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BACKGROUND CHECK SUMMARY SHEET for ECS-Carolinas, Inc.

Report Date: 10/10/07

Site Name: Business Park Parcel – Laurens Co., SC

Type: Development Tract (polygon) **Topo:** USGS Laurens North 7.5' (1983)

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APE: 0.5 mi Visual 1.0 mi Research

Project Background: This approx. 189-ac tract is situated with frontage on US Hwy. 221 just off I-385 in Laurens Co., SC. It includes mostly mixed pine/hardwood stands with formerly cultivated lands located mostly along US Hwy. 221.

Findings: No NRHP-listed, -eligible, or potentially eligible properties are located within the Direct APE (project footprint), or within the Visual or Research APEs. One (1) non-eligible prehistoric archaeological site (38LU428) has been previously recorded within the Visual APE. An additional non-eligible prehistoric site (38LU544) and four (4) non-eligible standing structures have been previously recorded within the Research APE.

Although the Research APE around the project tract includes several areas that have been subjected to archaeological reconnaissance, no historic properties were identified there (TRC 2005, Cultural Resources Reconnaissance Survey of Approximately 167 ac of Hunter Industrial Park).

<u>Guidance and Recommendations</u>: Our research revealed that Laurens County has received countywide structures survey but no comparable archaeological survey. Therefore, the absence of additional recorded cultural sites in a new development zone is typically due to the lack of professional investigation of that locale rather than the actual absence of cultural resources.

Based on local topography, environmental features, and historic landscapes of this area, we recommend an archaeological field check of the project footprint to determine whether ground disturbance is likely to adversely affect unrecorded historic properties (significant cultural resources).

L. M. Drucker, Ph.D., RPA Director/Owner

INDIAN TRIBES WITH AN INTEREST IN YOUR PROJECT AREA*

* The following Native groups have expressed an interest in participating in the consultation process provided under Sec. 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended. If your project has any direct or indirect Federal or State agency involvement, including SC-OCRM and SC-DHEC, your lead Federal/State agency should initiate the consultation process **BEFORE** ground-modifying activities begin on your project.

If you need addresses for any of these tribes, please contact AF Consultants (803-787-4169), SC Institute of Archaeology & Anthropology (803-777-8170), or SC Dept. of Archives & History (803-896-6181) in Columbia SC.

Federally Recognized Tribes with an Interest in Laurens County Sites:

Catawba Indian Tribe
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Non-Federally Recognized Tribes with an Interest in Laurens County Sites:

Piedmont American Indian Association United South and Eastern Federation of Tribes