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KALAKALA

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Kalakala Press Release for Immediate Release January 27, 2006 2PM The Kalakala Alliance Foundation, a federal Section 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit Corporation, is dedicated to restoring the historic 1935 M/V Kalakala. The Kalakala is the World's First Streamlined Vessel, and is the last surviving historic ferry that significantly represents nearly 108 years of the former Black Ball Line fleet and until 1962 was known as the workhorse for the State of Washington's Ferry system. On January 27, 2006 11AM in Hoquiam, Washington City Council Chambers the Washington State Advisory Council and the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation unanimously approved the Kalakala nomination for the National Register of Historic Places and the Washington Heritage Register listing of significant historic properties. This is a major successful milestone that has been accomplished for the Kalakala. The City of Tacoma Mayor and Bill Evans (City Council Member) both submitted letters to the Advisory Council approved and stated the historical significance of the Kalakala to be included in both the national and State registers. Having the M/V Kalakala registered in both of the historic registers is an honor. The National Register of Historic Places is a federal listing of historic properties throughout the United States worthy of recognition. The Washington Heritage Register is our state's listing of significant historic properties. Having the Kalakala listed within the registers gives other potential benefits. For commercial properties there is a federal tax credit program for rehabilitation, and also in the City of Tacoma offer the special valuation program at the local level. Other local and regional community support during the past year included the Kalakala project was a recipient of the Association of King County Historic Associations (AKCHO, is represented by 120 historical organizations within King County) for the "Best Long Term Project" award. The Foundation's future milestones are hinged on both private investments and memberships. But, the Foundation is especially awaiting a potential \$5.483 million Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant from a State of Washington. The Foundation is currently competing through a State of Washington final award selection process. The 2006 Transportation Grant awards are projected to be completed within February or March, 2006. If the Kalakala progresses successfully and is appropriated the federal Grant funds the Kalakala is scheduled to be moved to a shipyard immediately for exterior and interior painting and hull work. The Kalakala Museum is scheduled to re-open again by March, 2006 in the City of Tacoma. Also, the Foundation has recently received a major equipment donation from the Colorado Mining Museum located in Colorado Springs, CO. They have donated to the Foundation their 3000HP Busch-Sulzer Engine, which is identical to the existing 3000 HP Busch-Sulzer engine on board the Kalakala. The Foundation will transport the engine to the State of Washington to display it as a museum element and to use the engine for future spare engine parts that will potentially enable the

original Kalakala's engine to return to a fully operable and running engine allowing the Kalakala to become a self-propelled ship again. Steve Rodrigues - Kalakala Alliance Foundation (President and Chairman) olympicforum2000@usa.net      www.kalakala.org Kalakala Alliance Foundation, P.O. Box 1475, Tacoma, WA. 98402