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The Defend Oahu Coalition is a diverse, non-profit organization comprised of community residents, environmentalists, activists and religious leaders, all working together toward one immediate goal: protecting communities on Oahu from the dangerous effects of large scale development. We believe that the beautiful open spaces and shorelines on Oahu are for all residents and visitors to enjoy. We are committed to ensuring that these will be a resource for generations to come.

Our coalition is adamant that Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 343 as well as state laws regarding Coastal Zone Management are followed and proper consideration is given in the permitting of Special Management Areas (SMAs). It is for these reasons that we formally request reconsideration of the Department's decision to grant SMA Minor Permits for the commercial project near Shark's Cove on the North Shore, owned by Hanapohaku, LLC.

The potential environmental impacts for these three contiguous parcels that comprise one commercial project warrant proper consideration. There are potentially significant impacts on the ecology of the Pūpūkea Marine Life Conservation District (MLCD) and Pūpūkea Beach Park. There are also concerns about unsanitary conditions. The other owners of Pahoe Road were not consulted and are very concerned about traffic and noise impacts that are already occurring. These impacts are not insignificant.

It is indisputable that the developer is building one unified project across these three parcels. As such, the project segmentation circumvents the spirit and the letter of Coastal Zone Management and the City and County of Honolulu SMA rules, and it clearly violates H.R.S. Chapter 343. An SMA Major Permit, an Environmental Assessment, Traffic Impact Analysis Report, and community meetings are all appropriate and required by any reasonable standard for the Hanapohaku Project.

We request that the three Special Management Area Minor Permits granted for the commercial project near Shark's Cove by Hanapohaku, LLC (file numbers 2015/SMA-47, 2015/SMA-8, and 2015/SMA-24) be rescinded due to improper segmentation, inadequate review, and lack of consideration of cumulative impacts, and that all construction work on the parcels be stopped. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely.

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