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

ISSUANCE OF A LEASE BY NEGOTIATION TO TOELL U.S.A. CORPORATION, AT 701 NORTH NIMITZ HIGHWAY AT PIERS 23/24, HONOLULU HARBOR, OAHU, TAX MAP KEY NOS. (1) 1-5-038: 004 (POR.), 005 (POR.), 055, 058

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Sections 171-6, 171-11, 171-13, 171-17, 171-35, 171-36, and 171-59, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended.

APPLICANT:

Toell U.S.A. Corporation ("Toell U.S.A."), a domestic profit corporation, whose mailing address is 98-790 Moanalua Road, Aiea, Hawaii 96701

CHARACTER OF USE:

The development, construction, use and maintenance of a new facility and the reconstruction, repair, use, and maintenance of the existing facilities for the purpose of receiving and the loading cargo containers; forming plastic bottles; purifying water; filling of bottles; and packing, storing, and loading final products for shipping.

LOCATION:

Portion of Government lands situated at 701 North Nimitz Highway, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817 at Piers 23/24, Honolulu Harbor, Honolulu, Oahu, as shown on the attached map labeled Exhibit "A." As stated below, said lands have been set aside to the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation ("DOT") by Executive Order No. 2903.

AREA:

The area comprises of two areas: 29,581 square feet of warehouse space and 2,962 square feet for at-grade parking.

CONSIDERATION:

The lease rental is based on an appraised fair market value for the parcels with consideration for the following:

- Pursuant to §171-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the lease rental of lands to be
 disposed of by negotiation shall be no less than the value determined by a
 disinterested appraiser whose services were contracted by the DOT. The
 applicant has agreed to the values resulting from the DOT appraisal as further
 described below.
- Pursuant to §171-6 (7), Hawaii Revised Statutes, the DOT may "reduce or waive the lease rental at the beginning of the lease on any lease of public land to be used for any agricultural or pastoral use, or for resort, commercial, industrial, or other business use where the land being leased requires substantial improvements to be placed thereon; provided that such reduction or waiver shall not exceed two years for land to be used for any agricultural or pastoral use, or exceed one year for land to be used for resort, commercial, industrial, or other business use;" (emphasis added). Both the DOT and the applicant agree to a lease rental waiver for the first year of the lease term. The required substantial improvements are described under Applicant Requirements below.
- Both parties are in agreement on a one-time adjustment to lease payments in the amount of \$380,111 to cover the costs to be incurred by the applicant which include the removal and demolition of conveyor systems and certain structures in lieu of the DOT completing this work, and other costs. The adjustment will be amortized over the first 20 years of the lease term and will cease at Year 21 at the time of the first rent reopener.

Based on the appraised market value and the aforementioned waiver and adjustments, the annual lease rent for the fast lands will be as follows:

Years 2-10: \$248,110 Years 11-15: \$312,620 Years 16-20: \$350,130 Years 21-30: Reopened rent Years 31-40: Reopened rent

ZONING:

State of Land Use Commission:

Urban

City and County of Honolulu:

I-3, Waterfront Industrial

TERM OF LEASE:

Forty (40) years. Twenty (years) fixed rent, with rent reopeners at years 21 and 31.

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COMMENCEMENT DATE:

On the first day of the month to be determined by the Director of Transportation.

CURRENT USE STATUS:

Warehouse, storage.

LAND TITLE STATUS:

Owned by State of Hawaii; management and control of the property was transferred to the DOT by Executive Order No. 2903.

CHAPTER 343 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The DOT submitted to the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) a Final Environmental Assessment with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FEA-FONSI) on March 23, 2018.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

Toell U.S.A. shall:

- a. Proceed with any and all requirements attendant to the completion of the lease terms and provisions, including but not limited to, providing DOT with its development plans for the subject property as soon as practicable;
- b. Invest a minimum of \$8,000,000 in improvements (with a minimum of \$4,000,000 in to the existing building) and infrastructure improvements two years of the effective date of the lease; and
- c. Comply with any other restrictions and/or conditions that may be imposed by the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the DOT, as may be deemed necessary.

REMARKS:

Applicant's Background

Toell U.S.A. Corporation is a small business domiciled in the Hawaii and currently runs operations at its Moanalua factory located at 98-790 Moanalua Road in Aiea. Toell U.S.A. manufactures its products locally and exclusively for foreign export; Toell U.S.A. does not market any product within the State or within the United States. At current production levels, Toell U.S.A. exports by commercial container shippers approximately 2,000 40-foot containers per year of its product to Japan for distribution and consumption in various markets in Asia. The corporation seeks to expand its operation to a second location for production closer to Honolulu Harbor to facilitate shorter times for transport and export processes.

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Direct Negotiation

DOT recognizes the applicant's operation as a "maritime-related" as defined by §171-59(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, as "a purpose or activity that requires and is directly related to the loading, off-loading, storage, or distribution of goods and services of the maritime industry." (emphasis added). DOT also affirms that this lease encourages competition within maritime operations which includes container shipping operations, and pursuant to the same section of the law, the DOTH proposes to dispose of the subject property by negotiation rather than by public auction.

The reason for exempting these operations from public auction, as explained in Conference Committee Report prepared by the Hawaii State Legislature upon passage of the legislation enacting the provision for the exemption, is to "prevent larger operations from squeezing the smaller ones out" and to ensure both "service to the public and the preservation of competition in addition to income." (Conference Committee Report 96, Senate Bill 1403, House Draft 1, Conference Draft 1, Regular Session of 2003)

Additionally, increases in exports further encourages competition among the transport companies that serve the routes that include the markets for the export. Most containers outbound from Hawaii are empty and do not generate wharfage revenue to the DOT. As such, there is an interest in encouraging competition among operations, like those of this applicant, that produce goods for export that rely on ocean surface transport as these operations result in filled cargo containers outbound from Hawaii to generate revenue.

Start of Construction

The DOT and the applicant are in the negotiations of the lease conditions, with a desire to execute a lease to facilitate the start of construction before November 1, 2018. Under a separate submittal, the DOT requests the Board's consideration and approval of a construction right of entry to allow the applicant's contractors to access the site and prepare for the construction of improvements.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board authorizes the issuance of a lease by negotiation to the applicant covering the subject area for the purposes cited above, subject to the terms and conditions outlined above and incorporated herein by reference, and such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Director of Transportation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Transportation

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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

SUZANNE CASE

Chairperson and Member Board of Land and Natural Resources



Project Location Aerial Photograph
Source: Google Earth

Environmental Assessment

Figure 2
Toell U.S.A Facility
Honolulu, Hawaii