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**Subject: Withdrawal of Final Environmental Impact Statement
Hawai'i Dairy Farms
TMK (4) 2-9-003: 001 por. and 006 por.
Māhā'ulepū, Kaua'i, HI**

Dear Director Glenn:

Group 70 International, Inc., on behalf of Hawai'i Dairy Farms, LLC hereby withdraws the Final Environmental Impact Statement submitted on January 17, 2017 pursuant to Hawai'i Administrative Rules Section 11-200-23 (F).

Please call me at [REDACTED] (mobile) if you have questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

GROUP 70 INTERNATIONAL, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey H. Overton', is written over the typed name and title.

Jeffrey H. Overton, AICP, LEED AP
Principal Planner

cc: State of Hawaii, Dept. of Health, Director of Health, Virginia Pressler, M.D.
State of Hawaii, Dept. of Health, Environmental Planning Office
Hawaii Dairy Farms, LLC

APPLICANT PUBLICATION FORM

Project Name:	Hawai'i Dairy Farms
Project Short Name:	(please use no more than five succinct words; count not to include document status, e.g., EA)
HRS §343-5 Trigger(s):	Hawai'i Dairy Farms' position is that no applicable HRS Section 343-5 trigger exists; some members of the public have challenged Hawai'i Dairy Farms' position, and have asserted that the use of State funds and approval of a wastewater treatment unit are applicable HRS 343-5 triggers.
Island(s):	Kaua'i
Judicial District(s):	Kōloa
TMK(s):	(4) 2-9-003:001 (portion); 006 (portion) , (4) 2-9-001:001 (portion)
Permit(s)/Approval(s):	USDA NRCS Conservation Plan; DOH National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Construction Stormwater General Permit; DOH Review of Animal Feeding Operation/Large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation; DLNR Chapter 6E-42 Historic Preservation Review; County of Kaua'i Building Permit
Approving Agency:	State of Hawai'i, Department of Health Virginia Pressler, M.D., Director
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DEA-AFNSI

Submittal Requirements

Submit 1) the approving agency notice of determination/transmittal letter on agency letterhead, 2) this completed OEQC publication form as a Word file, 3) a hard copy of the DEA, and 4) a searchable PDF of the DEA; a 30-day comment period follows from the date of publication in the Notice.

FEA-FONSI

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FEA-EISPN

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Act 172-12 EISPN
("Direct to EIS")

Submit 1) the approving agency notice of determination letter on agency letterhead and 2) this completed OEQC publication form as a Word file; no EA is required and a 30-day comment period follows from the date of publication in the Notice.

DEIS

Submit 1) a transmittal letter to the OEQC and to the approving agency, 2) this completed OEQC publication form as a Word file, 3) a hard copy of the DEIS, 4) a searchable PDF of the DEIS, and 5) a searchable PDF of the distribution list; a 45-day comment period follows from the date of publication in the Notice.

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- FEIS Acceptance Determination The approving agency simultaneously transmits to both the OEQC and the applicant a letter of its determination of acceptance or nonacceptance (pursuant to Section 11-200-23, HAR) of the FEIS; no comment period ensues upon publication in the Notice.
- FEIS Statutory Acceptance The approving agency simultaneously transmits to both the OEQC and the applicant a notice that it did not make a timely determination on the acceptance or nonacceptance of the applicant's FEIS under Section 343-5(c), HRS, and therefore the applicant's FEIS is deemed accepted as a matter of law.
- Supplemental EIS Determination The approving agency simultaneously transmits its notice to both the applicant and the OEQC that it has reviewed (pursuant to Section 11-200-27, HAR) the previously accepted FEIS and determines that a supplemental EIS is or is not required; no EA is required and no comment period ensues upon publication in the Notice.
- Withdrawal Identify the specific document(s) to withdraw and explain in the project summary section.
- Other Contact the OEQC if your action is not one of the above items.

Project Summary

Provide a description of the proposed action and purpose and need in 200 words or less.

HDF will establish and operate a sustainable, rotational-grazing pasture system dairy farm on 557-acres in Māhā'ulepū Valley on the island of Kaua'i to produce fresh, locally available nutritious milk for Hawai'i families. The rotational-grazing method utilizes 100 percent of the cows' manure as fertilizer for pasture grass to provide the primary source of nutrients. This cost-effective method will reduce reliance on imported fertilizer and feed. Pasture grass will provide a local food source appropriate for cow health and quality milk production, and will comprise at least 70 percent of the animals' diet. HDF has committed to establish a herd of up to 699 mature milking cows, producing approximately one million gallons of fresh milk annually. HDF may contemplate possible expansion of the herd up to 2,000 mature milking cows.

HDF has withdrawn the Final EIS in order to provide additional information in responses to comments received during the Draft EIS review phase. The 45-day public comment period on the Draft EIS ended July 25, 2016.