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Dear Alex,

Re: Waihi North FTAA-2504-1046 – Release of Draft Conditions

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft conditions issued by the Waihi North Expert Panel. I am pleased to hear about the pending approval of the Waihi North gold mining project, which will deliver nationally and regionally significant benefits.

Officials from New Zealand Petroleum & Minerals will provide substantive comments on the draft conditions, and I will therefore not be commenting on specific draft consent conditions for these approvals. The panel has pragmatically amalgamated conditions across a range of approvals and I am supportive of the approach taken.

I would like to thank the panel for its time and effort, carefully considering the merits of the application and the conditions, to ensure the project can progress in a productive and sustainable manner.

Yours sincerely,

Hon Shane Jones

Minister for Resources