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## **News Release**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **KAISER VENTURES STRONGLY RECOMMENDS REJECTION OF THE MACKENZIE OFFER; ANNOUNCES POSSIBLE SELF TENDER AT \$1.00 PER UNIT LESS TRANSFER COSTS**

**ONTARIO, CA** (October 2, 2008) -- Kaiser Ventures LLC announced today that its Board of Managers unanimously recommends that Kaiser Unitholders reject the tender offer by affiliates of MacKenzie Patterson Fuller LLP to purchase Kaiser Class A Units and that Unitholders not tender any Units in the MacKenzie Offer. The Board has concluded that the MacKenzie Offer is inadequate, would pay only a small fraction of the expected distributions from a Unit and has a number of other significant defects. Every one of Kaiser's managers and executive officers has confirmed that they agree with this recommendation and do not intend to tender their Units.

To accommodate any needs that some Unitholders may have for immediate liquidity, Kaiser also announced that, assuming certain tax issues relating to the MacKenzie Offer are resolved, it intends to purchase up to 700,000 Class A Units at \$1.00 per Unit, less a maximum of \$.10 per Unit to cover transfer costs. Kaiser's Board believes that even this much higher price does not represent fair value for Kaiser Units and accordingly recommends that holders not accept this Company Offer. However, if holders decide for their own reasons to sell their Units, this Company Offer is expected to pay at least twice as much as the MacKenzie Offer.

The Board of Managers also urged any holders who have already tendered their Units in the MacKenzie Offer to withdraw those Units quickly before the relevant time period expires.

"Every member of the Board of Managers of Kaiser Ventures LLC strongly recommends that our Unitholders reject the MacKenzie Offer," advised Rick Stoddard, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Kaiser. "While we cannot determine the price MacKenzie would pay, it is certainly materially less than \$.50 per Unit and may actually turn out to be zero. MacKenzie itself estimates the Units to be worth \$3.10, and Kaiser has publicly announced that distributions could be \$6 to \$8 per Unit with a successful sale of its Eagle Mountain landfill project. Even if the landfill project is not successful, the future distributions on Kaiser Units are still estimated to be several times the MacKenzie Offer."

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**RECOMMENDATION TO REJECT THE MACKENZIE OFFER**  
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Kaiser is mailing each Unitholder a letter from the Chairman of the Board of Managers which provides details about the many reasons for the Board's decision. A copy of that letter is attached, and it is also posted on the Kaiser website at [www.kaiserventures.com](http://www.kaiserventures.com).

Kaiser also announced during the next week or two it expects to complete a review as to whether the MacKenzie Offer and the Company Offer could result in Kaiser being treated as a "publicly traded partnership". If the Board concludes that could happen, the MacKenzie Offer and the Company Offer would be prohibited under the Kaiser Operating Agreement and could not close. If the Board concludes otherwise, Kaiser will commence its offer and mail the offer to purchase, letter of transmittal and related documents to Unitholders.

THIS PRESS RELEASE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER TO BUY OR THE SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO SELL KAISER'S CLASS A UNITS. THE COMPANY OFFER WILL BE MADE ONLY PURSUANT TO THE OFFER TO PURCHASE, THE LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL AND RELATED MATERIALS THAT KAISER WILL FILE WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AND WILL DISTRIBUTE TO ITS UNITHOLDERS; COPIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR FREE FROM KAISER OR ON THE COMMISSION'S WEBSITE AT [WWW.SEC.GOV](http://WWW.SEC.GOV). PRIOR TO MAKING ANY DECISION WITH RESPECT TO THE COMPANY OFFER, UNITHOLDERS SHOULD CAREFULLY READ EACH OF THESE DOCUMENTS BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION, INCLUDING THE VARIOUS TERMS OF, AND CONDITIONS TO, THE COMPANY OFFER.

*Safe Harbor Statement: Statements in this press release which are not purely historical, including statements regarding Kaiser's intentions, hopes, beliefs, expectations, representations, projections, plans or predictions of the future are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements are subject to certain risks, uncertainties, and assumptions. Kaiser believes that Kaiser's assumptions are reasonable. Nonetheless, it is likely that at least some of these assumptions will not come true. Accordingly, should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those anticipated, estimated, expected, or projected. For example, Kaiser's actual results could materially differ from those projected as a result of factors such as, but not limited to: Kaiser's inability to complete the anticipated sale of its Eagle Mountain landfill project; litigation, including, among others, claims that relate to Eagle Mountain, including the adverse federal land exchange litigation, pre-bankruptcy activities of Kaiser Steel Corporation, its predecessor, and asbestos claims; insurance coverage disputes; the impact of federal, state, and local laws and regulations on its permitting and development activities; competition; the challenge, reduction or loss of any claimed tax benefits; the impact of natural disasters on our assets; and/or general economic conditions in the United States and Southern California. Kaiser's business could be affected by a number of other factors, including the risk factors listed from time to time in Kaiser's reports including, but not limited to, the annual report on Form 10-KSB for the year-ended December 31, 2007, and the quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters-ended March 31, 2008, and June 30, 2008. Investors should not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements contained in this press release. Kaiser disclaims any obligation, and does not undertake, to update or revise any forward-looking statements in this press release.*

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October 2, 2008

**RE: RECOMMENDATION TO REJECT BOTH THE MACKENZIE OFFER OF \$.50 AND A PLANNED COMPANY OFFER OF \$1.00 AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE OFFERS**

Dear Fellow Unitholder:

The Board of Managers of Kaiser Ventures LLC recommends that you **REJECT** a recent offer made by MacKenzie Patterson Fuller, LP and its associates to buy your Kaiser Units:

- **Your Board has concluded that the MacKenzie Offer is inadequate, would pay you only a small fraction of the expected distributions from your Units and has a number of other significant defects.**
- While the actual price MacKenzie would pay you cannot be determined, it is certainly materially less than the advertised \$.50 per Unit and you could actually receive nothing for your Units. MacKenzie itself estimates the Units to be worth approximately \$3.10, and Kaiser has publicly announced that distributions could be \$6.00 to \$8.00 per Unit with a successful sale of its Eagle Mountain landfill project. Even if the landfill project is not successful, the future distributions on Kaiser Units are still estimated to be several times the MacKenzie Offer.

We believe the MacKenzie Offer is an opportunistic attempt to acquire Units at an unreasonable discount. **Every one of Kaiser's managers and executive officers has confirmed that they agree with this recommendation and do not intend to tender their Units.**

If you have already tendered your Units in the MacKenzie Offer, you still have the right to withdraw them, but we urge you to do so quickly before the relevant time period expires. **For your convenience, a notice of withdrawal has been attached.**

We are aware that some of you may have needs for liquidity, diversification, risk reduction or simplification of tax reporting which cannot be satisfied through other reasonable means, and therefore may wish to sell even if you must do so at a very low price. **To accommodate that need, your Board has authorized Kaiser to make an offer to purchase up to 700,000 Units at \$1.00 per Unit, less transfer costs but in an amount not to exceed \$.10 per Unit. Your net price will never be less than \$.90 per Unit.** However, your Board believes that even this much higher price does not represent fair value for your Units and accordingly recommends that you not accept the Company Offer. However, if you decide for your own reasons to sell your Units, the Company Offer is expected to pay at least twice as much as the MacKenzie Offer.

Here are some of the reasons that your Board recommends that you reject the MacKenzie Offer:

- **MacKenzie will pay you only a fraction of any measure of the real value of Kaiser:**
  - MacKenzie's own stated value for your Unit is approximately \$3.10;
  - We have consistently projected the expected distributions from your Units to be \$6.00 to \$8.00 if the Eagle Mountain landfill litigation is favorably resolved and we complete the pending sale of the landfill project. Even if the landfill project is not successful, the future distributions on Kaiser Units are still estimated to be several times the MacKenzie Offer. In addition, these distributions do not include any value for a number of other potentially valuable assets of Kaiser, including the water from its wells, the sale of rock stockpiled at Eagle Mountain not used in the landfill project, and the development of our Lake Tamarisk land.
- **The net price of the MacKenzie Offer is expected to be less than half what you would receive from the Company Offer.** While your Board believes that even the higher price of the Company Offer does not represent fair value for your Units and accordingly recommends that you not accept this Company Offer, if you decide for your own reasons to sell your Units, the Company Offer is expected to pay at least twice as much as the MacKenzie Offer.
- **The net price you receive in the MacKenzie Offer price is uncertain, but will be significantly less than the advertised \$.50, and could be zero.** MacKenzie is deducting certain Transfer Costs<sup>1</sup> from any proceeds it pays you. Because MacKenzie has not capped those Transfer Costs, you simply cannot determine how low MacKenzie's offer price could go. It will depend on the number of Units MacKenzie purchases, the number of Unitholders from whom MacKenzie buys, and the amount of the Transfer Costs. **The amount you receive could even be reduced to zero** if relatively few of your fellow Unitholders tender.
- **Tendering now will deprive you of any opportunity to benefit from our 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit appeal, where a decision is expected soon.** When your fellow Unitholders voted to move forward as a limited liability

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<sup>1</sup> According to MacKenzie, "Transfer Costs" include: (1) the costs Kaiser incurs in fulfilling its fiduciary and statutory duties to respond to the offer and give Unitholders its recommendation, (2) the costs Kaiser incurs in fulfilling its SEC obligation to prepare its Schedule 14D-9 and any other related SEC filings, (3) transfer fees charged by Kaiser's transfer agent, (4) attorney fees incurred in connection with the offer, (5) attorney and tax advisory fees incurred in analyzing the tax impact of the offer, and (5) all other legal and advisory costs that Kaiser determines are related to the offer.

company, Kaiser informed you that distributions of between \$6.00 and \$8.00 per Unit could be realized on the success of the pending sale of the Eagle Mountain project. Admittedly, that sale has been tied up in litigation, which has taken far longer than anyone originally anticipated. However, Kaiser completed oral arguments in the appeal pending in the U.S. 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals concerning the completed land exchange (discussed in Kaiser's SEC filings) in December 2007. Although the timing of a decision is in the discretion of the Court, decisions are generally rendered six to twelve months following oral arguments. This means that Kaiser could receive a decision at any time. A favorable outcome could make completion of the sale of the landfill project at Eagle Mountain more viable, and would likely increase, probably substantially, the value of Kaiser and your Units. Tendering your Units now would deprive you of any opportunity to benefit from a favorable decision.

- **If you tender, you will not reap benefits from future distributions.** MacKenzie incorrectly states both that your Board has given no indication when Kaiser will be liquidating and that Kaiser has never paid a distribution. In truth, your Board has been pursuing a plan for the orderly liquidation of Kaiser called the "Cash Maximization Plan". When Kaiser was converted into a limited liability company, we made a \$10.00 per Unit distribution and a previous distribution of \$2.00 per Unit for a total of \$12.00. Although the anticipated sale of Eagle Mountain has been delayed by litigation, Kaiser has repeatedly reiterated that it anticipates making distributions promptly upon receiving its share of the proceeds from any sale of the Eagle Mountain landfill project or from any other funds that may become available for distribution. If you tender your Units in the MacKenzie Offer and they are accepted, then **MacKenzie, and not you, will receive distributions from Kaiser for those Units.**
- **Other terms of the MacKenzie Offer could be disadvantageous to you.** Your Board urges you to read the MacKenzie Offer Documents very carefully, and to compare them to this document and Kaiser's public documents. Moreover, MacKenzie has included language on the **back** of the Letter of Transmittal "form" which would be a legally binding contract and could impose liability on you. Those terms include (among other matters) an agreement to arbitrate any disputes and to subject yourself to personal jurisdiction in California. In addition, you would be responsible for advancing half of the costs of any arbitration. Because MacKenzie has chosen to have your Units held by one of its affiliate before they are purchased, the MacKenzie Offer warns you that MacKenzie "may have access to the securities before all conditions to the Offer have been satisfied and selling Unitholders have been paid."

You should be aware that the MacKenzie Offer (and any Company Offer by Kaiser) is prohibited under our Operating Agreement if it could result in Kaiser being treated as a "publicly traded partnership" (which could have a significant negative impact on all of the other Unitholders). MacKenzie's initial offer specifically stated

that the "IRS could determine that the Units are readily traded on a secondary market by virtue of the fact that there have been some tender offers" for the Units. In its revised disclosure, MacKenzie attaches a draft opinion from Dan Dahlen, Esq., a general solo practitioner, who purports to be special counsel to Kaiser, although Kaiser never retained, nor even had any contact with, Mr. Dahlen. We are reviewing this issue, and will let you know once we make a determination (within a week or two). If that conclusion is adverse, we do not expect either the MacKenzie Offer or the Company Offer to close. If that conclusion is favorable, we expect to proceed with the Company Offer regardless of the decision of MacKenzie.

**In summary, your Board recommends that you reject the MacKenzie Offer and the Company Offer. However, if you must sell your Units, the Company Offer is expected to pay at least twice as much as the MacKenzie Offer.**

In making your decision, you should carefully evaluate your short-term and long-term financial objectives with respect to your investment in Kaiser and make your decision whether to tender or refrain from tendering your Units and should consider a multitude of factors including (i) your investment objectives, (ii) your financial circumstances including risk tolerance and need for liquidity, (iii) your views as to Kaiser's prospects and outlook, (iv) an analysis and review of all publicly available information about us, (v) other financial opportunities available to you, (vi) your own tax position and tax consequences, and (vii) other factors that you may deem relevant. Although your Board recommends that you do not accept the Company Offer, if despite that recommendation you conclude that you must sell, your Board strongly recommends that you accept the Company Offer rather than the MacKenzie Offer. Your Board further recommends that, even if you were otherwise inclined to tender your Units to MacKenzie, you wait to see if MacKenzie provides information on the actual price you will receive before making a decision.

Under any circumstances, you should be aware that a sale of your Units may have significant tax consequences. Please consult with your tax advisor about the impact of a sale in your particular situation.

If you need further information about your options, please feel free to contact us at 3633 E. Inland Empire Blvd., Suite 480, Ontario, California 91764 or by telephone at (909) 483-8500.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard E. Stoddard

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Richard E. Stoddard, Chairman of the Board of Managers

The Company Offer, which we intend to commence if the Publicly Traded Partnership question is favorably resolved, will be made pursuant to certain documents including a Tender Offer Statement. You should wait to make any decision about the Company Offer until you read our Tender Offer Statement and other materials when they are available, because they will contain important information. We will send you a copy of our Tender Offer Statement and related documents free of charge; in addition, the documents relating to the Company Offer, as well as copies of each of the MacKenzie Offer Documents, will be available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov> after they are filed.

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NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL  
OF  
CLASS A UNITS OF KAISER VENTURES LLC  
PREVIOUSLY TENDERED TO MPF

TO: MACKENZIE PATTERSON FULLER LP  
1640 SCHOOL STREET  
MORAGA, CALIFORNIA 94556  
TELEPHONE: 925-631-9100  
FACSIMILE: 925-631-9119

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following Class A units (the "Units") of Kaiser Ventures LLC ("Kaiser") previously tendered to SCM SPECIAL FUND, LLC, MPF FLAGSHIP FUND 13, LLC; MPF DEWAAAY PREMIER FUND 4, LLC; MPF FLAGSHIP FUND 10, LLC; MPF SPECIAL FUND 8, LLC; MPF SENIOR NOTE PROGRAM II, LP (collectively, "MPF"), in accordance with the Offer to Purchase dated September 19, 2008, as amended and restated September 26, 2008, are hereby withdrawn.

**Name in which Unit(s) are registered**

**Number of Units**

X  
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(Signature of Owner)

X  
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(Signature of Joint Owner)

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Print Name

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Print Name

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(Signature of Individual if not Owner)

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(Signature of Individual if not Owner)

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Print Name, Capacity and Title

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Print Name, Capacity and Title

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Telephone No. (Day): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

THIS NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL MUST BE RECEIVED BY MPF NO LATER THAN 11:59 P.M., PACIFIC TIME, ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2008. All registered holders of Units must sign exactly as the signature in the Letter of Transmittal previously submitted to MPF.

See Instructions on the reverse.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WITHDRAWAL  
OF  
PREVIOUSLY TENDERED CLASS A UNITS IN  
**KAISER VENTURES LLC**  
TO  
MPF

1. **DELIVERY OF NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM THE MPF OFFER.** If you are withdrawing Units previously tendered pursuant to the offer by MPF dated September 19, 2008, as amended and restated September 26, 2008 (the "MPF Offer"), please complete and execute the Notice of Withdrawal that is on the other side of this page, and send the executed document to:

**MACKENZIE PATTERSON FULLER LP**  
**1640 SCHOOL STREET**  
**MORAGA, CALIFORNIA 94556**  
**TELEPHONE: 925-631-9100**  
**FACSIMILE: 925-631-9119**

2. **DUE DATE FOR NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL.** If you wish to withdraw from the MPF Offer, MPF MUST RECEIVE YOUR COMPLETED NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL PRIOR TO 11:59 P.M., PACIFIC TIME, ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2008 (the expiration date of the MPF Offer).

3. **INADEQUATE SPACE.** If any space provided in the Notice of Withdrawal is inadequate, please list any additional information on a separate schedule and attach the separate schedule to the Notice of Withdrawal from the MPF Offer.

4. **SIGNATURE ON NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL.** The Notice of Withdrawal from the MPF Offer must be signed, as applicable, by the person(s) who signed the Letter of Transmittal relating to the MPF Offer, in the same manner as such Letter of Transmittal was signed. If the Notice of Withdrawal from the MPF Offer is signed by any trustee, executor, administrator, guardian, attorney-in-fact, officer of a corporation or others acting in a fiduciary capacity, such persons should so indicate when signing and must submit proper evidence of their authority to act.