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PRESS STATEMENT

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Robert D. S. Kim, attorney for Kulana Huli Honua, II, Inc. in response to media inquiries, stated:

The non-profit organization Kulana Huli Honua, II, Inc. has amended its claims in circuit court pleadings today, asserting new claims for violation of state law for failing to protect burial sites on the King Kamehameha Hotel property. These claims are asserted against the State Historic Preservation Division and the Department of the Land and Natural Resources for the State of Hawaii, and the King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel's new owners IWF KKH, LLC.

The Third Amended Complaint alleges in relevant part that, human skeletal remains interred on the Hotel property have been desecrated, and that the SHPD, DLNR and the Hotel have breached their respective duties under state law which require these entities to protect the integrity and character of the burial site from damage and desecration. The complaint alleges that there has been a "complete failure to establish buffer zones and other protect measures".

Currently the Hotel maintains a luau grounds which allows cocktail parties and other luau activities near or on the burial features and sites.

In addition, the group seeks an injunction from the circuit court to halt the owners' "actions and inactions to prevent worship and cultural practices, as well as their failure to provide a buffer zone around the sacred grounds of the subject property, the sanctity and integrity of the historical and religious sites, that enable members of Plaintiff, and native Hawaiians to practice religious worship of these sites has been and/or will be destroyed and damaged irreparably."

A hearing on the temporary restraining order before the Honorable Ronald Ibarra, is scheduled for August 28, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., in Kealakekua, Hawaii.

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