STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Land Division
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

August 26, 2016

Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

Issuance of a Right-of-Entry Permit to IUCN Oceania Regional Office for Vaka Arrival for the Moana Pasifika Voyage to be held on September 1, 2016, at Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 2-3-037: portion of 021

APPLICANT:

IUCN Oceania Regional Office

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Sections 171-55, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended.

LOCATION:

Portion of Government lands of Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu, identified as Tax Map Key: (1) 2-3-037: portion of 021, as shown on the attached Exhibit A.

AREA

10,000 square feet, more or less

ZONING:

State Land Use District: Urban
City and County of Honolulu LUO: Public Precinct

TRUST LAND STATUS:

Section 5(a) lands of the Hawaii Admission Act
DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution: No

CURRENT USE STATUS:
Requested area is unencumbered

CHARACTER OF USE:

Vaka Arrival for the Moana Pasifika Voyage

TERM:

From 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 1, 2016

RENTAL:

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COLLATERAL SECURITY DEPOSIT:

None

CHAPTER 343 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rule Section 11-200-8 and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources concurred with by the Environmental Council and dated June 5, 2015, the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Exemption Class No. 1, Item 51. See Exhibit B.

DCCA VERIFICATION:

Not applicable

REMARKS:

As part of the IUCN World Conservation Congress to be held in Hawaii from September 1 to 10, 2016, the applicant is organizing a welcome ceremony for the Pacific Islands leaders. The leaders and Congress VIP's will board the three canoes at the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor and sail to the pier, currently leased to the Hilton Hawaiian Village, LLC. Up to eight smaller Outrigger canoes will also arrive on the beach at that time. It is planned to have cultural protocol and welcome speeches by the leaders and the Governor.

At the time of writing this submittal, the requested area is planned at a location adjacent to the pier measuring 100 feet by 100 feet. As the IUCN is an event sponsored by the State, staff recommends the Board waive any rent payable for the requested area.

Division of Conservation and Coastal Lands has no comments on the request.
The applicant has not had a lease, permit, easement or other disposition of State lands terminated within the past five years due to non-compliance with such terms and conditions.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board

1. Declare that, after considering the potential effects of the proposed disposition as provided by Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200, HAR, this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

2. Authorize the issuance of a right-of-entry permit to IUCN Oceania Regional Office covering the subject area for the Vaka Arrival for the Moana Pasifika Voyage under the terms and conditions cited above, which are by this reference incorporated herein and further subject to the following:

A. The standard terms and conditions of the most current right-of-entry form, as may be amended from time to time; and

B. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barry Cheung
District Land Agent

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson
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EXHIBIT A
EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION

regarding the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Chapter 343, HRS and Chapter 11-200, HAR

Project Title: Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit for the Vaka Arrival for the Moana Pasifika Voyage

Project / Reference No.: Not applicable

Project Location: Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 2-3-037: portion of 021

Project Description: Vaka Arrival for the Moana Pasifika Voyage

Chap. 343 Trigger(s): Use of State Land

Exemption Class No.: In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rule Section 11-200-8 and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources concurred with by the Environmental Council and dated June 5, 2015, the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Exemption Class No. 1, Item 51, which states the “Permits, licenses, registrations, and rights-of-entry issued by the Department that are routine in nature, involving negligible impacts beyond that previously existing”.

This Board has permitted similar events in the past. The proposed activity is of a similar type and scope of beach activities that periodically occurred and continues to occur on this and other beach areas across the State. As such staff believes that the proposed event would involve negligible or no expansion or change in use beyond that previously existing.


Recommendation: It is recommended that the Land Board find this project to have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is presumed to be exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson
Date: 8/15/16

EXHIBIT B