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IN REPLY REFER TO:

AIR-PM 25.0714

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DOT Land Matters State of Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii

ISSUANCE OF A REVOCABLE PERMIT FOR LAND AT THE HELIPORT TO PERFORM HELICOPTER TOUR OPERATIONS ARIS NEVADA, INC.
LIHUE AIRPORT

TAX MAP KEY: (4) 3-5-001: PORTION OF 148

KAUAI

APPLICANT:

Aris Nevada, Inc. (Aris Nevada), whose mailing address is 900 Cantura Mills Road, Henderson, Nevada 89012.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), Sections 26-19 and 171-2, as amended.

LOCATION AND TAX MAP KEY:

Portion of Lihue Airport (LIH), Lihue, Island of Kauai, identified by Tax Map Key: 4th Division, 3-5-001: portion of 148.

AREA:

Improved, Unpaved Land

Area/Space No. 011-104B, containing an area of approximately 8,439 square feet, Area/Space No. 011-104C, containing an area of approximately 700 square feet, Area/Space No. 011-104D, containing an area of approximately 700 square feet, Area/Space No. 011-104E, containing an area of approximately 700 square feet, Area/Space No. 011-104F, containing an area of approximately 700 square feet, and Area/Space No. 011-104H, containing an area of approximately 8,439 square feet, as shown and delineated on the attached Exhibit A.

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Improved, Paved Land

Area/Space No. 011-104J, containing an area of approximately 1,600 square feet, and Area/Space No. 011-104K, containing an area of approximately 1,600 square feet, as shown and delineated on the attached Exhibit A.

ZONING:

State Land Use District: Urban

County of Kauai: Industrial General/Special Treatment-Public Use (IG/ST-P)

LAND TITLE STATUS:

Section 5(a) lands of the Hawaii Admission Act:

Non-Ceded

DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to Hawaii Admission Act

YES____ NO _X

CURRENT USE STATUS:

Land presently encumbered by Governor's Executive Order No. 4614, dated October 28, 2019, setting aside 883.583 acres designated as LIH to be under the control and management of the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) for Airport purposes.

CHARACTER OF USE:

Aris Nevada will use the land at the heliport to perform helicopter tour operations.

COMMENCEMENT DATE:

To be determined by the Director of Transportation at a later date.

MONTHLY RENTAL:

\$5,002.64 (Based on a rate of \$2.41 per square foot per annum for improved, unpaved land and \$3.94 per square foot per annum for improved, paved land, as determined from the HDOT Schedule of Rates and Charges established by appraisal of Airports property statewide).

SECURITY DEPOSIT:

\$15,007.92, or three times the monthly rental in effect.

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DCCA VERIFICATION:

Place of business registration confirmed:	YES <u>X</u>	NO
Registered business name confirmed:	YES X	NO
Good standing confirmed:	YES X	NO

CHAPTER 343, HRS - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The HDOT has determined that the subject land areas are covered by the Final Environmental Assessment (EA)/Finding of No Significant Impact, Lihue Airport Heliport Improvements dated October 2002, published by the Office of Environmental Quality Control in the November 8, 2002, issue of The Environmental Notice. Accordingly, all relevant mitigation from the EA and best management practices will be implemented to address the minimum impacts of this action.

REMARKS:

The HDOT proposes to issue a month-to-month revocable permit to Aris Nevada for land at the heliport to perform helicopter tour operations.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on this submittal, and testimony and facts presented, the HDOT recommends the Director of Transportation finds that approving the issuance of a month-to-month revocable permit to Aris Nevada, including its conditions and rent, will serve the best interests of the State.

Respectfully submitted,

CURT T. OTAGURO

Deputy Director of Transportation for Airports

Attachment

