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BARNWELL INDUSTRIES, INC. ANNOUNCES
APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIRECTOR

HONOLULU, HAWAII, January 6, 2005 -- Barnwell Industries, Inc., (ASE-BRN) announced today the appointment of Mr. Kevin K. Takata to its Board of Directors. Mr. Takata has been a deputy prosecuting attorney for the City and County of Honolulu since 1987 and is currently the Trials Division Chief.