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Via Registered Mail and Fax

Martin Alegria
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Beverly Wade, Fisheries Administrator
Department of Fisheries
P.O. Box 148,
Belize City, Belize

Re: Yum Balisi Resort, Cat Caye, Southwater Marine Reserve

Dear Mr. Alegria and Ms. Wade:

Yet ANOTHER resort in the Southwater Marine Reserve not required to produce an environmental impact assessment as mandated by Schedule I, Section 8(h) of the EIA regulations for the construction of hotels, resort facilities and golf courses within or in close proximity of the boundaries of a protected area or world heritage site.

Yum Balisi resort, proposed for Cat Caye in the Pelican Range, is located within the Southwater Marine Reserve, a marine protected area.

Therefore, like Chrysalis, Yum Balisi cannot be approved without a full EIA, and a meaningful public consultation, with due notice to the public.

Again, the EIA regulations do NOT give the Department of the Environment any discretion on this issue, a full DOE must be required.

I look forward to public notice of when the Yum Balisi EIA will be available to the public on the DOE Website and the date of the public consultation.

Sincerely,

Peninsula Citizens for Sustainable Development, Ltd.

By: Mary V. Toy, First Vice President

cc: Ministry of Natural Resources, SEA (f/k/a Friends of Nature), APAMO, BACONGO, BELPO
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