

Appendix D Landowner Written Approval to undertake the Project on Māori Land

7 October 2025

To whom it may concern

Teenaa koutou

Fast-track Approvals Act – Central and Southern Block Mining Project – Written consent for Project to proceed on Māori land

1. The Proprietors of Taharoa C Block (**Taharoa C**) are the landowners of Taharoa C Block, located at Taharoa Road, Taharoa (Title reference: SA34B/688) (**Land**). This Land is Maaori land and is the location of the Taharoa Ironsand Mine, which is operated by Taharoa Ironsands Limited (**TIL**) under a lease agreement with Taharoa C.
2. By way of background, Ngaati Mahuta ki Tai (Ngaati Mahuta of the coast) have held mana whenua within the rohe since approximately 1820. The lands at Taharoa have never been confiscated by the Crown – hapuu members have had uninterrupted ownership of the whenua since it was originally settled.
3. Taharoa C Block was previously held in 80 different titles, all owned by Ngaati Mahuta hapuu members. In 2009 the Maaori Land Court determined the status of Taharoa C Block as Maaori freehold land under the Te Ture Whenua Maaori Act 1993. This clarified the status of the 1328ha title legally described as Taharoa C Block which is owned by Taharoa C, a Maaori owned conduit of the original Ngaati Mahuta landowners.
4. The Land is divided into three Blocks – the Central, Southern and Northern Blocks. We are aware that TIL is intending to apply for resource consents, archaeological authorities and Wildlife Act authorities for two listed projects on the Land under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (**FTAA**). The two projects are:
 - (a) The Central and Southern Block Mining Project – a project to enable the on-going operation of these main blocks of the existing Mine; and
 - (b) The Northern Block Mining Project – a project to expand the Mine into the Northern Block.
5. Taharoa C supports these Projects. The Mine has brought long-lasting socio-economic benefits to the people of Taharoa, many of whom are Ngaati Mahuta (including the shareholders of Taharoa C). This includes considerable social and economic benefits,

including income for the shareholders of Taharoa C, local employment opportunities (and high wages) and the provision of community infrastructure, services and housing to support the local village. It has enabled productive use to be made of the Land which is otherwise largely uninhabitable and for which there are currently no other realistic viable commercial uses. The Mine has enabled a number of tangata whenua to retain and remain on their ancestral land in Taharoa, strengthening their connection to that land — a connection we anticipate being maintained with the mines ongoing operation.

6. Taharoa C recognises the value of mineral extraction for these social, cultural, and economic reasons. We also believe that TIL is committed to ensuring that the Land will be rehabilitated to a condition better than most people might expect and to ensure that the legacy of mining does not harm the cultural and ecological wealth of the area. Overall, we support the mining operation on the land.
7. Given that the Land is Maori land, the owners of the land must agree in writing to the proposed activity, for the activity to be considered eligible to proceed under the FTAA (section 43(1)(c)).
8. As noted above, TIL holds a lease of Taharoa C Block for mining purposes which provides implicit consent to TIL's Fast-track proposals. This lease ends in 2062. Consistent with the lease, and in accordance with the requirements of the FTAA, I confirm that Taharoa C agrees to TIL using the Land for mining purposes, and to it obtaining all necessary approvals under the FTAA to do so.
9. I have authority to provide this approval on behalf of Taharoa C.
10. Please direct any queries in relation to the agreement given in this letter to the undersigned.

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Hoturoa Barclay-Kerr
Chairman of Taharoa C Block Incorporated