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Dear Clients and Friends of The Golf Desk who visit the **Mauna Kea Beach Hotel**, the **Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel**,

Prince Resorts Hawaii has announced the appointment of John A. Gersonde as the new General Manager of the **Mauna Kea Beach Hotel** located on the Kohala Coast on the Big Island of Hawaii. Mr. Gersonde joins the legendary property as the hotel continues to undergo a \$150 Million restoration that should be completed by mid-December this year.

Mr. Gersonde will be coming to Mauna Kea from the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in Waikiki where he has been General Manager since 2005. It is my goal to visit with Mr. Gersonde this Fall while touring the progress of the **Mauna Kea Beach Hotel**. I will be staying at **Hapuna** and checking on both golf courses too.

Our office has been informed by the Director of Sales for Prince Hotels Hawaii, Denise Anderson, that the **Mauna Kea Beach Hotel** after its restoration will be reduced from 310 rooms to 258 rooms. If the restoration is complete by early December, a soft opening of Mauna Kea will be available to some past guests during the Christmas and New Year's holidays that were affected by the earthquake in 2006.

The adjoining **Mauna Kea Golf Course** is also closed for an extensive overhaul under the guidance of Mr. Rees Jones, son of Robert Trent Jones, Sr. who originally designed the course. It will reopen in December this year.

This 18 month project will restore the golf course back to its most beautiful setting. General Manager of Golf of Prince Resorts of Hawaii Ted McAneeley informs me that there will be a soft opening as early of December 1st, 2008.

If all scheduling continues to stay on track, the **Plumeria Package** will become available January 5th, 2009. The 5 night minimum will still be in effect along with the original features that include breakfast, dinner (and all taxes) and golf at Mauna Kea and Hapuna course! Details of the restaurants, the Clambake and Luau are forthcoming in follow up newsletters from The Golf Desk. Images, photographs and floor plans of the **Mauna Kea Beach Hotel** will also become available to our office this September.

If you are interested in making a request for a future reservation on our **Plumeria Package** or any other stay at **Mauna Kea** or **Hapuna** for 2009, please contact my assistant Clementine Mengin or me at The Golf Desk (800-448-2272). You may also respond by email to: request@thegolfdesk.com

Finally, our office is to receive additional information about availability and rates in the very near future. We very much appreciate your loyalty and consideration.

Sincerely yours, George H. Morello Jr.