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KONA BREWING CO. ADDS TANK, CHILLER, COOLER, LOADING DOCK

Kailua-Kona, Big Island of Hawaii—Kona Brewing Company recently added an 80-barrel fermenter to its Kailua-Kona brewery on Hawaii's Big Island. The additional tank will allow the brewery to increase its Hawaii brewing capacity by 18 percent.

The fermenter was manufactured according to Kona Brewing Company's specs and shipped from the mainland U.S. It was installed on April 25 by the brewing staff, with assistance from a crane, forklifts and other rigging equipment. The tank weighs approximately 3,500 pounds and stands 18 feet tall. It was moved on its side inside a loading door. Then, the staff removed panels of the brewery roof and, using a crane situated outside the brewery, erected the tank and maneuvered it into position.

The tank install is just one component of a major brewery improvement project that also has included adding a new larger chiller that nearly doubles the size of Kona Brewing Company's existing refrigeration system; a drive-in keg storage cooler; and a three-bay loading dock with dock leveling devices. These improvements and additions will assist Kona Brewing Company in keeping up with increased demand for its product.

Less than five months into 2007, Kona Brewing Company beer sales overall are up 40 percent over 2006: Hawaii beer sales have increased 20 percent and mainland U.S. sales are up approximately 58 percent with no new markets added. This spring, Kona Brewing Company launched its second Limited Release beer, Wailua Wheat brewed with tropical passion fruit, which has been met with immediate overwhelming success.

Kona Brewing Company is Hawaii's largest brewery and was ranked the 23rd largest craft brewing company in the country based on 2006 sales. It has two beer distribution reaching 17 states and Japan. In 2006, Kona Brewing Company posted 30.6 percent growth over the previous year, increasing its barrels sold to 44,777. Since its first year of operation, the company's beer sales have increased nearly 3,000 percent. For information call 808-334-BREW or visit www.KonaBrewingCo.com.

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