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We are extremely pleased that Local 5 and Benchmark Hospitality have reached a tentative agreement on the terms of employment, as of July 19, 2006. The union is scheduled to hold a meeting to ratify the contract this Saturday.

It has taken months of listening, discussion, and collaboration to make this a win-win for both the employees and the hotel. Both parties have negotiated in good faith and the process reinforced the value of mutual respect. We believe we are now in a much better place than ever before.

“I’m sure our employees are equally as happy about reaching this important milestone so we can continue to focus all our attention back to meeting the needs of our guests at the Turtle Bay Resort,” said Bob Boyle, Managing Director of the resort.

The agreement provides that the consumer boycott that had been launched by the union will be withdrawn. “Our members are happy with the settlement, and we are pleased to welcome all our valued guests back to the resort,” said Eric Gill, Secretary Treasurer of the union.

A new era of cooperation at Turtle Bay Resort now enables the Resort to make the most of Turtle Bay’s unique location and country atmosphere, and offer its guests a taste of true Hawaii.