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Mr. Dario DiMare  
Dario Designs, Inc.  
205 Walnut Street  
Framingham, MA 01702

Subject: Fire Code Compliance Services

Dear Dario:

On behalf of the Honolulu Advertiser, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to your firm because of the recent assistance provided by your partner Dave Hogan in helping to resolve the outstanding and costly fire code compliance issues with the City and County of Honolulu. Since most Hawaii architects have no experience with newspaper buildings, Dave's guidance, experience, research and insight were invaluable to our design team in changing the City's original interpretation for our new plant. We particularly appreciated your rapid response to solve our problem and the professionalism demonstrated by Dave.

The net result of this assistance was timely approval by the City of our plans and a savings of about \$400,000 in construction cost, compared with your \$15,000 fee for these services, clearly a substantial amount of value for this Newspaper. We would be pleased to work you again in the future should the opportunity present itself.

Sincerely Yours,

/s/ Larry K. Fukunaga

Development/Construction Manager  
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