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**PROTECTION OF WRECKS AND WAR RELICS ACT**  
(Cap. 150)

**LICENCE TO CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES**

I, Hon. Choylin Yim Douglas, Minister for Culture and Tourism, under section 4(2) of the *Protection of Wrecks and War Relics Act* (Cap.150) (the Act), grant this licence to Captain Jonathan Robert Philip Tamanaha, Team Leader of the U.S. Defence (Prisoners of War/Missing in Action) Accounting Agency Team (“the Licensee”), who appears to me to have a legitimate reason to carry out activities provided in section 4(1) of the *Act*, in the areas specified in Schedule 1 (“Licensed Areas”), subject to the conditions and restrictions specified in Schedule 2 (“Conditions and Restrictions of Licence”).

**SCHEDULE 1**  
**LICENSED AREAS**

The points at the sites in Guadalcanal Province in Column 1 with the following Global Positioning Systems coordinates in Column 2:

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Column 1 Sites</b> | <b>Column 2<br/>Global Positioning Systems Coordinates</b> |                  |
|------------|-----------------------|--|------------------|
| 1          | Niu Kolina two site   | 9°27 .824’ South   | 160°27.205’ East |
| 2          | Gilbert Camp          | 9°27 .205’ South   | 159°59.353’ East |

**SCHEDULE 2**  
**CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF LICENCE**

1. This licence is granted only for the purpose to conduct archaeological investigation and possible recovery of World War II human remains of U.S. Department of Defence personnel who fought in defence of the Solomon Islands during World War II and remain missing.
2. This licence is granted exclusively for the licensed areas only and must to carry out activities in any other restricted area.
3. This licence commences on 28 February 2025 and expires on 5 April 2025.
4. The Licensee is responsible for meeting the relevant costs of activities conducted under this licence including the recovery and transportation of human remains, the incidental hiring of local workers to assist in carrying

out the activities under section 4(1) of the Act and the payment of fees to landowners before entering any customary area.

5. The Licensee must provide to Solomon Islands National Museum (SINM) with an audit record or report of all human remains recovered within the licensed area before exporting the remains out of Solomon Islands.
6. The Licensee must liaise with the Guadalcanal Provincial Government and the World War II section of the SINM to ensure that World War II wrecks and relics within the licensed areas are not removed or relocated.
7. The Licensee, if the licensed area comprises of customary land or part of customary land, whether or not the customary land or including foreshores or reefs, must ensure that customary protocols or courtesies relevant to customary land owners of that customary land must be complied with in good faith.
8. The Licensee must comply with relevant laws and ordinances in respect of the Province having jurisdiction over the licensed area and must liaise in good faith with the appropriate authority in the Provincial Executive.
9. The Licensee must at all times ensure that appropriate safety precautionary measures are followed to avoid loss of human life in carrying out activities under this licence. If necessary, the Licensee is solely responsible for engaging the Explosive Unit of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force to scan the licensed area for potential risks of poisonous gases and live ammunition or unexploded devices from World War II.
10. The Licensee must ensure that no piece of World War II materials is taken out of the country without approval granted by the Minister for Culture and Tourism.
11. This Licence immediately becomes null and void, if the Licensee breaches any of the conditions and restrictions of this licence or any provision of the *Protection of Wrecks and War Relics Act* (Cap. 150). On the occurrence of any serious breach, the Licensee must forfeit all privileges and will not be issued a license for similar activities in the future.

Dated this twenty-sixth of February 2025.

**HON. CHOYLIN YIM DOULAS**  
MINISTER FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM

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