- Heritage resource investigations to determine potential cultural, traditional use and archaeological sites
- Public consultation and communication activities including key person interviews, meetings with stakeholder groups, public open house meetings and project communication through various media

4.0 CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES

Manitoba Hydro will undertake a public consultation process for the project in the summer and fall of 2007. The focus of the consultation will be on informing potential stakeholders about the project's potential impacts and mitigation measures, and obtaining feedback regarding the project.

A stakeholder structure plan has been developed that categorizes potential project interests into one of three tiers based on anticipated level of interest in the project. Each tier is provided with what is deemed to be an appropriate level of consultation.

The proposed consultation program strategy is a structured approach designed to identify stakeholders, understand stakeholder issues/concerns, and report on how those concerns/issues may be addressed. Appropriate consultation mechanisms (brochures, meetings, open houses, etc.) will be selected and used. Public open house sessions are scheduled for August in the Whiteshell Provincial Park (Pointe du Bois and Lac du Bonnet) and September in Winnipeg.

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT OUTLINE

The EIS for the Project will be written with a minimum of technical terminology and will include a glossary of terms used throughout the document. An Executive Summary for the EIS will be provided.

The EIS will utilize maps, charts, diagrams and photographs as appropriate for presentation. To the extent possible, maps and diagrams will be presented at a common scale so that these may be overlaid for ease of reference. Deficiencies in the existing scientific literature will be identified, including areas where there is no scientific literature specific to Manitoba.

Supporting scientific, local and Aboriginal information will be contained in reference appendices to the EIS.

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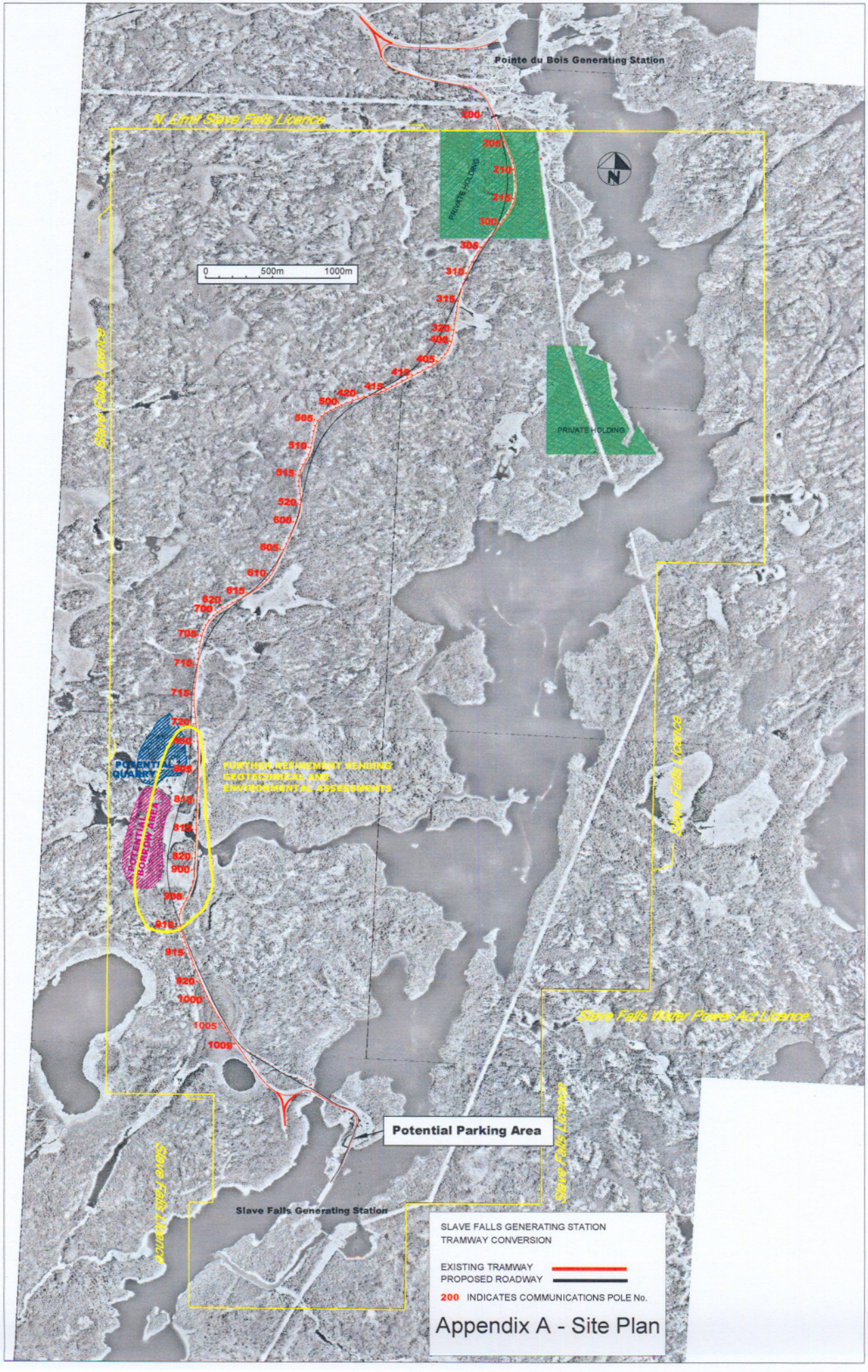
APPENDIX A

SITE PLAN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