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Hotel Hana-Maui Awarded AAA Four Diamond Award

HANA, Hawaii January 13, 2005 — The Hotel Hana-Maui announces today that it has been designated as a 2005 AAA Four Diamond winner. Jeff Goldsmith, the AAA Hawaii district manager, presented Doug Chang, general manager of the hotel, the coveted AAA Four Diamond plaque recently at the weekly manager's reception in Hana. This is the second year for the Hotel to have received this prestigious award.

"We are pleased again with this award," said Peter Heinemann, partner and co-owner of the Hotel Hana-Maui. "Since purchasing the resort in 2001, we've worked hard at restoring this historic hotel to its former glory. This award, along with glowing reviews from our guests, is a real honor. Congratulations to our staff."

"The AAA Four Diamond designation demonstrates a hotel or restaurant's ability to perform grand and small gestures with superior service and high quality," said Jeff Goldsmith, AAA Hawaii district manager. "It's an extraordinary accomplishment."

Over 44 million travelers depend on the Diamond ratings in the AAA TourBooks® to help with travel decisions. The award signifies that a hotel or restaurant met AAA's objective rating criteria and levels of excellence during an unannounced inspection.

The Hotel Hana-Maui and Honua Spa are located on 67 acres that stretch along the eastern coast of Maui, offering an ideal location for secluded romantic getaways as well as a luxurious taste of authentic Hawaii. Information on the resort and the 2005 rates and packages, including spa packages, can be found at <http://www.hotelhanamaui.com> or by calling (800) 321-HANA.

About the Hotel Hana-Maui

The Hotel Hana-Maui, Hawaii's is a member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World, and is managed by Passport Resorts in San Francisco. In 2005, the hotel was rated on *Travel + Leisure's* World's Best and World's Best Service "Top Ten Hawaii lists and the Honua Spa was named by *Luxury SpaFinders* magazine as "Hawaii's Best New Spa." Sister resorts include the Post Ranch Inn, Big Sur, California and Jean-Michel Cousteau Fiji Islands Resort. The Post Ranch Inn was named by the *Conde Nast Traveler* 2003 Readers' Choice Awards as "#1 Best Hotel in North America" and "#1 'Best of the Best' in the World". It was also named #1 of the "Top 20 U.S. Resort Hideaways" by *Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report* in 2003. The Fiji resort was named in "150 Best Places on Earth," by *Harpers Abroad London* as "Best for Diving."

All three resorts provide guests with a "Spirit of Place" and each is indigenous to its own culture. Contact Passport Resorts, 921 Front Street, San Francisco, CA 94111 or 415-788-7870 for further information.

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