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PROJECT COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED FOR KAUMALAPAU HARBOR BREAKWATER IMPROVEMENTS

FORT SHAFTER, HAWAII (Sept. 25, 2003)--Officials from the Honolulu District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Hawaii met at Fort Shafter Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2003 to sign a Project Cooperation Agreement to repair the Kaumalapau Harbor breakwater on the Island of Lanai. Signing the agreement were Lt. Col. David C. Press, Commander of the Honolulu District and Mr. Rodney Haraga, Director of the Hawaii State Department of Transportation.

Honolulu Legislative Staff Member for Senator Inouye, Mr. Aaron G. Leong; Maui County, Lanai Council member, Mr. Riki Hokama; and Executive Director of the Pacific Basin Development Council, Ms. Carolyn K. Imamura, also were present at the ceremony.

Construction will include the casting and placement of Core-Locs, concrete armor units, to repair the breakwater. Expected cost of the project is \$15 Million with \$12 Million federally funded and \$3 Million from non-federal sources. Construction contract award is scheduled for December 2003.

The project will repair the existing breakwater built during the 1920s that was previously owned by private interests. Repeated storm events in the 1980s and early 1990s caused significant damage to the existing breakwater that has continued to deteriorate.

Since then, Congress provided funds to perform the Preconstruction Engineering and Design phase, which resulted in the completion of the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) document, hydraulic model studies and final construction plans. Kaumalapau Harbor was officially transferred from Lanai Company to the State of Hawaii in July 2000.