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**SENATOR J. KALANI ENGLISH STATEMENT ON
PROPOSED SALE OF HOTEL HANA-MAUI**

Welcomes Amstar as “new corporate neighbor.”

HONOLULU – State Senator J. Kalani English (District 6 - Hana, East and Upcountry Maui, Moloka'i, Lana'i and Kaho'olawe) today welcomed Amstar Group, LLC—the proposed buyer of the Hotel Hana-Maui—as the community's new “corporate neighbor,” and expressed hope that the hotel's new owner would continue the tradition of staffing the hotel with Hana residents.

“I am very happy to welcome Amstar and its subsidiary, Green Tea LLC, to the Hana community,” said English. “All of Hana has experienced the uncertainty surrounding the Hotel Hana-Maui's financial condition, and I think we are all extremely satisfied with the plans we have seen for the hotel's future.”

“My first job was at the Hotel Hana-Maui, so I personally welcome this step to preserve the hotel's long-term presence in Hana.”

“Given the state of our local, national and worldwide economies, we in Hana are willing to face the unfortunate reality that some jobs at the Hotel Hana-Maui will be lost. We're willing to acknowledge that Amstar's business model may call for changes that will mean shifts in

employment. However, having met with Amstar executives and speaking with them about their plans, I am comfortable that they intend to be good corporate neighbors and focus on having a positive impact on our community.”

“Both Amstar and the Hana community are committed to making this transition as effective as possible. From Amstar, we’re looking forward to a transparent and honest transition, including changes to hotel staffing and their planned job fair. In the long term, I understand that Amstar has made a commitment to environmental awareness and a respect for the special place Hana represents in the world today. From the community, I am ready to make a commitment to do all that we can to make Amstar a part of the best of Hana.”

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