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**KONA BREWING CO. TAKES BRONZE AT NATION'S LARGEST BEER COMPETITION**

*Kailua-Kona, Hawaii's Big Island*— Kona Brewing Company recently claimed a bronze medal at the 2007 Great American Beer Festival Competition, the largest national beer competition that recognizes the most outstanding beers produced in the United States today. Pipeline Porter, made with 100% Kona coffee, received the honor in the coffee beer category, one of 75 beer-style categories announced October 13 at the 26<sup>th</sup> Great American Beer Festival Awards Ceremony held in Denver, Colo.

Pipeline Porter is dark chocolate in color with a rich roasted malt flavor and smooth coffee finish. Its earthy complexity comes from its diverse blends of premium malts and barley. This celebration of malt unites with freshly roasted 100% Kona coffee grown at Cornwell Estate on Hawaii's Big Island, lending a unique roasty aroma and flavor. A delicate blend of hops rounds out this palate-pleasing brew. Pipeline Porter is Kona Brewing Company's fall/ winter limited release brew, available each September through February in bottles and on tap throughout Hawaii and in select mainland markets.

The 2007 Great American Beer Festival Competition winners were selected by an international panel of brewing experts from an impressive field of 2,793 entries received from 474 U.S. breweries. Only 222 beers were awarded medals – 8 percent of those entered in the competition. Vice President of Brewery Operations Rich Tucciarone and Brewer Thom Tash were on hand to accept the award.

For more information on Kona Brewing Company's award-winning beers call 808-334-BREW or visit [www.KonaBrewingCo.com](http://www.KonaBrewingCo.com).

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