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ROTARY SELECTS KONA BREWING AS EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

Kailua-Kona, Big Island of Hawaii— Kona Brewing Company recently was presented the Employer of the Year award by the Rotary Club of Kona. Mattson Davis, Kona Brewing Company's President and CEO, accepted the award, which recognizes the company's commitment to its community, employees and customers.

Kona Brewing Company was recognized for its strong commitment to the community – each year Kona Brewing Company supports, sponsors and participates in dozens of community fundraising events. The award also highlighted Kona Brewing Company's exceptional employee benefits and positive work environment, which has resulted in very low staff turnover through the years. Finally, Kona Brewing Company was commended for its stellar customer service and customer satisfaction. It has become one of Kona's most popular restaurants for residents and visitors alike. Davis, a former Rotary Youth Exchange Student to Mexico in high school, was recognized for leading the business to become one of the most successful in the state of Hawaii.

The Rotary Club of Kona is made up of a group of business and professional leaders who take an active role in their communities while greatly enriching their personal and professional lives. It was chartered as West Hawaii's first rotary club in 1948.

Kona Brewing Company was founded in 1994 and packaged its first batch of beer in February 1995. It has grown into Hawaii's largest brewery, has two restaurant sites in Hawaii and beer distribution reaching 22 states, Japan and China. In 2007, Kona Brewing Company posted 40 percent growth over the previous year, increasing its barrels sold to 62,656. For information call 808-334-BREW or visit www.KonaBrewingCo.com.

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