



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

November 7, 2013

Via E-mail

David H. Murdock  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
Dole Food Company, Inc.  
One Dole Drive  
Westlake Village, CA 91362

**Re: Dole Food Company, Inc.**  
**Schedule 13E-3 filed by Dole Food Company, Inc., David H. Murdock, DFC**  
**Holdings, LLC, DFC Merger Corp., Castle & Cook Investments, Inc. and**  
**Castle & Cooke Holdings, Inc.**  
**Filed August 21, 2013**  
**File No. 005-33795**

**Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A**  
**Filed August 21, 2013**  
**File No. 001-04455**

Dear Mr. Murdock:

We have completed our review of your filings. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments does not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filings and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filings to be certain that the filings include the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Loan Lauren P. Nguyen

Loan Lauren P. Nguyen  
Special Counsel

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