



LAND USE COMMISSION
STATE OF HAWAII

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State Land Use Commission
P.O. Box 2359
Honolulu, HI 96804

SUBJECT: DR17-60 Monsanto Company, A Delaware Corporation's Petition for Declaratory Order to Designate Important Agriculture Lands for Approximately 1,084.079 Acres at Naiwa, Manawainui, Kahanui, Moloka'i

Dear Chair Wong and Commissioners:

Coffees of Hawaii is a Coffee Plantation located on Molokai where we lease over 115 acres of land from Monsanto to grow our coffee. We are a vertically integrated company and control all aspects of our coffee "from seed to cup". Our 100% Molokai coffee is sold throughout Hawaii as well as major retail locations around the world including Duty Free Shoppers, Whole Foods and Costco, to name a few. In fact, we are very proud to say, in Costco's Kona location, we are the #1 selling coffee, outselling all their other brands, even their Kona coffee.

We wholeheartedly support Monsanto's petition to designate lands on Molokai as Important Agriculture Lands, especially as our coffee farm is located on these lands. As a tenant of Monsanto, we have first-hand knowledge of Monsanto's commitment to land stewardship and the designation of this property exemplifies that commitment.

We are proud to operate one of the only coffee farms in the state that has not been affected by the coffee borer beetle, and we attribute this to our stewardship practices and the isolation that the island of Molokai offers.

We respectfully request that the Land Use Commission support Monsanto's petition to designate 1084 acres on Molokai as Important Agriculture Lands. It is imperative that these productive agriculture lands are preserved for agriculture use for the future.

Sincerely,

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