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## Aloha from the Fiftieth State!

*I would like to thank my predecessor, Sayle Hirashima of Mid Pac Petroleum, for his outstanding service. Sayle will continue his dedicated service as PMAA Director. Please allow me to introduce my fellow officers: Steve Wetter of Maui Petroleum, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President; and Richard Parry of Aloha Petroleum, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President.*

### HAWAII'S ECONOMY

Economic indicators were mostly positive in the 2nd quarter of 2013. Hawaii experienced increases in visitor arrivals, visitor expenditures, private building permits, government contracts awarded, wage and salary jobs and personal income. State general excise tax revenue, an indicator of current economic activity, increased by \$52.9 million or 7.5% in the 2nd quarter of 2013 compared to the same period last year. Consumer prices in Honolulu increased 1.8% in the first half of 2013 compared to the same period in 2012.

2014 economic forecast for Hawaii has projected real GDP to increase by 2.4%; unemployment rate at 4.5%; visitor arrivals and visitor expenditures to increase by 3.0% and 5.0%, respectively; job growth rate at 1.8%; and the Honolulu Consumer Price Index (CPI) to increase by 2.2%.

### STATE UST RULES

On August 9, 2013, Governor Neil Abercrombie signed into effect the proposed underground storage tank (UST) rules introduced by the State of Hawaii Department of Health. Some of the new requirements include the following: 1) all USTs installed on or after the effective date must be provided with secondary containment; 2) there must be at least one class A operator, class B operator, and class C operator, trained and designated for each facility; and 3) all owners/operators will be required to have a permit for their UST systems.

### TESORO HAWAII REFINERY

On September 25, 2013, Par Petroleum Corporation announced that its subsidiary, Hawaii Pacific Energy, LLC, has completed its purchase of Tesoro Hawaii, LLC from Tesoro Corporation. Acquired assets include the Hawaii refinery and related logistics assets. The Hawaii refinery has a production capacity of 94,000 barrels per day and storage for 2.4 million barrels of crude oil and 2.5 million barrels of refined products. The related logistics assets include five refined product terminals, 27 miles of pipelines and a single point

mooring terminal. Also, Hawaii Pacific Energy LLC has rights to sell gasoline through Tesoro-branded retail stations in Hawaii. Tesoro Hawaii has been renamed Hawaii Independent Energy, and it will operate as a subsidiary of Par Petroleum and be situated on the island of Oahu.

### HPMA GOLF TOURNAMENT

HPMA held its annual golf tournament in October at the scenic and challenging Mauna Lani South Course on the island of Hawaii. The tournament was quite a success with 26 participants. The team of Brett Adams, Brad Bell, Jim Allee and Jason Allee finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place with a score of 143 (-1) under the modified scramble format. Finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place was the team of Kimo Haynes, Mark Leong, Gordon Wong and Mike Kaneda with a score of 144 (even); and wrapping up 3<sup>rd</sup> place was the team of Robert Fung, Edwin Shimizu, Sam Choy and Richard Rasay with a score of 150 (+6).



... was a success!!!

Kimo Haynes, who should be considering joining the PGA tour, won three of the four closest-to-the-pin contests. Ron Berry prevented Kimo from making a clean sweep. Jason Allee, who also should be considering a career on the PGA tour, won the long drive contest with a blast of over 300 yards into a howling wind. I would like to thank our sponsors for their support and generosity: Aloha Petroleum Ltd., Anheuser Busch, Young's Market Company, Northwest Pump & Equipment, Mid Pac Petroleum, Paradise Beverages, Garlow Petroleum Inc., Maui Petroleum, Hawaii Petroleum, Petro Classroom, WPMA, Ezzie's Wholesale Inc., and Maui Oil Company.



*Aloha and Mahalo!!*



HPMA Golf Tournament ...

