Office of Environmental Quality Control
465 South King Street, Rm. 115
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Gentlemen:

Subject: Environmental Assessment for Jas. W. Glover, Ltd. for Mining Purposes at Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii

Copies of the above-cited assessment was forwarded for our review and comment. The assessment covers the following action:

Jas. W. Glover, Ltd.

Direct issuance of land license for mining purposes over portion of Parcel 11 of the Tax Map Key: 3rd/2-1-13, Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii.

As owner of the underlying lands, we have, as requested, reviewed said assessment. Please be advised that on the basis of the assessment, we find that the proposals will have no adverse impact on the environment.

This constitutes our filing a Negative Declaration for the above-cited project.
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Please find enclosed for your consideration and action four
copies of the Environmental Assessment with maps for the project.

For any questions to the foregoing, please contact our Division
of Land Management, Hawaii District Land Office at 933-4245.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM W. PATY Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources

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c: Hawaii Land Board Member
   Hawaii District Land Office
Environmental Assessment
Negative Declaration
For
Land License Over and Across State Land,
Waikea, South Hilo, Hawaii

I. APPLICANT
Jas W. Glover Ltd.
890 Leilani Street
Hilo, HI 96720

II. APPROVING AGENCY
Division of Land Management
Department of Land and Natural Resources

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION
LOCATION
State land situate at Waikea, South Hilo, Hawaii,
identified by Tax Map Key: 3rd/2-1-13:11(portion).

PROPOSED ACTION
Issuance of Land License for mining purposes over a portion
of Parcel 11 of Tax Map Key: 3rd/2-1-13.

REMARKS
That portion of the property under consideration is an
unencumbered Government parcel across from and adjacent to
the sanitary landfill at Waikea, South Hilo, Hawaii. The
applicant proposes to excavate and process the rock
deposits for various construction projects throughout the
eastern portion of the Island of Hawaii.

Upon completion of the excavation of the subject site, the
County of Hawaii may be able to utilize the site as an
extension of the sanitary landfill.

III. DESCRIPTION OF AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT
EXISTING USE
That portion of the subject parcel presently under
consideration is vacant and partially overgrown with
noxious weeds. A land license for mining purposes was
issued on another portion of the subject parcel.

TOPOGRAPHY AND SOILS
The area is situated at about 60 feet elevation and is
fairly level. Soils are of the Papai extremely stony muck
series (zPMM) which are found on the lower elevations of
Mauna Kea and Hualalai. Soil permeability is rapid, runoff
slow, and erosion hazard is slight. Soils of this series
are thin, stony organic soils over fragmental 'A'a lava.
FLORA AND FAUNA

Vegetation consists of common grasses with miscellaneous noxious weeds and trees.

DRAINAGE

There are no drainageways or systems in the area.

HISTORIC AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL

Due to the area's proximity to the sanitary landfill site and its previous use as a quarry on a portion of the site, it is not anticipated that any features of historic or archaeological significance are present.

SURROUNDING LAND USE

The surrounding land area is used for quarry and sanitary landfill and disposal purposes.

UTILITIES AND SERVICES

Electricity and water services can be made available to the subject area, but are not required for the mining operation.

IV.

PROBABLE IMPACTS

SHORT-TERM

There are no short-term impacts anticipated.

LONG-TERM

Direct long-term impacts will be increased noise and emissions due to the proposed quarrying operations.

V.

ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION

Under a "no action" alternative, the applicant would not have access to much needed rock for construction projects in East Hawaii.

VI.

IRREVERSIBLE AND IRRETRIEVABLE COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES

Because of the nature of quarrying operations, subsurface rock and related material will be irretrievable committed for processing as aggregate and other construction materials.

VII.

MITIGATING MEASURES

Standard construction and excavation practices for all quarry activities will be necessary.
VIII. FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION

Based on the foregoing, it is determined that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the environment and that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required (Negative Declaration).

IX. CONTACT

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