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***Record of Decision from US Army Corps of Engineers marks major milestone***

HONOLULU – March 23, 2015 – Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning, LLC (HSWAC) announced today that the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has issued a Record of Decision (RoD) for Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning’s Deepwater District Cooling project, signifying the satisfactory completion of the Federal Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) process for the project’s proposed installation and operation of seawater intake and return pipes in the offshore waters of Oahu’s South Shore.

“This is a huge milestone,” said Eric Masutomi, HSWAC President and CEO, “not only for our HSWAC team and the USACE District Office, but for all those who support and are committed to a clean energy future for Hawaii, especially our customers. We could not have gotten this far without the support of the community, State and local government, and clean energy advocates throughout the state.”

“The FEIS process is one of the most thorough regulatory examinations available and we are very pleased to receive a RoD from the USACE that signals its completion,” continued Masutomi. “We are excited and looking forward to the start of construction later this year on one of the largest energy-efficiency projects the state has ever seen.”

With a review process spanning six years, the issuance of the RoD marks the conclusion of one of the longest standing environmental reviews undertaken by the USACE in Hawaii. The USACE is required by law to complete a FEIS that takes into account economic, environmental, and other pertinent factors for the parts of the project that are in US waters.

When completed in early 2017, HSWAC's Deep Water District Cooling system will produce enough chilled fresh water to supply roughly one half of downtown Honolulu's cooling needs. It promises to reduce electricity consumption for cooling by more than 75% and save an estimated 77 million kilowatt-hours of power a year, which is equivalent to a 20 megawatt wind farm or a 40 megawatt solar farm. Annually, that is enough to power more than 10,000 homes and eliminate the need to burn 178,000 barrels of imported oil.

The HSWAC system will provide air-conditioning to buildings in Honolulu by pulling cold deep seawater through a pipeline, more than four miles offshore, into a cooling station located in Kakaako. At the cooling station the seawater will be used as the primary source of cooling, eventually being pumped back into the ocean slightly warmer. From the cooling station HSWAC will distribute cold fresh water through a network of closed loop pipes in the streets to its customers.

***About Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning***

Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning, LLC, is a privately owned company currently developing a seawater-based district cooling system for Honolulu. Deep ocean water will be used to deliver renewable cooling to commercial and residential properties in the downtown Honolulu area. For more information, visit [www.honoluluswac.com](http://www.honoluluswac.com).

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