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Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 9:15 PM
To: Hearings <Hearings@codc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Draft Conditions RC230325/RM 23 8.19

Hi.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer feedback on these draft conditions.

Under Discharge Permit 12.

The applicant recommends deleting the requirement to test the river water above and below the proposed mine site. We are very concerned by this as we know the applicant pushes boundaries and breaks rules. It is their hope that the huge volume of water flowing downstream will attenuate the contamination contained within the water from the mining operations, which ultimately will return to the Clutha River.

To not regularly test this river water is negligent and supports my written submission to the CODC where we quote Dr Richard Antiss, an environmental geo-chemist, who warns of the risks and dangers of current monitoring protocols around mining sites.

This documentation in Discharge Permit 6, confirms the use of Flocculants. Despite repeated assurances from the applicant that no chemicals will be used on site, this is the second chemical they now disclose. The first being the chemical already being used to suppress dust, (this was inadvertently admitted by their operations manager at a public Q&A meeting). It's also reasonable to suppose significant amounts of rubber will be deposited into the gravels on site from the tyres of the dump trucks making their thousands of movements. As the impacts of rubber in our environments are still being understood it's impossible to eliminate potential risks from this contamination and the synergies of it combined with other contaminants.

In consideration of the multiple contaminations including high nitrate levels on site, we would like to quote from the EC Otago Report under 10 Limitations.

"There is no investigation that is thorough enough to preclude the presence of materials at the site that presently, or in the future, may be considered hazardous. As the regulatory criteria are subject to change, a status with respect to contamination that is presently considered to be acceptable may in the future become subject to different regulatory standards that cause the site to become unacceptable for existing or proposed land use activities."

We believe it would be imperative to regularly test the river water above and below the proposed mining site and that these tests be undertaken by a qualified person outside of the employ of the mining company. Due to the applicants somewhat adversarial relationships with local government, it is essential that site/river monitoring be strengthened rather than weakened as the applicant's recommendation requires.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Graeme and Christine Young.

n Monday, 10 June 2024 at 04:44:26 pm NZST, Hearings <hearings@codc.govt.nz> wrote:

Afternoon

Please see below from the applicant in relation to draft conditions on RC230325 – any questions please let me know

Thanks

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“Kia ora koutou

Since the hearing, the team for Hawkeswood mining Ltd (HML) have been working on a number of different matters as requested by the Commissioners. One of these is a revised set of draft conditions.

Attached to this email are two documents: draft conditions for the CODC resource consent, and draft conditions for the four ORC resource consents. The ORC consent conditions have tracked changes from the version circulated with the s42A report. More amendment and restructuring of the CODC consent conditions has been undertaken, such that tracked changes were unhelpful and therefore these are presented as a clean set.

We request feedback from Council officers and all submitters who were present at the hearing. Could the CODC Hearings Administration team please forward this email to all submitters who were present at the hearing to facilitate this.

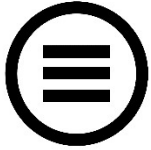
We are open to setting up an online discussion around consent conditions later this week. So all parties are on the same page, could you please:

- Send any feedback to me directly.
- Use tracked changes if editing the conditions electronically.
- Let me know by the end of Wednesday if you would like to set up a time later this week for a discussion on the conditions.
- Let me know if you do not want to comment at all.

We would appreciate if parties could let me know by Friday 14 June 2024 of any feedback, or if you intend to provide feedback at a later date.

Please feel free to give me a call directly if you would like to discuss any of the above.

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