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**LAND AT SPLASH LAKE LANE,  
WYTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING & RECORDING**

**PRELIMINARY REPORT**

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<b>Project details</b>			
Project name	<i>Land at Splash Lake Lane, Wyton, Cambs.</i>		
<p><i>On 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2009, Archaeological Solutions Ltd (AS) carried out a programme of archaeological monitoring and recording during groundworks associated with the exposure of subsoil for a proposed temporary mineral stockpile at Splash Lake Lane, Wyton, Cambridgeshire. The programme of archaeological works was commissioned by Mick George Ltd.</i></p> <p><i>The site is situated immediately north of the village of Houghton, adjacent to the A1123 road which runs between Huntingdon and St. Ives. The River Great Ouse is located 500m to the south and the site is just inside the floodplain of the river.</i></p> <p><i>Removal of the topsoil revealed the remains of a ridge and furrow field system parallel to the modern road. No other archaeological remains were identified.</i></p>			
Project dates (fieldwork)	<i>23<sup>rd</sup> March 2009</i>		
Previous work (Y/N/?)	<i>N</i>	Future work (Y/N/?)	<i>N</i>
P. number	<i>3244</i>	Site code	<i>AS1195</i>
Type of project	<i>Watching Brief</i>		
Site status			
Current land use	<i>Scrub</i>		
Planned development	<i>Temporary mineral storage</i>		
Main features (+dates)	<i>Ridge and Furrow</i>		
Significant finds (+dates)	<i>None</i>		
<b>Project location</b>			
County/ District/ Parish	<i>Cambridgeshire</i>	<i>Huntingdon</i>	<i>Houghton and Wyton</i>
HER/ SMR for area	<i>Cambridgeshire</i>		
Post code (if known)			
Area of site	<i>7200m<sup>2</sup></i>		
NGR	<i>TL 2792 7268</i>		
Height AOD (max/ min)	<i>c.8m AOD</i>		
<b>Project creators</b>			
Brief issued by	<i>n/a</i>		
Project supervisor/s (PO)	<i>Matthew Adams BA.</i>		
Funded by	<i>Mick George Ltd</i>		
<b>Bibliography</b>			
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## **OASIS SUMMARY SHEET**

# LAND AT SPLASH LAKE LANE, WYTON CAMBRIDGESHIRE

## Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

### Preliminary Report

#### **SUMMARY**

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*Removal of the topsoil revealed the remains of a ridge and furrow field system parallel to the modern road. No other archaeological remains were identified at this horizon.*

#### **PRELIMINARY RESULTS**

The proposed stockpile area is located in the south-eastern sector of the large mineral extraction site and forms a roughly square parcel of land measuring 90 x 80m (7200m<sup>2</sup>).

Only a smaller area (80m x 40m) of the site in the southern sector will actually be used for stockpiling while the remaining portion of the site to the north will remain at ground level and will provide the basis of a haul road and vehicle hard standing.

Within the smaller area to the south the topsoil, L1000, had been removed by a 360° mechanical excavator fitted with a bladed bucket. Below the topsoil the surface of the subsoil horizon, L1001, was exposed. At this level evidence of ridge and furrow, aligned east to west and parallel to the modern road, was exposed. The wavelength of the ridge and furrow measured between 3.00m and 3.40m from crest to crest and is indicative of the 'narrow rigg' system, possibly dating to the late 18<sup>th</sup> - early 19<sup>th</sup> Century. No further features were identified.

A sample section was recorded indicating that the topsoil, L1000, was c.0.39m and had a clear boundary with the subsoil, L1001. A sandy natural drift deposit, L1002, was

observed at a depth of 0.90m in one section on the main mineral extraction side of the site, however machining in the area of the stockpile did not reach this depth.

A photographic survey of the site was undertaken.

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## **REFERENCES**

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*DP 1. Ridge and Furrow*



*DP 2. Sample Section 1*



*DP 3. General Shot – West view*



*DP 4. General Shot – North West view*



*DP 5. General Shot – North East view*



*DP 6. General Shot – East view*