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GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY THIS SUNDAY FOR KAUMALAPAU HARBOR REPAIRS

LANAI CITY – The state Department of Transportation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a groundbreaking ceremony on Lanai at noon Sunday, August 15, for a breakwater repair project at Kaumalapau Harbor.

The \$16 million project will repair the existing breakwater, originally built during the 1920s, to reduce wave action in the harbor and to increase harbor safety and usability. Much of the damage to the existing breakwater was the result of storms during the 1980s and early 1990s.

Kaumalapau Harbor was officially transferred from Lanai Company to the State of Hawaii in July 2000. Kaumalapau Harbor is Lanai's only commercial harbor and is essential to the welfare of the island's residents and visitors. There are no other island harbors capable of accommodating tug and barge services, which bring in virtually all the consumer goods and fuel.

The project contractor is Traylor Brothers Inc. Work is scheduled to run until May 2006. The repair of the breakwater calls for a placement of 35-ton Core-Loc units, largest Core-Loc in the world, in 80 to 90 feet of water.

Members scheduled to attend Sunday's ceremony include: U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye and Jennifer Goto Sabas, Rodney Haraga, State Department of Transportation director; Maj. Gen. Robert Lee, head of State Department of Defense; Brig. Gen. Larry Davis and Lt.

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Col. David E. Anderson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; state Sens. Cal Kawamoto and J. Kalani English, Maui County Councilmember Riki Hokama; and Carolyn Imamura, Executive Director of the Pacific Basin Development Council.

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