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Hawai`i Agricultural Foundation Accepting Applications for New Ag Park for Local Farmers

HONOLULU, HAWAII (November 15, 2011) – The Hawai`i Agricultural Foundation announced today that it will begin accepting applications for leases on the second parcel of the newly established Kunia Ag Park designated for local farmers. Tours of the park will be held on November 18, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. and November 21, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. for farmers interested in leasing the land. (Please refer to directions below.)

The 182-acre Kunia Ag Park was established through a partnership between Island Palm Communities, Monsanto and the Hawai`i Agricultural Foundation. Island Palm Communities, owner of 2,400 acres of land on the Kunia plain, reached out to agricultural community to lease its land. Monsanto, which holds similar ideals surrounding the local farming community, entered into a lease agreement on a portion of the land with Island Palm Communities.

To help ensure the agricultural park and its tenants will be successful, Monsanto enlisted the help of the Hawai`i Agricultural Foundation to manage the agricultural park and determine appropriate tenants. The Hawaii Agricultural Foundation board members are committed to sustaining agriculture in the islands and have strong relationships with farmers and the industry. A Committee of the board will screen applications.

This second round of applications for Parcel 3 can be found on the foundation's website at www.hawaiiagfoundation.org. Applications must be submitted to the Hawai`i Agricultural Foundation, P.O. Box 236010, Honolulu, HI 96823, and they must be postmarked no later than November 28, 2011. For more information, please contact Wendy Gady, 808-225-9835.

The mission of the Hawaii Agricultural Foundation is to promote the long-term viability and increase awareness and appreciation of agriculture and farming in Hawaii through research, education, training, partnerships and public outreach. The Foundation's program priorities include: Technical Assistance and Farmer Educational Outreach, "Ag in the Classroom," Branding and Public Awareness and Promoting Sustainability and Food Security.

Directions from Honolulu: Take H-1 West towards Pearl City; Merge onto interstate H-1 West; Take Exit 5B for HI-750 North toward Kunia; Turn Right at HI-750 North Kunia Road; Turn Left @ 92-1810 Kunia Road.