. The citizens of Beaver Creek wish to continue to enjoy a peaceful and prosperous co-existence as good neighbors now and in the future with the Town of Camp Verde.

Sincerely,

Kala Pearson  
President  
Beaver Creek Regional Council, Inc.

# LAND USE



**Commercial** ↗

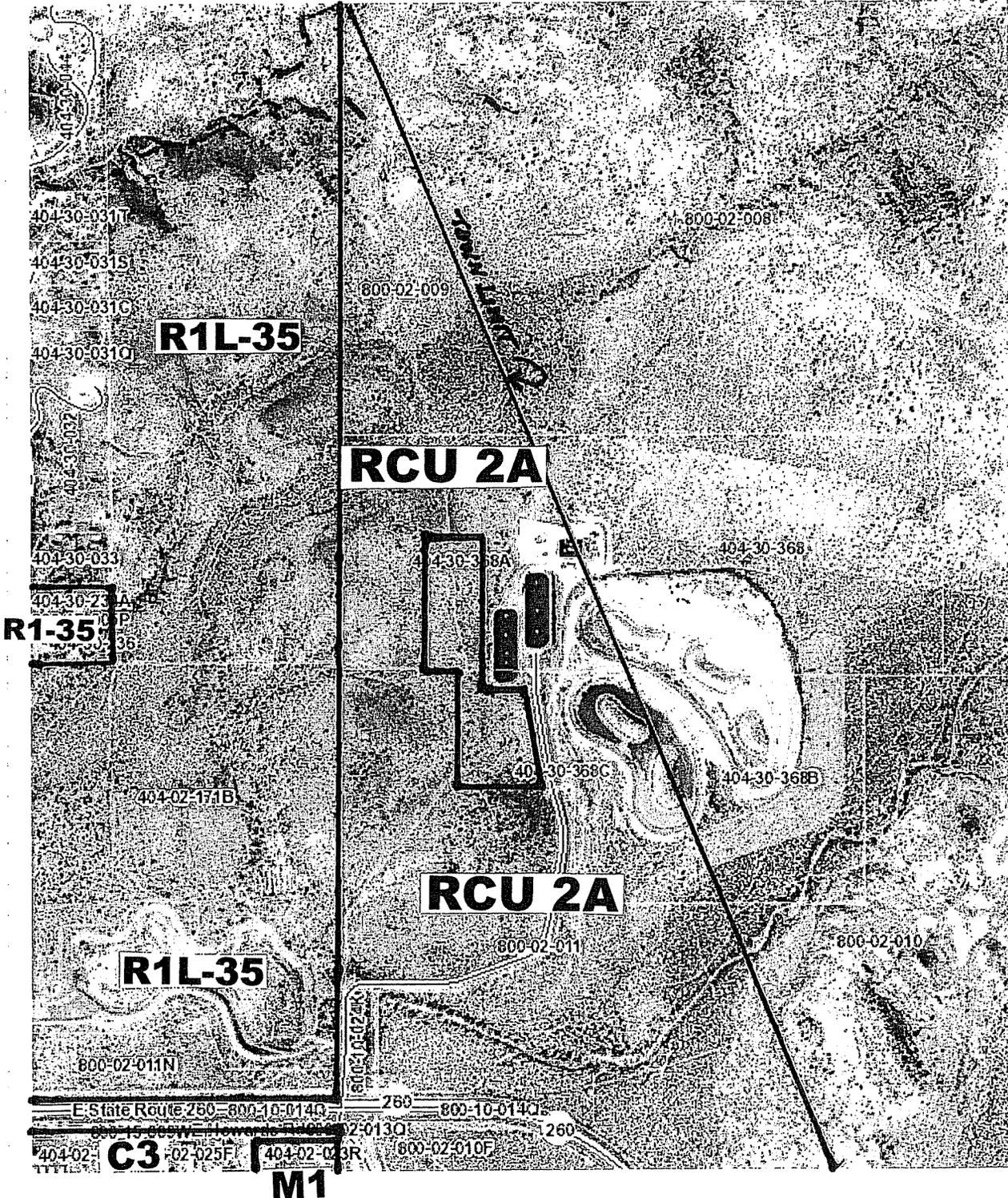
↖ **Industrial: General Limited**



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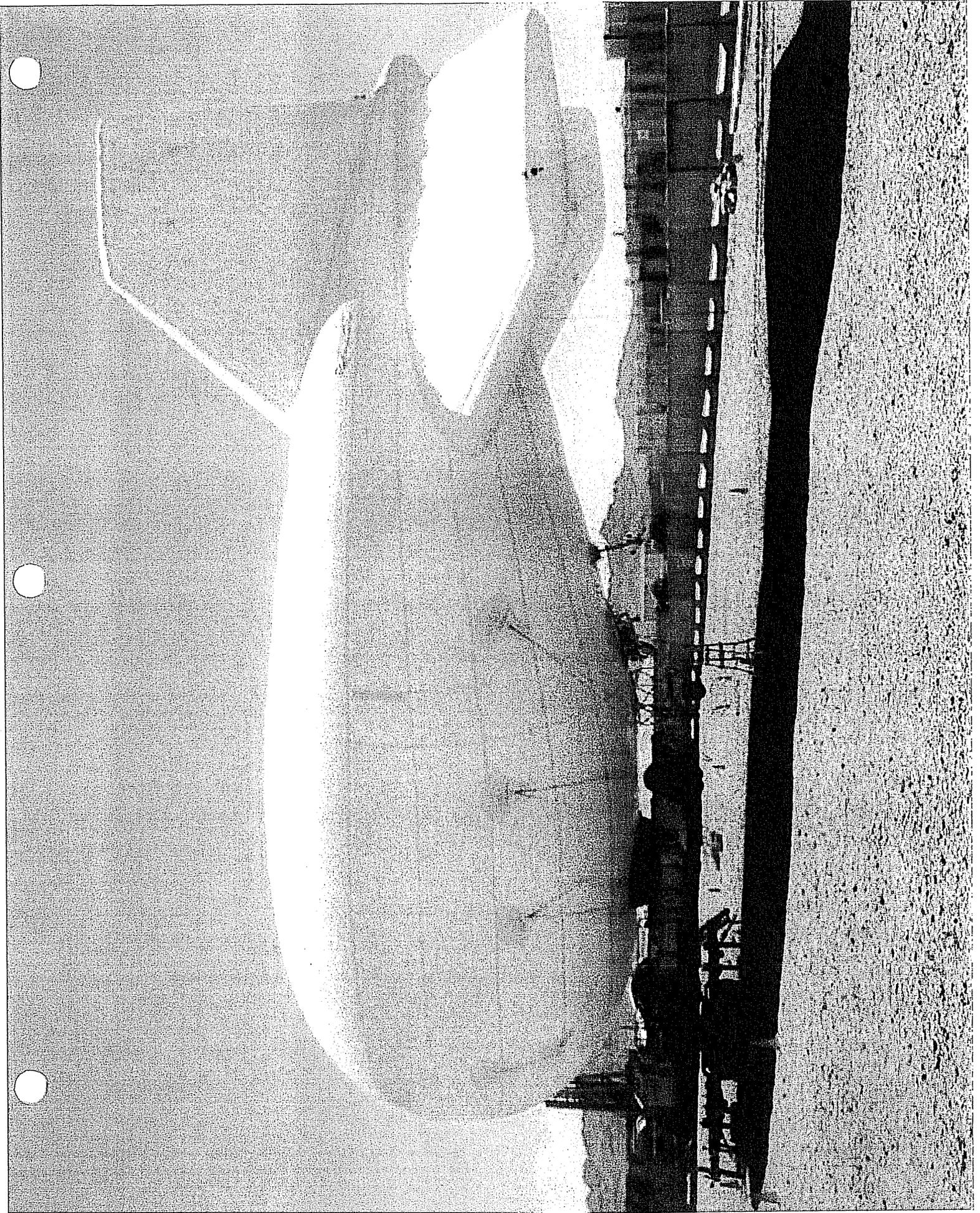
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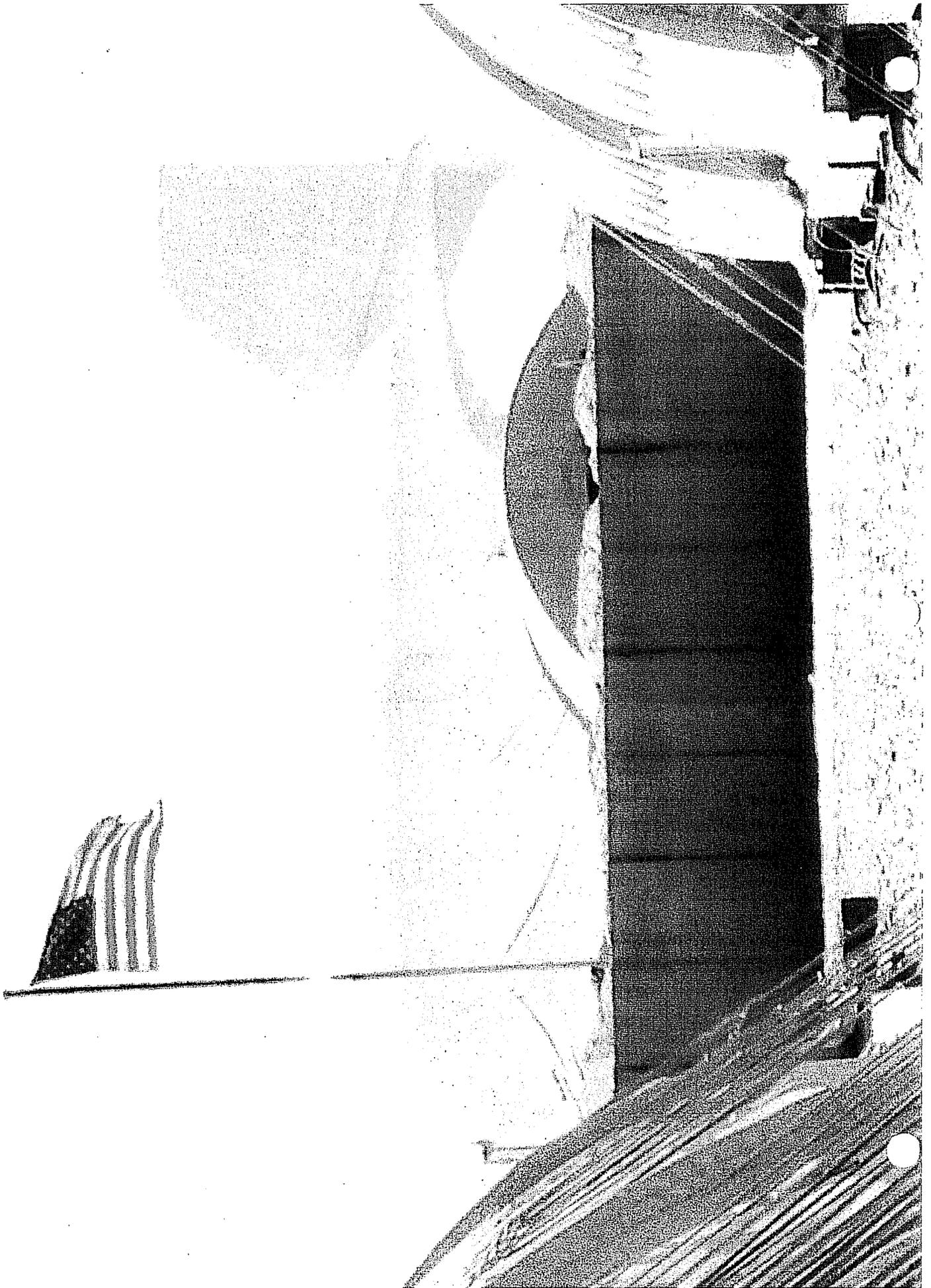
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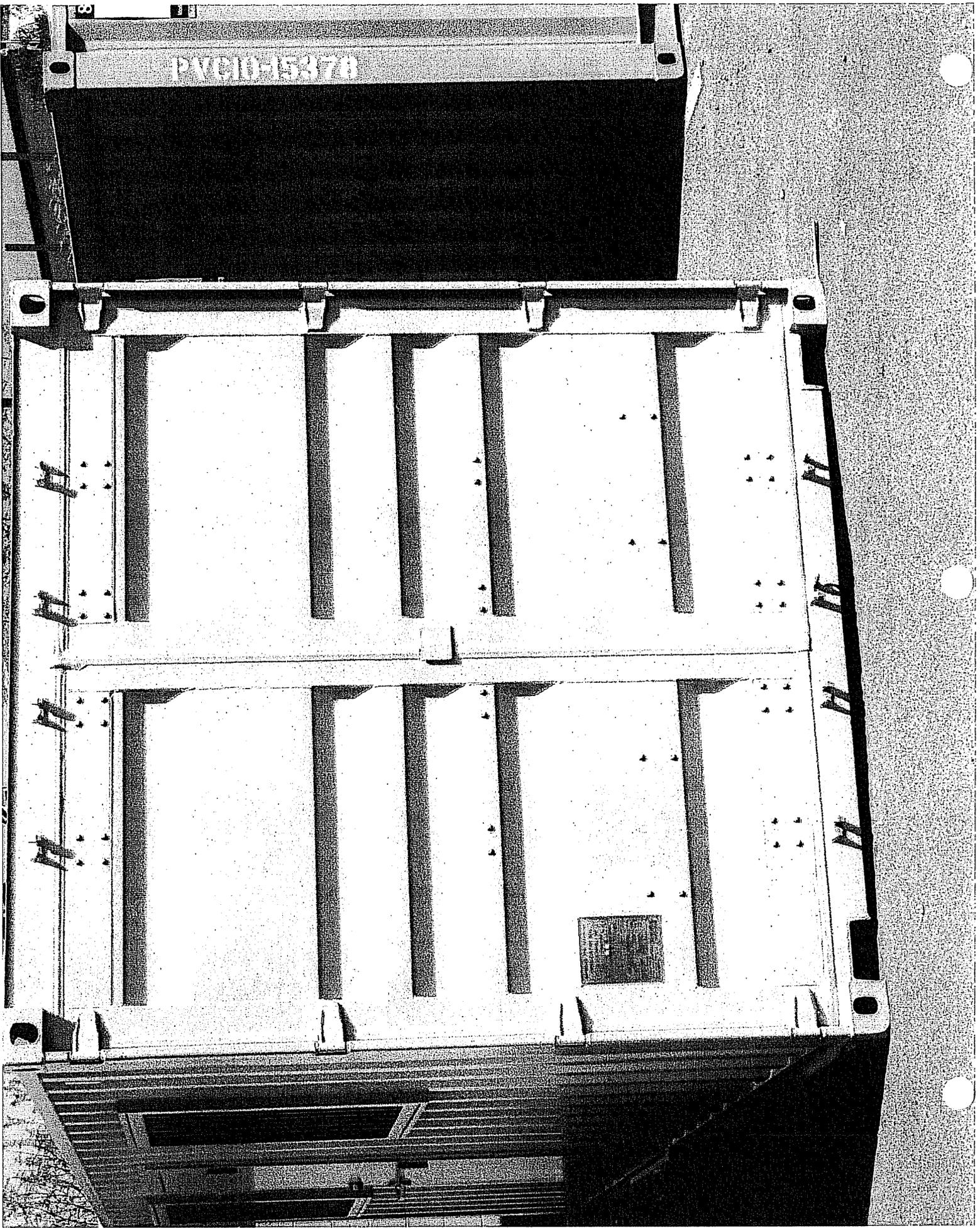


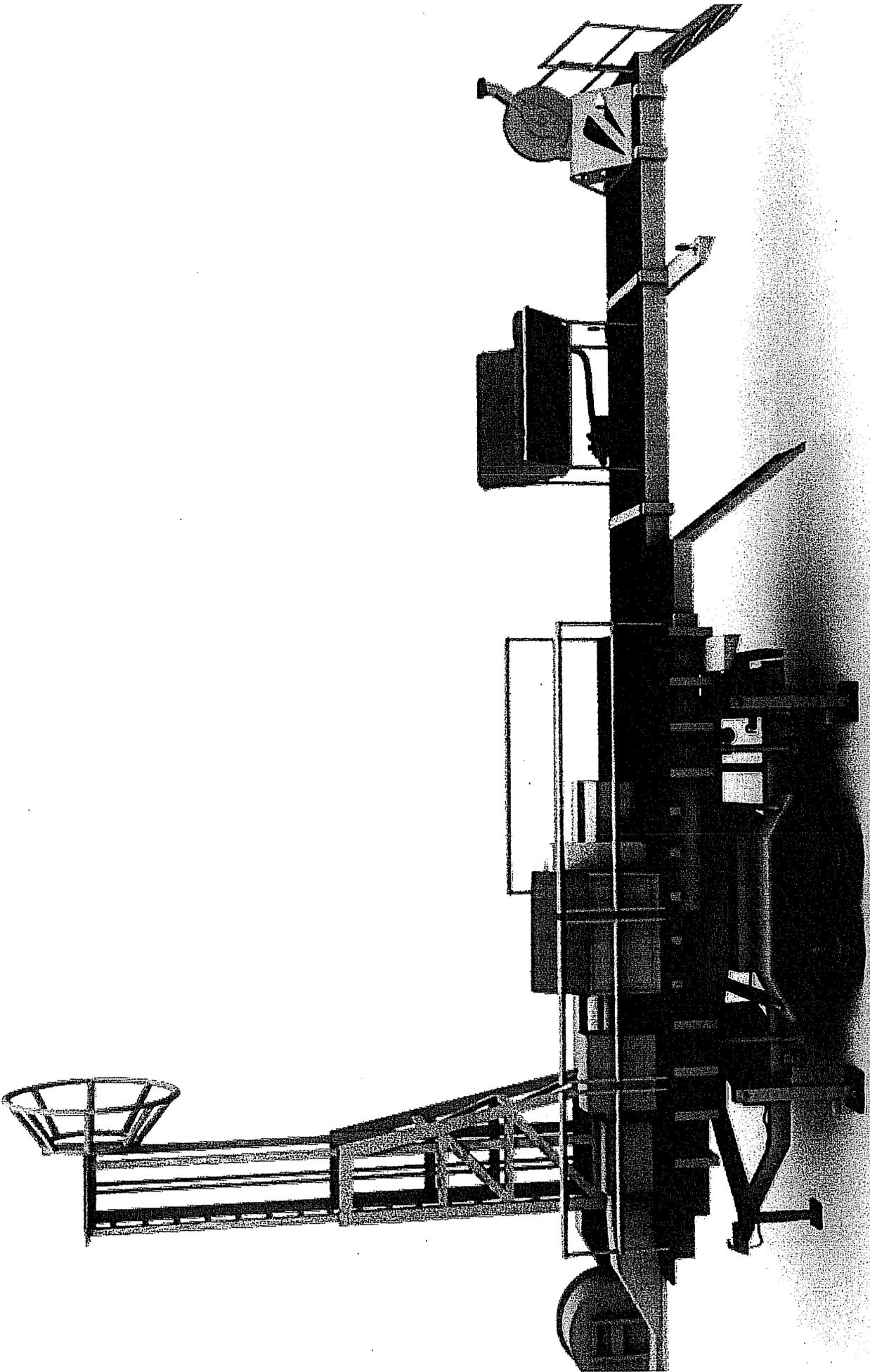
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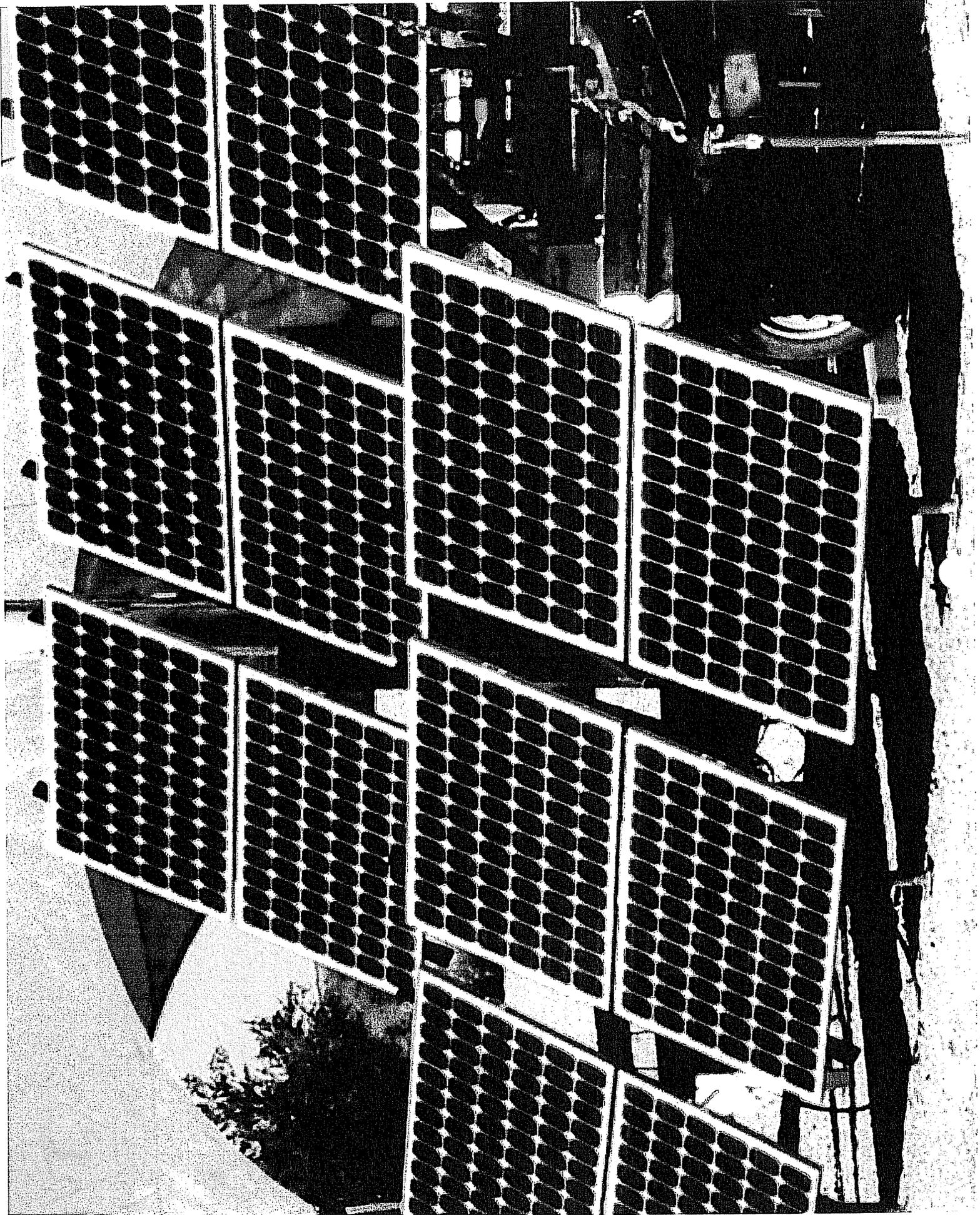
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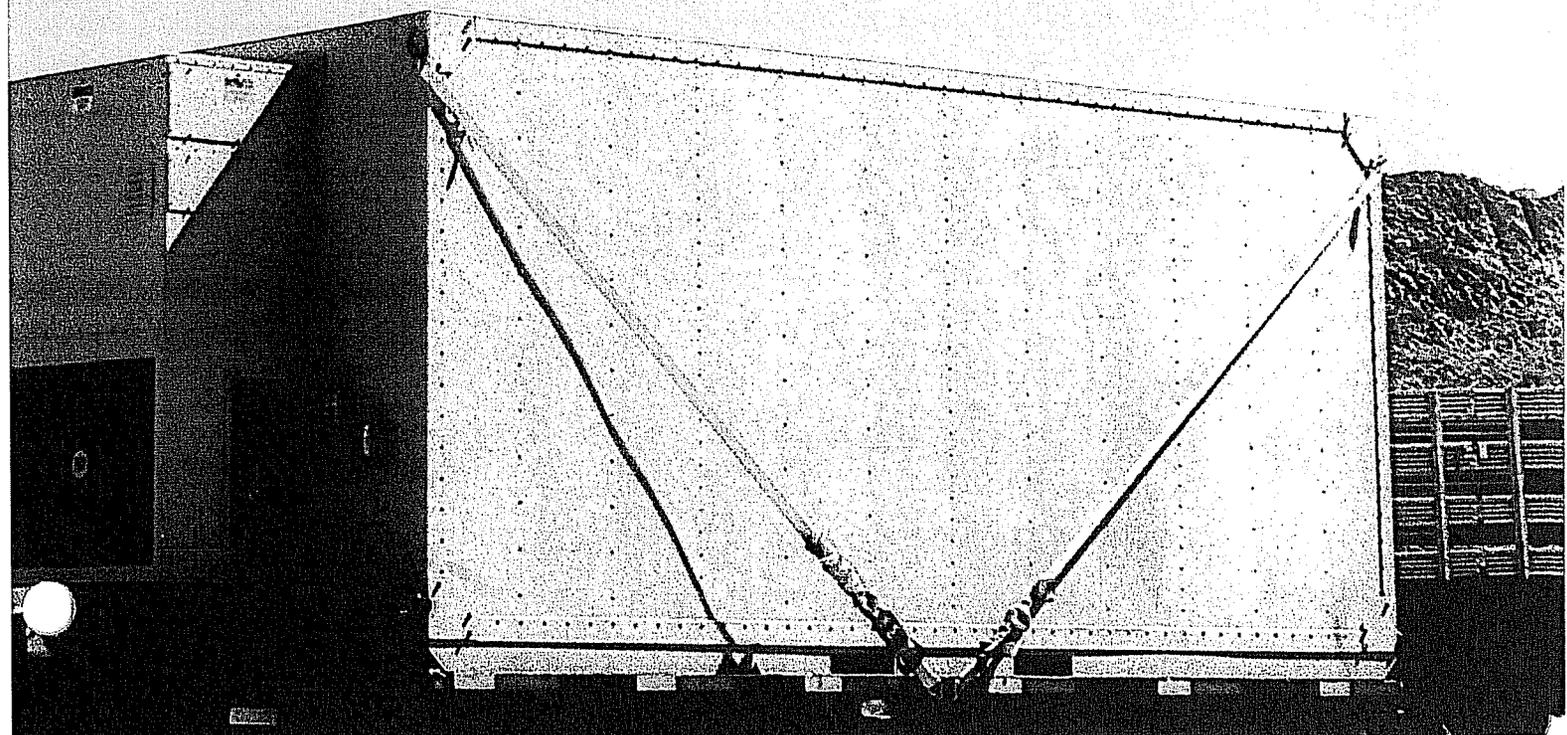




TRAILER

SOLAR PANELS ON TRAILER





GROUND STATION

GENERATOR



**MINUTES DRAFT**  
**Regular Session**  
**THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**  
**TOWN OF CAMP VERDE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**THURSDAY JANUARY 06, 2011**  
**6:30 PM**

Minutes are a summary of the actions taken. They are not verbatim.  
Public input is placed after Commission motions to facilitate future research.  
Public input, where appropriate, is heard prior to the motion

1. **Call to Order**  
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
  
2. **Roll Call**  
Chairperson Butner, Vice Chairperson Hisrich, Commissioners Buchanan, Parrish, Freeman, Hough and Norton were present.  
  
**Also Present:** Town Manager Russ Martin, Acting Community Development Director Mike Jenkins, Asst. Planner Jenna Owens, and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.
  
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**  
The Pledge was led by Parrish.
  
4. **Consent Agenda** - All those items listed below may be enacted upon by one motion and approved as Consent Agenda Items. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item if a member of Commission so requests.
  - a. **Approval of Minutes:**  
November 4, 2010 Regular Session
  - b. **Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**  
January 13, 2011 – Special SessionOn a motion by Buchanan, seconded by Hisrich, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.
  
5. **Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda**  
There was no public input.
  
6. **Election of Officers.**  
On a motion by Parrish, seconded by Norton, the Commission unanimously re-elected Joe Butner as Chairman.  
  
On a motion by Hisrich, seconded by Hough, the Commission unanimously elected Chip Norton as Vice Chairman.
  
7. **Public Hearing, Discussion and Possible recommendation to Council on a Use Permit 2010-03:**  
An application submitted by Mr. Colin McCavitt agent for Dateland Proving Grounds on a fifteen (15) acre portion of parcel 404-30-368A and 404-30-368C which is leased to the Town of Camp Verde by the Sanitary District. The applicant is requesting to allow for research, development and training for persistent ground surveillance systems for the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division. The portable powered surveillance trailers and aerostats will help protect US Troops operating in remote areas of Afghanistan. Dateland Proving Grounds is requesting a three (3) year lease with an option for five (5) year lease. The property is located on property currently owned by the Sanitary District off of State Route 260.  
  
On a motion by Norton, seconded by Freeman, the Commission voted 6-1 to recommend

that Council approve the application submitted by Dateland Proving Grounds on a fifteen (15) acre portion of Parcels 404-30-368A and 404-30-368C, which is leased to the Town of Camp Verde by the Sanitary District; with the following recommendations: The Camera Training Policy shall be modified prior to the Use Permit becoming effective, to provide as follows: Any observations of crime being committed shall be promptly reported to the proper authorities in accordance with Emergency Response Policy Guidelines, to be dealt with by the Town of Camp Verde, and all such violations of the Camera Policy shall be also reported in a Monthly Violations Report and submitted to the Town of Camp Verde; in addition, insurance policies and proof of insurance indemnifying the Town satisfactory to the Town Council must be presented before any Use Permit could become effective; rescue efforts, humanitarian efforts and crime prevention efforts are all included as part of the Emergency Response Policy; a 5-year duration on the Use Permit is also recommended; **with a 'no' vote by Hisrich.**

#### **STAFF PRESENTATION**

Asst. Planner Jenna Owens first commented that the name under which the application was made has been changed from STARA Technologies, Inc., to Dateland Proving Grounds, a training facility that is currently in use and will be responsible for all aspects of the development in Camp Verde. Also, Mr. Douglas Powell would make the presentation in place of Mr. Colin McCavitt. Ms. Owens reviewed in detail the purpose and background information as outlined in the agenda packet materials. The information included the provision that camera training privacy policies are in place and will be followed in accordance with the Training Policy contained in the agenda packet as well. The required neighborhood meeting was held, with nine individuals in attendance. In addition, a public service announcement was published by The Bugle on December 15, 2010 notifying all Camp Verde citizens of the dates and times of the scheduled Planning & Zoning and Council meetings to hear the subject application. There were no public comments received, other than a letter directed to the Town Manager, Mayor and Town Council commenting on the adverse reaction of some members of the public to the proposed facility described in the Bugle article. Ms. Owens reviewed responses received from the agencies contacted that for the most part had no comments; responses by the applicant to the concerns expressed by Coconino National Forest are included in the agenda materials.

Chairman Butner explained for the benefit of the public that the applicant is requesting a Use Permit; and under the Town Zoning Ordinance, Use Permits are provided to ensure the orderly use of land in conformance with the General Plan and applicable Town standards where uses are proposed that may require special limitations or conditions to provide compatibility with other uses. Use Permits will be granted only upon finding by the Council that the use covered by the Permit, the manner of its conduct, and any structure which is involved, will not be detrimental to persons residing or working in the vicinity, to adjacent property, to the neighborhood, or to the public welfare in general, and that the use will be in conformity to any conditions, requirements or standards prescribed by the Town Code or Council.

#### **APPLICANT'S PRESENTATION**

**Douglas Powell**, Head of Marketing for the Dateland Proving Grounds, gave a brief introduction to how and why the project came about, based on the urgent need in military operations in Afghanistan for advance surveillance to protect the troops from surprise attacks. He explained that the subject balloons are a combination of old technology and new technology, using high definition cameras, resulting in the "eye in the sky." The program has been extremely successful since being instituted in Afghanistan, with no way of telling how many lives it has saved. Mr. Powell said that the Camp Verde area was selected because it is a perfect location for training in that the elevation and terrain are similar to Afghanistan.

Some views of the project were displayed from a Power Point presentation, with Mr. Powell outlining the proposed operational hours, describing the mooring station, the number of trainees anticipated at a time being present on the site, the trainers and

trainees using local restaurants and staying at local hotels, as well as other benefits to the local economy. Mr. Powell added that any landscaping or additions to the site would be done by local vendors or contractors as first choices. Mr. Powell also commented on the job opportunities possible for qualified members of the community, and the convenience of the Camp Verde location to the Phoenix airport.

In responses to questions from the Commissioners, Mr. Powell confirmed that the intent is to request a 3-to-5 year lease; there is currently no need to request the FAA for permission to extend the height above the 1,000 feet, but if possible would apply for the 2,500 feet, which would provide a better simulation of Afghanistan elevation and better test results. The members discussed with Mr. Powell the issues of monitoring violations of the camera privacy policies; the number, safety and visibility of the balloon tether lines; hours of operation including night sessions; the types of targets used for training; weather restrictions; heat-sensing cameras as well as visual photography; the numbers of trainees and class cycles; the hours per day that the balloon will be aloft; the safety mechanisms in place in the event one breaks free; the notification to agencies regulating air space; the types of activities or movement that would attract the attention of the cameras; and the assurance of Mr. Powell that no targets would be put in place without the approval of the Town. Also discussed at length with Mr. Powell was deep concern about adequate supervision oversight to prevent violations of camera privacy policies in place, and responsibility for reporting such violations to the Town, as well as the question of using the cameras to assist local law enforcement and rescue operations; Mr. Powell agreed that such concerns or uses could be negotiated and established in the Use Permit guidelines. Mr. Powell said that tours could be scheduled in order to familiarize members of the community with the facility.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Jon Fineman**, Montezuma Airpark, commented on the four airports located within 5 to 15 miles of the site, and said he hoped that provisions have been made with the FAA in light of the small aircraft in the area; he is also concerned about lights on the tethers and their visibility.

**Irene Peoble**, Camp Verde, said she is concerned about how the lights would affect the night sky, how the ultra-light crafts would be made aware of the balloon, and what authority would discipline the trainees on violations of the camera privacy policy.

**Steven Sprinz**, Lake Montezuma, distributed a packet of information to the members, pointing out a letter of opposition from the Beaver Creek Regional Council. He noted some of the several reasons for opposition, including issues of privacy, concern about possible weapons on the sight, and hazards to flight expressed by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

**Kala Pearson**, President of the Beaver Creek Regional Council, said she is opposed to creating jobs for out of town workers and the local economy; the Town should target the type of business that we all desire to attract rather than piecemeal programs that may or may not be beneficial in the long run.

**Jan Klaun**, Camp Verde, said she would like very much for the Town to embrace this facility, unless investigation shows something really detrimental.

**Helen Zimmerli**, Camp Verde, said her one concern was if the balloon broke loose and ended up hitting the towers at Squaw Peak; what would be done about that.

**Patti Sexton**, a member of the Beaver Creek Regional Council, is concerned about rights of privacy, as well as the sacred land in this community, and the possibility that the Town is selling itself out too cheap.

**Shirley Brinkman**, Camp Verde, said this is a Camp Verde situation; we have a grand opportunity to help our boys over in Afghanistan; we need to support this. As for privacy, that is not what it is about, it is to help our boys.

**Linda Buchanan**, Camp Verde, expressed her unqualified support for the proposal; she appreciates the tough questions being asked. She is not frightened by the privacy aspect; she appreciates the economic opportunity; a 3-year lease would provide a chance to evaluate the project along the way.

There was no further public input.

#### **APPLICANT'S REBUTTAL**

Mr. Powell said there will be no weapons on the site; violators by the trainees will be disciplined according to the laws of Camp Verde in full cooperation with the local authorities; information would be published for local aviators; strobe lights are on the tethers; the complex could be made identifiable to aircraft overhead; the applicant is fully insured in the event of damage caused by a balloon breaking loose, and that information will be provided to the Council, together with any other documentation required. Mr. Powell commented on the benefit to the economy from the purchases of local services and materials and possible job opportunities; as far as sacred land, there will be no damage whatsoever to the facility site.

In response to a question regarding the duration of the Use Permit, Owens explained that any time period can be decided by Council; the Commission can make a recommendation as to the length of time, and there is always the option of periodic reviews for compliance during the term.

During further discussion, Hough commented that he feels uncomfortable with the issue before the Commission that makes decisions on horizontal land use; the question of an object 1,000 or 2,500 feet up in the air does not seem to be in the right venue for a decision. In response to the concern for the tether lighting, Jenkins stated that the Town cannot preempt an emergency type of use such as that required by the FAA; the emergency lighting on the tethers would be exempt from the lighting ordinance. There was also further discussion on the issues of identifying, reporting and dealing with violations of the existing camera privacy training policy. Butner suggested changes to the PGSS Camera Training Policy, including expanding on the "Exception" in the sixth paragraph to state: *"Any observations of the crime being committee will be reported to the proper authorities in accordance with the Emergency Response Policies developed with the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona"*; and to revise the last sentence in the eighth paragraph as follows: *"Failure to follow this policy will result in termination, and all violations of this policy will be reported on a monthly basis to the Town of Camp Verde in a monthly violation report that identifies the location of the violation as well as the duration of the violation."* Mr. Powell said the applicant would be more than willing to amend the Camera Policy as suggested, in light of the partnership they are trying to develop with the Town of Camp Verde. Mr. Powell agreed that the Camera Policies could also be revised for the Town of Camp Verde to include the provisions for emergency searches and rescues. There was additional discussion on monitoring the trainees as well as the supervising staff.

**8. Commission Informational Reports:**

There were no Commission informational reports.

**9. Staff**

Owens reminded the members of the Special Session next Thursday.

**10. Adjournment**

On a motion by Parrish, seconded by Buchanan, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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Joe Butner, Chairman

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Planning & Zoning

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the actions of the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Camp Verde during the Regular Session of the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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Margaret Harper, Recording Secretary