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DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS AND DOWLING COMPANY DEDICATE WAIEHU KOU 4 SUBDIVISION ON MAUI

Newest Hawaiian Homes project provides homes for 98 Maui families

WAILUKU, Maui, Hawai`i — The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) and Dowling Company held a dedication today to welcome new home owners to the 98-unit Waiehu Kou 4 subdivision.

“The dedication of the Waiehu Kou 4 homes is another milestone for our department as we move forward in achieving our mission of providing native Hawaiians with affordable homes,” said Micah Kane, chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and director of DHHL. “When we welcome families into Waiehu Kou 4, we will have developed 426 homes and lots for native Hawaiians with our partner Dowling Company.”

Of the 98 homes in the Waiehu Kou 4 subdivision, 86 will be developer-built and 12 are set for self-help construction with assistance from Habitat for Humanity Maui. Work on the first home with Habitat for Humanity commenced on July 21 with employees of Dowling Company joining over 250 volunteers.

“We are pleased to work once again with DHHL to develop this project for Maui’s Hawaiian community,” said Everett Dowling, president of Dowling Company, which also developed the Waiehu Kou 2 and 3 subdivisions as well as the Villages of Leiali`i in West Maui. “The competition for affordable housing makes home ownership unattainable for too many Maui residents. Waiehu Kou 4 not only helps native Hawaiians but, more broadly, alleviates Maui’s housing crunch by increasing the supply of affordable homes on Maui.”

“The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has done a tremendous job in fulfilling a commitment to native Hawaiians and in doing so, they have helped alleviate the need for affordable housing in our state,” said Governor Linda Lingle, who participated in today’s dedication. “The Dowling Company has been an important partner in providing affordable housing for Maui, and helping native Hawaiians realize the dream of homeownership.”

Waiehu, on Maui’s northern shore, boasts a rich cultural heritage celebrated in numerous Hawaiian chants and songs. Waiehu was known collectively, along with Wailuku, Waihe’e and Waikapū, as *Nā Wai ‘Ehā* for the flowing waters in those areas.

Dedicated to “Building in Balance,” Dowling Company advocates product balance ranging from affordable to luxury residential development. Some of the company’s most noted developments include the first Hawaiian Homes project in West Maui at the Villages of Leialī‘i in Lahaina, a 104-unit single-family affordable housing development. In addition, the company has developed Maui’s only privately developed public school, Kamali‘i Elementary School; the Waiehu Kou 2 and 3 Hawaiian Home Lands projects; One Palauea Bay; Kulamalu town and Maluaka, Hawai‘i’s first green luxury development. For additional information visit www.dowlingco.com

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is responsible for administering the Hawaiian home lands program as established by Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole. DHHL continues to strive for Prince Kūhiō’s vision of returning native Hawaiian people to the land and developing healthy, self-sufficient Hawaiian communities, through the many benefits and programs it offers. For additional information visit www.hawaii.gov/dhhl.

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