



LBD COFFEE, LLC

November 20, 2017

Dear Neighbors,

On September 16, 2017, we sent a notice of a November 2, 2017 hearing about our plans to open a small distillery at 5907 C Kawaihau Road. Since that time, a few members of the public have raised some concerns regarding the operation and impact of our business. We value the esteem of our neighbors and your quality of life. Great care has been gladly taken to ensure that our operation will be safe, responsible and nuisance free. We want to build a business we can be proud of and, as such, have the highest of standards for our facility and production. We hope this letter detailing our plans and their merit provides you with peace of mind via adequate and accurate information.

Our Operation

We currently raise bees for honey, grow organic coffee, chocolate, tobacco, and other agricultural products at various farm sites across the island. We plan to centralize our small family owned farm operation at the agriculture-zoned property at 5907C Kawaihau Road to reduce our carbon footprint and produce our value added products in the most environmentally responsible way possible. In fact, we operate the majority of our farms under the United States Department of Agriculture's National Organic Program (USDA NOP), and all of our farms follow strict rules set forth by under the USDA National Resource Conservation Plan (NRCS). Part of this plan includes making small-batch Bourbon made from locally grown corn and grains using a simple, safe, and clean process.

After growing and harvesting the corn, it is mixed with other grains and water to create a mash. This mash ferments indoors in specially designed containers for 48 to 72 hours, and is then transferred to the still. The still heats the mash on low heat using an automatically regulated electric heating element or steam (no open flames or other hazards involved), and the alcohol then condenses and is collected into wooden barrels for aging.

Our entire process utilizes a closed system model, meaning that the alcohol not used in the

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final product is recycled into future runs – eliminating nearly all liquid waste. Any remaining liquid waste produced will be disposed through our approved waste water treatment filters. This system has been approved by the Hawaii Department of Health's Waste Water Branch. The solid waste (leftover corn and grains from the mash) is highly nutritious and will be used as feed for livestock at other locations on the island.

Safety

Our distilling processes and equipment do not emit flammable gases nor place the alcohol under high pressure. There are NO OPEN FLAMES, or other hazards involved at any point in the production process. Our still's heating element is powered by electricity and steam and automatically regulated and monitored for efficient and safe operation. All electrical connections and wiring conform to code and our warehouse will remain clean and well-ventilated. Our small staff is well-trained and has an exemplary safety record.

Responsible Neighbors

Although our property is zoned by both the County and the State for agricultural use, we are committed to being responsible and considerate neighbors. Our distillery will involve no excessive noise, smell, dust, or other disturbances. This is not a bar, or night club. The mashing and distillation of corn into bourbon is an age old agricultural process. We're a small and locally-owned farm with few employees operating only during normal business hours – not a 24/7 factory operation.

We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss any concerns our questions you may have about our plans as we move forward. Being a good business means being a good neighbor – we look forward to hearing from you. Our number is 822-4495.

Thank you,



Les Drent
owner, LBD Coffee

cc.

Driscoll (5927 Kawaihau Road)
Gale (5956 Kawaihau Road)
Valois (5956B Kawaihau Road)
Santos (5921 Kawaihau Road)
Bunao (5923D Kawaihau Road)
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