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Written Testimony for:

City and County of Honolulu

Planning Commission

Ewa – State Special Use Permit – 2007/SUP-6 (RY)

Grace Pacific Corporation - Extension of the Life of the

Makakilo Quarry by 24 years to the year 2032

My family moved to Kapolei from Mililani in the summer of 2000. In 2003 I began experiencing numbness in my hands and feet. It has now spread to my whole body and I have had to retire on Disability. At the same time the numbness started, I also began to suffer from severe depression and sometimes confusion.

My 12 year old daughter is now experiencing undiagnosed connective tissue disease.

Now, for the first time, I have been told that Grace Pacific's asphalt operation is producing toxins that could cause serious health issues. I am opposed to Grace Pacific Corporation's request to extend their Makakilo Quarry operations until 2032 and respectfully ask that you deny their request.

Sincerely

Laurie Hanan

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August 19, 2008

Chairperson Karin Holma and Members of the Planning Commission City and County of Honolulu 650 S. King Street, 7th Floor Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Public Hearing on State Special Use Permit: Ewa-State Special Use Permit-2007/SUP-6 (RY) Grace Pacific Corporation-Extension of the life of the Makakilo Quarry by 24 years to the year 2032

Subject: Testimony in Opposition to the Grace Pacific Makakilo Quarry Permit Extension

Sent via FAX 527.6743

Dear Chairperson Holma and Members of the Planning Commission,

I am testifying to present the impact and human side of continued operation of the Makakilo quarry. I am a business person having operated my residential real estate sales business in the area daily since January 1977. I am not some extremist who is attempting to stop a business. I am also familiar with quarry operations. I served as a US Army officer and often worked side by side with US Army engineers who operated quarries. My father-in-law is in the sand and gravel business and has operated his Texas business for more than 64 years. His nephew has operated an excavation and road construction business for more than 35 years. My father-in-law and his nephew share a heavy equipment yard. Due to the nature of the quarry operation business, nearly all of the equipment used in quarry operations is designed to be moved relatively quickly, easily and somewhat inexpensively.

University of Hawaii West Oahu, Salvation Army Center, second largest shopping center on Oahu and 4,200 homes to be built in east Kapolei.

Unlike when a liquor store requests a license to operate in an area and every homeowner impacted is invited to testify in favor or against the liquor store, no such safe guards exist regarding a quarry operation. Sometime in the 1990's the quarry permit was extended through 2013 without area homeowner input.

Had it not been for one of my neighbors, Mark Schnabel, whose mountain view being destroyed, having checked and discovered that Grace Pacific had requested a permit extension for its quarry operation for another 25 years to 2032, the permit extension would have been granted without any input from surrounding homeowners.

Even now, many of my neighbors and area home owners are skeptical and have simply given up their fight against the noise, dust, odor, health effects and desecration of Puu Makakilo because they feel the elected officials, neighborhood board which failed to solicit homeowner input and government agencies will rubber stamp the permit extension without any consideration of their lives and the impact of the quarry operation.

I am here today speaking on my behalf as a homeowner and for my neighbors, whom I have personally spoken with and who are directly affected by the Grace Pacific Makakilo Quarry operation. While my home is located approximately 400 to 600 yards south southwest of the present quarry in the Village of Malanai, many of my neighbors, such as those in Malanai Iki, an affordable housing complex, are closer, less than 100 yards and just across the street from the Makakilo quarry.

None of us who purchased homes expected the quarry operation to continue forever. When I purchased my present home in 1993, I fully expected the quarry operation would end in 1998.

How are residents impacted by the quarry operations?

According to 40+ years of data collected at a US government Makakilo wind monitoring station which is used to direct flight operations at Honolulu International Airport, winds blow from Makakilo, over the quarry, through the Villages of Kapolei and out to sea.

As part of the requirements under the Villages of Kapolei Covenants and Declarations, the Villages of Kapolei Association in 2007 sent notices to all Malanai home owners reminding them of the requirement to re-paint their homes. My neighbors and I re-painted our homes in the May-July 2007 time frame. Within a short time, dirt had collected on the north side of our homes. One of my neighbors directly next door desired to keep the exterior of his home clean and has had to pressure wash the north side of his home about once a quarter in order to remove the dirt and to keep the exterior of the north side of his house clean. I have not pressure washed my house since re-painting it in May 2007. The north side of my house is filthy while the other sides of my house appear clean and freshly painted.

As to the health impact, some of my neighbors have become seriously ill during operation of the asphalt plant. The odor from asphalt is so strong that it almost takes your breath away. One neighbor in Malanai Iki, the town house complex directly across the street from the asphalt plant, has to sleep in her bathtub to avoid getting sick when the asphalt plant is in operation. The bathroom in her home is the only room where she can shut the door and keep out the odor from the asphalt operation. Another 17 year old boy who lives on Ania Place becomes sick each time the asphalt plant is in operation and repeatedly vomits until after the asphalt operation stops. Another lady who recently moved into Kekuilani is having to move because she has become ill since moving into her home. She was not ill before moving to Kekuilani nor is she ill when stays away from Kapolei for an extensive period of time. Another resident in A'eloa is having to move for health reasons. He was not ill prior to moving to A'eloa nor is he ill during extended stays away from Kapolei.

A number of my neighbors, especially those in Malanai Iki and near the corner of Oaniani Street and Kolili Street, have asthma and have to use their air conditioning units full time in order to avoid the rock crushing noise, dust and odor. To meet the demand of paving roads at night, Grace Pacific has often run its rock crushing and asphalt operations well after midnight and into the early morning hours.

It's not just Malanai that has been impacted. Kapolei Knolls on the north side of the Farrington Highway, west of the quarry operation and downwind of the quarry on the north side of the H1 freeway has also been impacted.

Since the quarry operations began in 1973, the City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting has failed to monitor the quarry operation and enforce the permit requirements such as re-claiming the land.

Those of us who live in the area have discovered that Grace Pacific can not be trusted to monitor its quarry operations. Through the years Grace Pacific has had lapses of credibility and manipulation such as moving an asphalt plant into its present quarry and future quarry. It had previously told the Villages of Kapolei Association that it would not move an asphalt plant into the quarry.

Grace Pacific meeting with the Villages of Kapolei regarding dust, noise, odor and health problems in April 2007 failed to mention that it had applied for a permit extension to 2032. Yet it had appeared before the neighborhood board in the summer of 2006 to ask the neighborhood board's endorsement of the permit extension through 2032.

The Belt Collins Report, completed in the summer of 2007, contradicts itself in a number of areas especially regarding complaints about the quarry.

While US government wind data shows that winds blow from Makakilo, Grace Pacific disputes that winds blow from Makakilo through the Villages of Kapolei.

However, Grace Pacific in a meeting with the Villages of Kapolei Association in April 2007 volunteered to install wind monitoring equipment. Instead of installing the equipment in an area where meaningful data could be obtained, Grace Pacific installed the equipment well away from the problem areas in Malanai. Grace Pacific set up the equipment closer to the Kapolei Parkway near the 16th tee on the Kapolei Golf Course. To help gather accurate wind data, I had volunteered to allow the equipment to be installed in my yard.

As recently as June 6, 2008 and after having met just a few nights earlier with the Villages of Kapolei Association on May 30, 2008, Grace Pacific told the Department of Planning and Permitting that it had informed the Villages of Kapolei of it's plans to move an asphalt plant across the H1 freeway in 2011 when in fact Grace Pacific had not. It was only after the Villages of Kapolei asked Grace Pacific at a joint meeting in July did Grace Pacific inform the Villages of Kapolei of its plans for the asphalt plant.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII STATE CAPITOL HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

Public Hearing for Extension of the Life of the Makakilo Quarry August 20, 2008, 1:30pm

Dear Chair Holma, Vice-Chair Pacopac, and Members of the Commission:

My name is Sharon Har and I am the State Representative for the 40th District (Kapolei, Makakilo, Royal Kunia, and Kalaeloa). I am writing in support of Grace Pacific's application to extend its permit at the Makakilo Quarry which would allow Grace Pacific (GP) to expand its quarrying operations. Please be advised that the Makakilo Quarry ("Quarry") is located in District 40.

Grace Pacific Corporation has been a good neighbor to the community, and has been cognizant of the issues that have arisen due to the activities of the Quarry.

I support GP's proposed extension because the Quarry produces 70% of our local aggregate. As residents of our community know, we are suffering from a lack of infrastructure and aggregate is part and parcel of infrastructure. Should the State have to import aggregate from the mainland, undoubtedly costs will increase and it will be even more difficult for our community to move forward in procuring funds for our badly-needed infrastructure.

While there was initially some opposition to GP's proposed extension and expansion, there has been a compromise which appears to have been reached. Currently, GP's main operations are located along Farrington Highway and include: (1) crushing and screening; and (2) hot asphalt mixing. GP has agreed that, should they receive their permit to expand and extend their quarry operations, they will cease their operations on Farrington Highway by moving their hot asphalt operations to Campbell Industrial and moving all of the quarrying to the active pit. By ceasing its operations on Farrington, the purported dust, noise, and odors will be moot. As for aesthetics, GP will reduce the footprint of the excavation area from 34 acres to 21 acres using technology to create sustainable slopes. The technology that will be used will reflect the natural topography of the area and is easier to renaturalize with vegetation.

Please note that The Villages of Kapolei Board voted to rescind their opposition to Grace Pacific's application for expansion.

I strongly believe that this compromise is a win-win for our community in that the dust, noise, and odors which allegedly originated from the operations on Farrington Highway will cease when GP's operations close at that location. Additionally, we will have a source of local aggregate to keep costs down for our badly-needed infrastructure.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit written testimony.

Representative Sharon E. Har State Capitol, Room 313 • Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Phone: (808) 586-8500 • Fax: (808) 586-8504 • E-mail: rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov



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Mr. Henry Eng, Director
Department of Planning and Permitting
City and County of Honolulu
650 South King Street, 7th Floor
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Attention: Ms. Karin Holma, Chair - Planning Commission

RE: IN SUPPORT OF <u>Ewa-State Special Use Permit -</u> 2007/SUP-6 (RY) GRACE PACIFIC CORPORATION

EXTENTION OF THE LIFE OF THE MAKAKILO QUARRY

BY 24 YEARS TO THE YEAR 2032

Public Hearing: Wednesday, August 20, 2008

Dear Mr. Eng/Ms. Holma:

For the record my name is Buzz Hong the Executive Director for the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. Our Council is comprised of 16-construction unions and a membership of 26,000 statewide.

The Council offers our testimony In support of Ewa – State Special Use Permit – 2007/SUP-6 (RY) Grace Pacific Corporation Extention of the Life of the Makakilo Quarry by 24 years to the year 2032.

O'ahu's construction industry is in jeopardy because of a looming shortage of aggregate. Makakilo Quarry will soon be out of aggregate without your approval to extend its use. Without the Makakilo Quarry, O'ahu's two remaining quarries will be unable to meet the island's demand which will result in aggregate needing to be imported at three to four times the cost of the local supply. This will inevitably result in higher costs for O'ahu's infrastructure projects.

Thank you for the consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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August 19, 2008 Karin Holma

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In the summer of 1999 my husband and I shopped for homes in the new city of Kapolei, we wanted to live near my husbands work at the Bank of Hawaii. I was moving over from the Big Island and was happy to begin my new life on Oahu.

We shopped for homes in Kapolei Knolls where we were told about the quarry but no one mentioned the Asphalt or that anything but dust and sound would be an issue with the quarry. We decided to purchase a home on the Kapolei golf course in Aeloa, to avoid noise and dust and get more air flow to have the lifestyle of open air that I was used to from the Big Island and my husband enjoyed on Kauai before our move here.

Shortly after my move I began having neurological symptoms, I was unable to sleep, my hands and feet and face became numb and I developed asthma. Soon the rheumatologists thought I had possible Sjogrens Syndrome, although after multiple tests I have never tested positive for it. My eyes, throat and skin itch and are dry. My nose has frequent bleeds and my sinuses are frequently inflamed and require constant rinsing. My esophagus was inflamed and I needed constant drops, I became dizzy and was unable sometimes to think or walk a straight line. There were times I was unable to drive. After a while I went to the Big Island to rest and we noticed that despite the VOG in Kona, my symptoms were better when out of Kapolei. My symptoms were better in the Kona VOG than in the clear sky of Kapolei. The longer I stayed the healthier I became, and the symptoms came back when I returned. This past year I developed multiple deep swollen lymph nodes. I do not currently have lymphoma but keeping my environment toxin-free is an essential part of my plan to remain cancer free. We tried everything including pulling the carpet from our floor and tiling to avoid out gassing from our new home.

Since moving to this home, we had a small dog die of lymphoma at the age of 4, we currently have two dogs that are having reproductive problems and have developed eye problems that we need to see the Canine Ophthalmologists to treat. I will be asking her today at 2:30 if the byproducts of asphalt production could have caused their vision problems.

Carl and Marlo Vincenti 91-221 Pa'iaha Place Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

17 August 2008

Ms. Karin Holma Chair, Planning Commission 7th Floor, Frank F. Fasi Municipal Building 650 South King Street Honolulu, HI 96813 DEPT OF PLANS DEPT OF PLANS AND PERMITTI

IN SUPPORT OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT NO. SP73-147 FOR MAKAKILO QUARRY

Aloha Chair Holma and members of the Planning Commission,

My name is Carl Vincenti and I am a resident of Kapolei Knolls. Over the years, Grace Pacific and Makakilo Quarry have served a vital role in developing the infrastructure that now serves the second city of Kapolei.

Grace Pacific has taken significant steps to mitigate impacts of its operations and has publicly agreed to vacate the lower parcel of its hot-mix asphalt plant and finishing plant. Although this move will come at great cost to Grace Pacific, they have agreed to do this because they understand the value of being a good neighbor.

Furthermore, throughout the development of their plans to extend the life of Makakilo Quarry, they have consulted with the community. I have found them to be responsive and sensitive to our concerns. As a responsible corporate citizen, Grace Pacific has also carefully provided for the infrastructure of our region while maintaining open channels of communication with neighbors throughout this process.

I urge you and the Planning Commission members to expediently approve this application.

Sincerely,
Carl and Marlo Vincenti

Mike Golojuch 92-954 Makakilo Drive #71 Kapolei, Hawaii 96707-1340 672-9050

August 17, 2008

Ms. Karin Holma Honolulu Planning Commission 650 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT: SPECIAL USE PERMIT - MAKAKILO QUARRY EXPANSION

Dear Commissioner Holma:

Although I currently serve as the Vice Chair of the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34, I am writing in support of Grace Pacific's application as a private citizen. I believe you have received a separate letter of support from Neighborhood Board No. 34 Chairperson Maeda Timson on behalf of our Neighborhood Board.

I have lived in Makakilo for 27 years and I have followed the quarry operations at Puu Makakilo with great interest. At previous Neighborhood Board and Palehua Community Association meetings, I have heard some criticism about Grace Pacific from primarily neighbors living in the Villages of Kapolei and Kapolei Knolls; a majority of that criticism centered on operational impacts at the processing facilities, in particular, the hot-mix asphalt plant, along Farrington Highway.

As Grace Pacific ha historically done, they listened to those concerns and, in response, have proposed a mitigation plan that is unprecedented. As I understand the plan, they are prepared to completely vacate the Farrington Highway lot and relocate the processing facilities, like the rock crusher and hot-mix facilities mauka of H-1 Freeway. This moves these facilities father away from residential areas. Many of the suspected operational impacts like noise, odor and dust should be greatly lessen.

Even with this generous offer to relocate, a few vocal critics are still unhappy. They claim that the hot-mix asphalt plant in particular will continue to impact their lives, even though Grace Pacific is committed to building a state-of-the-art hot-mix plant in the quarry pit.

Wanting to learn more about the hot-mix facility, I recently took a tour of Grace Pacific's operational facilities at Kapaa Quarry. The facility contains a similar hot-mix asphalt plant to the one that will be placed at the Makakilo Quarry.



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ALVIN NAGASAKO PRINCIPAL

August 16, 2008

Ms. Karen Holma Planning Commission City and County of Honolulu 650 South King Street Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GRACE PACIFIC - MAKAKILO QUARRY EXTENSION

Dear Chair Holma:

As the principal of Kapolei High School, I am writing this letter to make known the tremendous support that Grace Pacific has provided since the high school's inception (2000).

Admittedly, I am not qualified to address the technical aspects of Grace Pacific's proposed quarry expansion. Grace Pacific has been a model neighbor and responsible corporate citizen. In the last few years, Grace Pacific has provided sizable scholarships to Kapolei High School students, scholarships that make attaining a college education a reality. I also know of significant donations and in-kind contributions that Grace Pacific has made toward the construction of other schools needed by our growing community.

Grace Pacific sponsors numerous programs and events in the community. From the Taste of Kapolei to the State Farm Fair, Grace Pacific has always been a model corporate sponsor.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,

Al Nagasako Principal

Kapolei High School

August 16, 2008

Ms. Karin Holma
City and County of Honolulu Planning Commission
650 South King Street, 7th Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Special Use Request: Makakilo Quarry Extension ...

Dear Commission Chair Holma:

I support Grace Pacific's request to extend their operations at Makakilo Quarry. Having lived in Makakilo for 20 years, I have found that the operation at Makakilo Quarry has little affect on my daily life.

I am not an expert on the quarry but I listened to the representatives of Grace Pacific when they presented their reasons for wanting to extend the life of the quarry. They made sense to me.

And, I like the way they went out of their way to address concerns raised by some area residents and the major steps they took and plan to take to ensure a safe and clean environment in the neighborhood. One of the most impressive is its plan to close operations at its facility along Farrington Highway.

Also, I have found over the years that Grace Pacific has been an active player in our community with a sense of giving back. They developed and support the Outstanding Keiki program at our local elementary schools, a program that fosters leadership among our youth and gives them a chance to earn college scholarships. It is through such community activities that Grace Pacific shows it cares about our local area and its future.

I urge you to support the granting of Grace Pacific's Makakilo Quarry request.

Sincerely,

Makakilo Resident

Chairperson Karin Holma and Members of the Planning Commission City and County of Honolulu 650 S. King St., 7th Floor Honolulu, HI 96813

Ref: Public Hearing on State Special Use Permit: Ewa – State Special Use Permit – 2007/SUP-6 (RY) Grace Pacific Corporation – Extension of the life of the Makakilo Quarry by 24 years to the year 2032

Subj: Testimony in Opposition to the Permit Extension

Dear Chairperson Holma and Members of the Planning Commission,

My wife and I strongly oppose the request by Grace Pacific to extend the life of the Makakilo Ouarry by 24 years to the year 2032.

We are residents of Kapolei and home owners in the Villages of Kapolei. We are residents of the State of Hawaii and tax payers in the State of Hawaii and City and County of Honolulu. Our property is located about 800 yards (rough estimate) southwest of the quarry in A'eloa Village 2 subdivision, Lot#2-303. We receive the negative effects of the quarry operation, to include: dust, noise, pollution, smell, and unsightly landscapes. Prevailing winds are from the northeast thus placing Villages of Kapolei downwind of the quarry. We have been subject to these negative impacts since we bought our home in 2001 and are now watching more and more of the Pu'u Makakil being carved away.

We strongly oppose the extension of the Makakilo quarry permit which extends the life of the quarry by 24 years and allows further excavation of Pu'u Makakilo from the 500 foot contour level to the 700 foot line. Although Grace Pacific has stated and presented plans that indicate they will mitigate the noise, dust, smell and scarring of the hillside by relocating its processing operations from its current site into the existing quarry north of H-1, these negative impacts will continue to be a burden to nearby residents, community organizations and businesses for many years to come. My main personal issues are with dust, pollution and destruction of my view, while the community at large has issues with the five impacts of dust, noise, asphalt smell, pollution and destruction of the hillside.

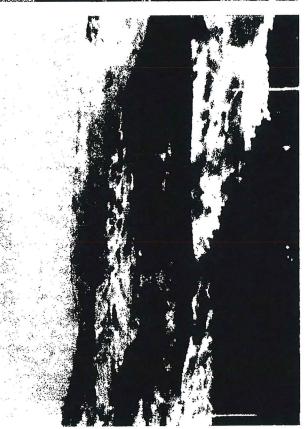
I am aware of the efforts by Grace Pacific to communicate with community boards and provide funding to local organizations and schools as a good neighbor but this has also dissipated opposition and causes the community to just take the short view. I have found some inconsistencies in their presentations and have concerns with trust. Examples include their denial of any responsibility for downwind dust, stating the prevailing winds do not go from the quarry to the Villages of Kapolei, stating there is no other Grade A Basalt rock in the Waianae mountain range, hearing different stories on responsibility for re-naturalization, stating there are no toxic chemicals from hot mix asphalt production, and stating they would relocate the entire asphalt treatment plant to Campbell Industrial Park and then changing to say they will conduct split-based asphalt production. Also, who will ensure promises are kept and progress is made as submitted? There will be





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August 15, 2008

Planning Commission Chair Karin Holma and Commission Members Department of Planning and Permitting City and County of Honolulu 650 South King Street, 7th Floor Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Holma and Commissioners:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify in support of Grace Pacific's request to extend the life of Makakilo Quarry and their operations there.

As a resident of Kapolei Knolls, basically next door to the quarry, I can say that my life has been minimally affected by the quarry operations. If anything, the noise from H-1 bothers me more than the quarry does.

I would also like to point out that Grace Pacific taken many steps to address concerns by some in our neighborhood. The company has tried to limit the number of trucks that drive along Farrington Highway, especially at night. It has also taken steps to control noise and other things in the quarry operations. The fact that Grace Pacific said it would move out of its lower property on Farrington is another sign that the company is trying very hard to be a good neighbor.

I understand the business and economic reasons why Grace Pacific's request should be granted, but I think you should also know that the company is a good neighbor. It does many things to help the community in many ways and it stays engaged, listening and acting on our concerns whenever feasible. And, why shouldn't it, after-all many of those who work at the quarry live right here in the community, too.

Again, I thank you for allowing me to express my support for Grace Pacific's request.

Yours truly,

Mike Alvarez

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August 13, 2008

Honorable Commission Chair Karin Holma and Planning Commission Members **Planning Commission** City and County of Honolulu 650 South King Street, 7th Floor Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Subject:

Ewa – State Special Use Permit – 2007/SUP-6

Extension of the life of the Makakilo Quarry by 24 years to the year 2032

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

We respectfully request that you grant the request for an amendment to the State Special Use Permit that would allow Grace Pacific Corporation to extend the life of its Makakilo Quarry.

Grace Pacific's sand and aggregate products are critical to the continued operation and success of our production facility located in Campbell Industrial Park.

Our business is the manufacturing of locally produced packaged cement based sand, grout, mortar and concrete products commonly known as QUIKRETE®. We employ 45 people, mostly from the leeward Oahu area, and are the sole Hawaii manufacturer and supplier of packaged cement based products to customers such as Home Depot, Lowe's, City Mill, Hawaiian Dredging & Construction, Dick Pacific, Hardware Hawaii, and A.C. Kobayashi.

We do not operate a quarry of our own and are extremely dependent upon the daily supply of sand and aggregate products from Grace Pacific. Our business would be gravely injured and at risk should we lose access to materials supplied by Grace Pacific.

We strongly encourage you to approve the requested amendment. Thank you in advance for your consideration of our letter.

Sincerely,

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MAKAKILO/KAPOLEI/HONOKAI HALE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 34

c/o NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION • CITY HALL, ROOM 400 • HONOLULU, HAWAII 96819

AUGUST 13, 2008

Ms. Karen Holma Planning Commission City and County of Honolulu 650 South King Street, 7th Floor Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR THE MAKAKILO QUARRY EXTENSION

Aloha Chairperson Holma:

As the Chair of Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34, I am writing this letter to affirm our board's support for Grace Pacific's application to extend its operations at Makakilo Quarry.

On two occasions, back in July and September of 2006, Grace Pacific presented its extension plans to our board. During the course of their presentations, we learned of the important role raw material from Makakilo Quarry plays in maintaining our island's infrastructure, as well as the undeniable economic impact that the quarry's closure would have on our construction industry. During the first presentation in July, we raised some concerns about visual impacts of the original proposal, which was set at 40 acres. In response, Grace Pacific came back a few months later and revised its latest expansion request down to 34 acres. At that point, after a healthy and hearty discussion, our board voted 6 to 1 to support Grace Pacific's plan.

Since their presentation, Grace Pacific reached out to various groups, such as the Villages of Kapolei Association and Kapolei Knolls, to share its plans and to receive feedback. Also, several weeks ago, Grace Pacific shared with me the results of its independent community survey on its proposed expansion, and I was pleasantly surprised at the results. One particular finding is that over 71 percent of those surveyed stated that they would support the expansion if the operational facilities at the lower parcel were to be vacated, which Grace Pacific has promised to do. These reasons may be why there has been no community concerns brought before the Neighborhood Board.

As you consider the merits of Grace Pacific's application for the expansion of Makakilo Quarry, we ask that you take our board's supportive position into consideration.

Maeda Timson

Chair

Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34



August 13, 2008

Ms. Karin Holma Chair, Planning Commission 650 South King Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Special Use Permit for the Makakilo Quarry Extension

Dear Chairperson Holma and Commission Members:

I am submitting this supportive testimony as a private home owner who has raised my family in Makakilo since 1971. For as long as I have lived here, Grace Pacific Corporation has been a good corporate citizen.

In addition to their generous sponsorship and support of numerous community initiatives, Grace Pacific has always been open and straightforward with us. For example, on this Makakito Quarry expansion request, they have held numerous meetings and discussions with groups such as the Neighborhood Board and nearby community associations. During the course of these meetings, Grace Pacific shared information with us, responded to our questions, and ultimately offered significant financial concessions to address our concerns

It is an indisputable fact that, within a few years, Grace Pacific will run out of the Grade A aggregate needed to continue to build and maintain much of our island's infrastructure. In addition, the long-awaited rail project will increase the demand for this valuable product, which is very costly to import.

Just look around or read the newspaper to see that there are grand plans for Kapolei and the surrounding area, such as the University of Hawaii - West Oahu, regional shopping centers and the largest Department of Hawaiian Home Lands community, just to name a few.

We must all be mindful that the rock extracted from the Makakilo Quarry created the foundations for almost all of the development in the Kapolei and Makakilo areas, including the schools, roads, stores and the homes we live in. As we continue to build our City demands on the quarry material will be greater. Without this our City of Kapolei will be in danger of falling from a new City to just another second-class city.

Please support this expansion.

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Dear Chair Holma:

Subject:

Special Use Permit-2007/Sup-6

Extension of the Life of the Makakilo Quarry

As president of Ameron Hawaii, I am writing to register my strong support for approval of the State Special Use Permit-2007/SUP-6.

Ameron Hawaii has been doing business here since our founding in 1908. We are one of the major producers of concrete and aggregate on Oahu and know the importance of the Makakilo Quarry, along with the other two active aggregate quarries on the Island. It is important that all three quarries continue in operation to ensure a steady and stable supply of products needed in our construction market.

If we are to maintain and grow our infrastructure on Oahu, we need the three quarries we have now. We cannot rely on importing the needed material. Among other things, costs would inevitably soar and we could be held hostage to supply disruptions. An example of the volatility of import was the negative impact of the lack of asphaltic oil in recent years.

The loss of any of our three quarries would be felt throughout the construction industry and the economy as a whole.

Again, Chair Holma, I would like to voice my strong support for granting approval to State Special Use Permit-2007/SUP-6.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Karin Holma, Chair Planning Commission Department of Planning and Permitting City and County of Honolulu 650 South King Street, 7th Floor Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Holma and Commissioners:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

My name is John DeLong and I am writing to register my support for STATE SPECIAL USE PERMIT-2007/SUP-6. I know firsthand the importance of extending the life of Makakilo Quarry and the importance of assuring leeward Oahu a stable supply of products.

There is no denying that the supply of Grade-A aggregate here on the island is limited. That is a concern that will, sooner rather than later, cause very real problems for all of us.

The importation of rock is not a viable solution. The only real solution to the problem we are facing is to rely on the three existing quarries, which means an extension of operations at Makakilo.

To lose one of the quarries will endanger not only the needed supply of products to many construction companies, but will quickly be felt elsewhere across our economy, affecting much of our infrastructure and a large number of our citizens.

To ensure the continued growth of our infrastructure and economy, I support approval of STATE SPECIAL USE PERMIT-2007/SUP-6. This is something that is needed not only for one industry, but also for all of us who live and work on Oahu.

Yours truly,

John DeLong

President