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State of Hawaii

Re: Special Permit Application - Hilo Coast Processing Company

In accordance with Chapter 205, Section 205-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, we are transmitting the decision and findings of the County Planning Commission on the above application.

The special permit request was to allow the continuation of existing quarry and crusher operation within the State Land Use Agricultural District. The Onomea Quarry No. 1 is situated .4 mile makai of the Hawaii Belt Highway, approximately one (1) mile Hilo side of the Kulaimano Heights Subdivision, Onomea, South Hilo, Hawaii, Tax Map Key 2-7-10:6. The Pepeekeo Cinder Quarry is situated .6 mile mauka of the Hawaii Belt Highway, approximately 1,000 feet mauka of the Kulaimano Heights Subdivision, Unit II, in Pepeekeo, South Hilo, Hawaii, Tax Map Key 2-8-07:3. The Shiroma Quarry is situated approximately 3.4 and 2.6 miles mauka of the Hawaii Belt Highway and Honomu Village respectively, in Honomu, South Hilo, Hawaii, Tax Map Key 2-8-10:5. The Kamaee Quarry is situated approximately 2.5 miles mauka of the Hawaii Belt Highway and Hakalau Village, Kamaee Homesteads, Kamaee, North Hilo, Hawaii, Tax Map Key 3-1-04:8.

The Planning Commission at a duly advertised public hearing held on November 7, 1974 in the County Councilroom, County Building, South Hilo, Hawaii, discussed the subject request. The Commission on November 26, 1974, voted to recommend the approval of the special permit to the Land Use Commission as it was found:

1. That the request is consistent with the General Plan goal of supporting agriculture. The continuance of the subject

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quarrying activities is to provide for the maintenance of Hilo Coast Processing Company's system of private cane hauling roads. This system is an integral and essential part of sugar operations.

- 2. That the quarrying activities are not contrary to the Land Use Law and its attendant regulations. The requested use is directly related to agriculture and is thus supportive of the spirit and intent of the Land Use Law. Further, the quarry sites are in locations which are not particularly suited to cane cultivation.
- 3. That the granting of the request will not adversely affect surrounding lands. Most of the surrounding areas are in cane cultivation. The quarries are distant enough from populated areas so as not to be nuisances.
- 4. That the requested use will not substantially alter the essential character of the area. The sites under consideration have been used as quarries for many years and exist as nonconforming uses. The special permit request has been made so that the present quarrying activities can be carried on within delineated boundaries.

The favorable recommendation was also subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That a metes and bounds description of each separate site be submitted.
- 2. That the quarrying activities comply with the rules and regulations of the Department of Health, Pollution Technical Review Branch.
- 3. That access to Onomea Quarry No. 1 shall not be off the Hawaii Belt Highway.
- 4. That should quarrying activities be terminated, the sites will be left in a nonhazardous state and any potential erosion problems will be prevented in accordance with guidelines of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service.

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5. That all other applicable rules and regulations of the State of Hawaii and the County of Hawaii be complied with.

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Enclosures

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