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Land Use Commission
Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism
State of Hawaii
235 South Beretania Street, Conference Room 405
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RE: IN SUPPORT OF SP73-147 PACIFIC CONCRETE & ROCK CO., LTD. (Oahu)
to consider an amendment to the special use permit to extend the life of;
and expand the resource extraction and buffer areas of the Makakilo Quarry.
Hearing: Thursday, October 2, 2008 @ 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 405

Dear Land Use Commission:

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 Pacific Concrete & Rock Co., Ltd. (Oahu) to consider an amendment to the special use permit to (1) extend the life of the Makakilo Quarry resource extraction and aggregate processing operations to 2032; and (2) expand the resource extraction and buffer areas of the Makakilo Quarry located within the State Land Use Agricultural District at Puu Makakilo, Ewa, O'ahu, Hawaii.

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,

William "Buzz" Hong

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