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Kia ora Suzanne,

MACRAES PHASE IV RESOURCE CONSENTS: CULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT BY AUKAHA (1997) LTD. ON BEHALF OF KĀI TAHU KI OTAGO

Aukaha is in the process of preparing a Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA) on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Moeraki, Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki, and Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou in relation to the closed Macraes Phase IV mine expansion. The assessment will:

- a. Provide Kā Rūnaka with information on the proposed mine extension and related activities.
- b. Identify mana whenua cultural values that are relevant to the location and operation of the Macraes Phase IV expansion.
- c. Identify the effects of this proposal on the relationship of Kā Rūnaka with waterways including the catchments of Waikōuaiti, Taiari and Waihemo.
- d. Identify methods to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects on cultural values and associations, including proposed conditions of consent.
- e. Provide a framework for engagement between Kā Rūnaka and Oceana Gold Ltd. on this proposal and to identify opportunities for ecological restoration and rehabilitation.
- f. Inform Otago Regional Council's decision-making processes under the RMA.

We understand that Oceana Gold Ltd. intend to lodge its resource consent applications prior to Easter 2024.

Given the above, we reluctantly acknowledge that the application by Oceana Gold Ltd. will be submitted to the Otago Regional Council without the CIA. We accept this approach with the expectation that the recommendations of the assessment will be addressed appropriately by Oceana Gold Ltd. through the consent process under the RMA.

Nāku noa, nā

Dr Kate Timms-Dean



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