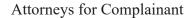
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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION IX

75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, California 94105

IN THE MATTER OF:) DOCKET NO. UIC-09-2022-0010
Hale Kauai, LTD. 3371 Wilcox Rd. STE 102 Lihue, Hawaii 96766)) CONSENT AGREEMENT
Respondent.	AND) FINAL ORDER)
Proceedings under Sections 1423(c) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300h-2(c).)))

CONSENT AGREEMENT

I. AUTHORITIES AND PARTIES

1. The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), Region IX and Hale Kauai Ltd., ("Respondent") (collectively the "Parties") agree to settle this matter and consent to the entry of this Consent Agreement and Final Order ("CA/FO"). This CA/FO is an administrative action commenced and concluded under Section 1423(c) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. §300h-2(c)(1), and Sections 22.13(b), 22.18(b)(2) and (3), and 22.45 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil

Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), as codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

- 2. Complainant is, by lawful delegation, the Director of the Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division of EPA, Region 9. The Administrator of EPA delegated to the Regional Administrator of EPA Region 9 the authority to bring and settle this action under the SDWA. In turn, the Regional Administrator further delegated the authority to bring this action and sign a consent agreement settling this action under the SDWA to the Director of the Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division.
- 3. Respondent is Hale Kauai, Ltd. whose headquarters is located at 3371 Wilcox Road, Suite 102, Lihue Hawaii.
- 4. Where the parties agree to settle one or more causes of action before the filing of a complaint, an administrative action may be commenced and concluded simultaneously by the issuance of a consent agreement and final order. *See* 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b).
- 5. The Parties agree that settling this action without the filing of a complaint or the adjudication of any issue of fact or law is in their interest and in the public interest.
- 6. Respondent consents to the terms of this CA/FO, including the assessment of the civil penalty of \$40,000, and the compliance requirements specified below.

II. JURISDICTION AND WAIVER OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW AND HEARING

- 7. Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in this CA/FO and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations in this CA/FO. 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(2).
- 8. Respondent waives any and all remedies, claims for relief, and otherwise available rights to judicial or administrative review that Respondent may have with respect to any issue of fact or law set forth in this CA/FO including, but not limited to, its right to request a hearing under 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(c) and Section 1423(c)(3) of SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2(c)(3);

its right to seek federal judicial review of the CA/FO pursuant to Chapter 7 of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 701-06; any right to contest the allegations in this CA/FO; and its right to appeal this CA/FO under Section 1423(c)(6) of SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2(c)(6). Respondent also consents to the issuance of this CA/FO without further adjudication.

III. STATUTORY AND REGULATORY BACKGROUND

- 9. Section 1421 of SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h, requires that the Administrator of EPA promulgate regulations, which shall include permitting requirements as well as inspection, monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting requirements, for state underground injection control (UIC) programs to prevent underground injection which endangers drinking water sources.
- 10. Section 1421(d)(1) of SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h(d)(1), defines "underground injection" as the subsurface emplacement of fluids by well injection and excludes the underground injection of natural gas for purposes of storage and the underground injection of fluids or propping agents (other than diesel fuels) pursuant to hydraulic fracturing operations related to oil, gas, or geothermal production activities.
- 11. Pursuant to Sections 1421 and 1422 of SDWA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300h and 300h-1, EPA has promulgated UIC regulations at 40 C.F.R. Parts 124, 144, 146, 147 (Subpart M), and 148.
- 12. 40 C.F.R. § 144.1(g) provides that the UIC programs regulate underground injection by six classes of wells, and all owners or operators of these injection wells must be authorized either by permit or rule.
- 13. Section 1401(6) of SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(6), and 40 C.F.R. § 144.3 define "contaminant" as any physical, chemical, biological, or radiological substance or matter in water.
- 14. 40 C.F.R. § 144.3 defines "fluid" as any material or substance which flows or moves whether in a semisolid, liquid, sludge, gas, or any other form or state.

- 15. 40 C.F.R. § 144.3 defines "well injection" to mean the subsurface emplacement of fluids through a well.
- 16. 40 C.F.R. § 144.3 defines "well" to mean, in relevant part, a dug hole whose depth is greater than the largest surface dimension.
- 17. 40 C.F.R. § 144.3 defines a "cesspool" as a "drywell," which is a type of "well" that is completed above the water table.
- 18. 40 C.F.R. § 144.81(2) defines "large capacity cesspools" ("LCCs") to include "multiple dwelling, community or regional cesspools, or other devices that receive sanitary wastes, containing human excreta, which have an open bottom and sometimes perforated sides." LCCs do not include single-family residential cesspools or non-residential cesspools which receive solely sanitary waste and have the capacity to serve fewer than 20 persons per day. *Id.*
- 19. 40 C.F.R. §§ 144.80(e) and 144.81(2) classifies LCCs as Class V UIC injection wells.
- 20. 40 C.F.R. § 144.3 defines Class V UIC injection wells as a "facility or activity" subject to regulation under the UIC program.
- 21. Section 1401(12) of SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(12), defines "person" as an individual, corporation, company, association, partnership, State, municipality, or Federal agency (and includes officers, employees, and agents of any corporation, company, association, State, municipality, or Federal agency). *See also* 40 C.F.R. § 144.3.
- 22. 40 C.F.R. § 144.3 defines "owner or operator" to mean the owner or operator of any "facility or activity" subject to regulation under the UIC program.
- 23. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 144.82, the "owner or operator" of a Class V UIC well "must comply with Federal UIC requirements in 40 C.F.R. Parts 144 through 147," and must also "comply with any other measures required by States or an EPA Regional Office UIC Program to protect [underground sources of drinking water].".

- 24. 40 C.F.R. §§ 144.84(b)(2) and 144.88 required that owners or operators of existing LCCs to have closed those LCCs by no later than April 5, 2005 and banned new LCCs.
- 25. Pursuant to Section 1422(c) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-1(c), and 40 C.F.R. § 147.601, EPA administers the UIC program in the State of Hawaii.
- 26. Section 1423(a)(2) of SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2(a)(2), provides that any person found to be in violation of any requirement of an applicable UIC program in a state that does not have primacy may be assessed a civil penalty and be subject to an order requiring compliance pursuant to Section 1423(c)(1) of SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2(c)(1).
- 27. Under Section 1423(c)(1) of SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2(c)(1), and 40 C.F.R. Part 19, EPA may assess a civil penalty of not more than \$23,331 for each day of violation, up to a maximum administrative penalty of \$291,641 for violations occurring after November 2, 2015 and where penalties are assessed on or after January 13, 2020 and/or issue an order requiring compliance.

IV. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS AND ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

- 28. Respondent is a corporation and thus qualifies as a "person" within the meaning of Section 1401(12) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(12), and 40 C.F.R. § 144.3.
- 29. Since at least 1985, Respondent has owned the property located at 3465 Waikomo Road, Koloa Hawaii, 96756, Tax Map Key 4-2-8-008-002 (the "Property"), currently being leased by Hardware Hawaii. The Property contains a restroom.
- 30. Since at least April 1, 2005, Respondent has owned one cesspool servicing the restroom at the Property. The cesspool has the capacity to serve twenty or more people per day.
- 31. The cesspool identified in Paragraph 30 meets the definition of an LCC as that term is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 144.81(2).

32. Each day that Respondent failed to close the LCC at the Property identified in Paragraph 30 after April 5, 2005 constitutes a violation of 40 C.F.R. §§ 144.84(b)(2) and 144.88.

V. <u>SETTLEMENT TERMS</u>

A. Civil Penalty

- 33. Section 1423(c)(4)(B) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. 300h-2(c)(4)(B), requires the Administrator to take into account the seriousness of the violation, the economic benefit (if any) resulting from the violation, any history of such violations, any good faith efforts to comply with the applicable requirements, the economic impact of the penalty on the violator, and such other matters as justice may require, when assessing a civil penalty for violations of the SDWA.
- 34. Within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date of this CA/FO, Respondent must pay the \$40,000 civil penalty by sending a check (mail or overnight delivery), wire transfer, automated clearing house, or online payment. Payment instructions are available at: http://2.epa.gov/financial/makepayment.

For checks sent by regular U.S. Postal Service mail: sending a cashier's or certified check, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," to:

U.S. EPA Fines and Penalties Cincinnati Finance Center P.O. Box 979077 St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

For checks sent by express mail (non-U.S. Postal Service which won't deliver mail to P.O. Boxes): sending a casher's or certified check, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," to:

U.S. Bank Government Lockbox 979077 U.S. EPA Fines and Penalties 1005 Convention Plaza Mail Station SL-MO-C2-GL St. Louis, Missouri 63101

The check must state Respondent's name and the docket number of this CA/FO.

For electronic funds transfer: electronic funds transfer, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," and sent to:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York ABA No. 021030004 Account No. 68010727 33 Liberty Street New York, New York 10045

The comment or description field of the electronic funds transfer must state Respondent's name and the docket number of this CA/FO.

For Automated Clearinghouse (ACH), also known as REX or remittance express: ACH electronic funds transfer, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," and sent to:

US Treasury REX/Cashlink ACH Receiver ABA: 051036706 Account Number: 310006, Environmental Protection Agency CTX Format Transaction Code 22-checking

The comment area of the electronic funds transfer must state Respondent's name and the docket number of this CA/FO.

To pay on-line, go to www.pay.gov. Use the Search Public Forms option on the tool bar and enter SFO 1.1 in the search field. Open the form and complete the required fields.

35. Concurrently with payment, Respondent shall provide proof of payment, using the method described in Paragraph 34, to the Regional Hearing Clerk and EPA at the following address:

Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 - Office of Regional Counsel

r9HearingClerk@epa.gov

Respondent shall also send notice of payment and transmittal letter via email to the EPA Region 9 Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division's Enforcement Officer and the EPA Region 9 Office of Regional Counsel attorney in accordance with Paragraph 52.

- 36. This civil penalty represents an administrative civil penalty and shall not be deductible for purposes of federal taxes. 26 U.S.C. § 162(f).
- 37. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717 and 40 C.F.R. § 13.11, in addition to any stipulated penalties due under Paragraphs 45, 46 and 47 below, Respondent must pay the following on any amount overdue under this CA/FO: interest accrued on any overdue amount from the date payment was due at a rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6621(a)(2); the United States' enforcement expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees and costs incurred by the United States for collection proceedings; a \$15 handling charge fee each month that any portion of the penalty is more than 30 days past due; and 6% per year penalty on any principal amount 90 days past due.
- 38. If Respondent does not pay timely the civil penalty due under Paragraph 34 and/or any stipulated penalties due under Paragraphs 42, 43 and 44 below, EPA may request the United States Department of Justice bring an action to collect any unpaid portion of the penalty with interest, handling charges, nonpayment penalties, and the United States' enforcement expenses for the collection action under Section 1423(c)(7) of SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2(c)(7). The validity, amount and appropriateness of the civil penalty are not reviewable in a collection action.

B. Compliance Requirements

39. As required by Section 1423(c)(1) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2(c)(1), and consistent with the timeframes set forth below, Respondent shall:

- a. By March 15, 2023, close the LCC located at the Property in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 144.84(b)(2), 144.88(a), and 144.89(a), and all other applicable requirements, including all Hawaii Department of Health ("HDOH") closure, conversion, and/or replacement requirements. If Respondent installs one or more replacement wastewater systems, such as Individual Wastewater Systems ("IWSs"), then installation and operation of such systems shall comply with all HDOH requirements; and
- b. Within thirty (30) days of closure of the LCC, submit to EPA a final report describing of how the LCC was closed and identify the contractor(s) providing the service as well as copies of the cesspool Backfill Closure Reports for the closure of the cesspool. Respondent shall also submit all related approvals, including for any replacement systems, issued by HDOH within thirty (30) days of closure of the LCC, provided that, should HDOH not issue any approval within thirty (30) days of closure, Respondent shall submit HDOH's approval to EPA within fourteen (14) days of its receipt of the approval.
- 40. If Respondent fails to comply with the requirements set forth in Paragraph 39, above, EPA may request the United States Department of Justice bring an action to seek penalties for violating this CA/FO under Section 1423(b) of SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2(b).

C. Reporting Requirements

41. Respondent shall submit compliance reports to the EPA Region 9 Compliance Officer and the EPA Region 9 LCC Project Coordinator on a semiannual basis, with the first report (covering the period October 1, 2021 through April 1, 2022) due on April 4, 2022, and the second report due on October 3, 2022. Subsequent reports shall be due on the first business day

following each six-month period thereafter, until the final report is submitted pursuant to Paragraph 39(b). Each compliance report shall discuss Respondent's progress toward meeting the compliance deadline in Paragraph 39.

42. Each compliance report must be accompanied by a certification, as described in Paragraph 53, from Respondent's authorized representative documenting progress toward meeting the compliance deadline referenced in Paragraph 39.

D. Stipulated Penalties

- 43. Respondent shall pay stipulated penalties in accordance with this Section for any violations of this CA/FO.
- 44. If Respondent fails to make the payment specified in Section IV.A of this CA/FO or fails to meet the compliance deadline for closure of the cesspool at the Property by the deadline specified in Section IV.B of this CA/FO, Respondent agrees to pay in addition to the assessed penalty, a stipulated penalty of \$250 per day for each day the Respondent is late in making the penalty payment or meeting the closure deadline for the Property's LCCs.
- 45. If Respondent fails to timely submit any reports, referred to in Paragraphs 39 and 42, in accordance with the timelines set forth in this CA/FO, Respondent agrees to pay a stipulated penalty of \$75 for each day after the report was due until it submits the report in its entirety.
- 46. Respondent agrees to pay any stipulated penalties within thirty (30) days of receipt of EPA's written demand for such penalties. All penalties shall begin to accrue on the first date of noncompliance and shall continue to accrue through the date of completion of the delinquent CA/FO requirement. Respondent will use the method of payment specified in Paragraph 36 and agrees to pay interest, handling charges and penalties that accrue for late payment of the stipulated penalty in the same manner as set forth in Paragraph 34.

- 47. Neither the demand for, nor payment of, a stipulated penalty relieves Respondent of its obligation to comply with any requirement of this CA/FO or modifies or waives any deadlines set forth in this CA/FO.
- 48. EPA may, in the unreviewable exercise of its discretion, elect to pursue any other administrative or judicial remedies in addition to or in lieu of assessing stipulated penalties and/or reduce or waive stipulated penalties due under this CA/FO.

E. Force Majeure

- 49. For purposes of this CA/FO, Force Majeure is defined as any event arising from causes that are beyond the control of Respondent, any entity controlled by Respondent, or Respondent's contractors, which delays or prevents the performance of any obligation under this CA/FO despite Respondent's reasonable best efforts to fulfill the obligation. The requirement that Respondent exercise "reasonable best efforts to fulfill the obligation" includes using reasonable best efforts to anticipate any potential Force Majeure event and reasonable best efforts to address the effects of any such event (a) as it is occurring and (b) after it has occurred to prevent or minimize any resulting delay to the greatest extent possible. Examples of Force Majeure events include, but are not limited to, unforeseen environmental, geological, or archaeological conditions; or pandemics, epidemics, or disease. Examples of events that are not Force Majeure include, but are not limited to, increased costs or expenses of any work to be performed under this CA/FO and normal inclement weather.
- 50. Respondent shall exercise its best efforts to avoid or minimize any delay and any effects of a delay. If any event occurs which causes or may cause delays meeting the deadlines set forth in this CA/FO, Respondent or its attorney shall, within forty-eight (48) hours of the delay or within forty-eight (48) hours of Respondent's knowledge of the anticipated delay, whichever is earlier, notify EPA by email in accordance with Paragraph 53. Within fifteen (15)

days thereafter, Respondent shall provide in writing the reasons for the delay, the anticipated duration of the delay, the measures taken or to be taken to prevent or minimize the delay, and a timetable by which those measures will be implemented. Failure to comply with the notice requirement of this paragraph shall preclude Respondent from asserting any claim of Force Majeure.

51. If EPA agrees in writing that the delay or anticipated delay in compliance with this CA/FO has been or will be caused by circumstances entirely beyond the control of Respondent, the time for performance may be extended for the period of the delay resulting from the circumstances causing the delay. In such event, EPA will grant, in writing an extension of time. An extension of the time for performing an obligation granted by EPA pursuant to this paragraph shall not, of itself, extend the time for performing a subsequent obligation.

VI. SUBMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

52. All reports, notifications, documentation, submissions, and other correspondence required to be submitted by this CA/FO must be submitted to EPA electronically, to the extent possible. If electronic submittal is not possible, the submissions must be made by certified mail (return receipt requested). Electronic submissions must be sent to the following addresses: young.emma@epa.gov and ferrif.sarah@epa.gov. The subject line of all email correspondence must include the facility name, docket number, and subject of the deliverable. All electronically-submitted materials must be in final and searchable format, such as Portable Document Format (PDF) with Optical Character Recognition (OCR) applied. Mailed submissions must be sent to the following addresses:

Emma Young U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division 75 Hawthorne Street (ENF-3-3) San Francisco, CA 94105 Sarah Ferrif, Attorney Advisor U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9, Office of Regional Counsel 75 Hawthorne Street (ORC-2-3) San Francisco, CA 94105

53. All reports, notifications, documentation, and submissions must be signed by a duly authorized representative of Respondent and shall include the following statement consistent with 40 C.F.R. § 144.32(d):

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

- 54. If Respondent finds at any time after submitting information that any portion of that information is false or incorrect, the signatory must notify EPA immediately. Knowingly submitting false information to EPA in response to this CA/FO may subject Respondent to criminal prosecution under Section 1423(b) of SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2(b), as well as 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and 1341.
- 55. Submissions required by this CA/FO shall be deemed submitted on the date they are sent electronically or on the date postmarked if sent by U.S. mail.
- 56. EPA may use any information submitted in accordance with this CA/FO in support of an administrative, civil, or criminal action against Respondent.
- 57. The information required to be submitted pursuant to the CA/FO is not subject to the approval requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44. U.S.C §3501 et seq.

VI. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 58. Full payment of the penalty as described in Paragraph 35, above, and full compliance with this CA/FO shall only resolve Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations and facts alleged in this CA/FO. Violation of this CA/FO shall be deemed a violation of SDWA for purposes of Section 1423(b) of SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2(b).
- 59. The parties consent to service of this CA/FO by e-mail at the following valid e-mail addresses: young.emma@epa.gov (for Complainant) and pmchenry@cades.com (for Respondent).
- 60. This CA/FO, inclusive of all exhibits, appendices, and attachments, is the entire agreement between the Parties.
- 61. The provisions of this CA/FO shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent, its officers, directors, agents, servants, authorized representatives, employees, and successors or assigns. Action or inaction of any persons, firms, contractors, employees, agents, or corporations acting under, through, or for Respondent shall not excuse any failure of Respondent to fully perform its obligations under this CA/FO except for extensions of time to complete such obligations provided by EPA pursuant to paragraph 51 above.
- 62. Full compliance with this CA/FO does not in any manner affect the right of EPA to pursue appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violations of law, except with respect to the claims described in Paragraph 32 that have been specifically resolved by this CA/FO.
- 63. This CA/FO is not a permit or modification of a permit and does not affect Respondent's obligation to comply with all federal, state, local laws, ordinances, regulations, permits, and orders. Issuance of, or compliance with, this CA/FO does not waive, extinguish, satisfy, or otherwise affect Respondent's obligation to comply with all applicable requirements

of the SDWA, regulations promulgated thereunder, and any order or permit issued thereunder, except as specifically set forth herein.

- 64. EPA reserves any and all legal and equitable remedies available to enforce this CA/FO, as well as the right to seek recovery of any costs and attorneys' fees incurred by EPA in any actions against Respondent for noncompliance with this CA/FO.
- 65. Unless otherwise specified, the Parties shall each bear their own costs and attorneys' fees incurred in this proceeding.
- 66. This CA/FO may be executed and transmitted by facsimile, email or other electronic means, and in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute an instrument. If any portion of this CA/FO is determined to be unenforceable by a competent court or tribunal, the Parties agree that the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.
- 67. The undersigned representative of each party certifies that he or she is duly and fully authorized to enter into and ratify this CA/FO.
- 68. For purposes of the identification requirement of Section 162(f)(2)(A)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 162(f)(2)(A)(ii), performance of Section IV.B (Compliance Requirements) is restitution or required to come into compliance with law.

VII. EFFECTIVE DATE

- 69. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.45, this CA/FO will be subject to public notice and comment at least 40 days prior to it becoming effective through the issuance of the final order by the Regional Judicial Officer.
- 70. The parties acknowledge and agree that final approval by EPA of this CA/FO is subject to 40 C.F.R. § 22.45(c)(4), which sets forth requirements under which a person not a

party to this proceeding may petition to set aside a consent agreement and final order on the basis that material evidence was not considered.

71. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.18(b)(3) and 22.31(b), this CA/FO shall be effective on the date that the final order contained in this CA/FO, having been approved and issued by either the Regional Judicial Officer or Regional Administrator, is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

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Hale Kauai, Ltd.

Hobey Beck, President

Hale Kauai, Ltd.

Date: 11-18-2021

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY:

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Amy C. Miller-Bowen

Director, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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FINAL ORDER

The United States Environmental Protection Agency Region IX ("EPA"), and the Respondent, Hale Kauai, Ltd. ("Respondent"), having entered into the foregoing Consent Agreement, and EPA having duly publicly noticed the Stipulations and Findings and Final Order regarding the matters alleged therein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The foregoing Consent Agreement and this Final Order (Docket No. UIC-09-2022-0010) be entered;
- 2. Respondent pay an administrative civil penalty of forty thousand dollars to the Treasurer of the United States of America in accordance with the terms set forth in the Consent Agreement;
- 3. Respondent close the cesspool by March 15, 2023 in accordance with the terms set forth in Paragraph 39 of the Consent Agreement; and
 - 4. Respondent comply with all other requirements of the Consent Agreement.

This Final Order is effective on the date that it is filed. This Final Order constitutes full adjudication of the allegations in the Consent Agreement entered into by the Parties in this proceeding.

STEVEN JAWGIEL Digitally signed by STEVEN JAWGIEL Date: 2022,03.16 08:37:59 -07'00'

Steven L. Jawgiel Regional Judicial Officer, Region IX U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the fully executed Consent Agreement and Final Order, (**Docket No UIC-09-2022-0010**) was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA, Region IX, and that a true and correct copy of the same was sent to the following parties:

Via E-Mail

Hobey Beck, President Hale Kauai Ltd. 3371 Wilcox Rd, Suite 102 Lihue, Hawaii 96766 hobey@halekauai.com

Patricia J. McHenry, Senior Counsel Cades Schutte LLP Cades Schutte Building 1000 Bishop Street, Suite 1200 Honolulu, HI 96813 pmchenry@cades.com

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