TE KAWENATA – MANA WHENUA PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

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BETWEEN

Ngāti Hauā Iwi Trust

Ngaati Korokii Kahukura

AND

Waikato Thoroughbred Racing Inc.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2026

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Parties

1. This Te Kawenata ("Agreement") is between:

a) Ngāti Hauā Iwi Trust

b) Ngaati Korokii Kahukura

c) Waikato Thoroughbred Racing Inc. (WTR)

2. Ngāti Hauā Iwi Trust and Ngaati Korokii Kahukura are mana whenua with whakapapa and cultural connections to the whenua, wai and taonga within the Tamahere area.

3. Waikato Thoroughbred Racing Inc. is the organisation responsible for the Waikato Thoroughbred Racing Hub, located on approximately 164 hectares at Duncan Road and Pencarrow Road, Tamahere.

4. Te Kawenata establishes the parties' shared commitment to an enduring and meaningful partnership. The parties agree to work together in good faith, with mutual respect, trust, openness and a willingness to listen, collaborate and find solutions together. The relationship will be built on genuine partnership, shared responsibility and a commitment to achieving positive and lasting outcomes for mana whenua, the whenua, the community and future generations.

Purpose

5. The purpose of this Te Kawenata is to provide an ongoing relationship between the parties that:

a) recognises the mana whenua relationship of Ngāti Hauā and Ngāti Korokī Kahukura with the whenua, wai and taonga;

b) supports the development and operation of the Waikato Thoroughbred Racing Hub;

c) gives effect to the relevant recommendations of the Cultural Values Assessment (CVA);

d) provides for mana whenua involvement in matters that may affect cultural values and interests;

e) supports good environmental and cultural outcomes; and

f) creates opportunities for mana whenua, rangatahi and the local community.

Principles

6. The parties agree to work together based on the following principles:

a) Rangatiratanga – recognising the authority and role of mana whenua in matters relating to their cultural values and interests;

b) Whakapapa – recognising the connections of mana whenua to the whenua, wai and taonga;

c) Kaitiakitanga – protecting and restoring the health and mauri of the whenua and environment;

d) Whānaungatanga – building a strong and respectful partnership/relationship;

e) Manaakitanga – showing care, respect and consideration for each other and the wider community;

f) Mātauranga Māori – recognising and supporting the use of Māori knowledge; and

g) Kānohi ki te kānohi – meeting and working through issues face to face.

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Objectives

7. The objectives of this Te Kawenata are to promote and support:

a) an effective and ongoing working partnership/relationship between the parties;

b) early and open communication;

c) recognition of mana whenua values and perspectives;

d) implementation of the relevant CVA recommendations;

e) protection and enhancement of the whenua, wai and biodiversity;

f) opportunities for cultural design, naming and storytelling;

g) the use of mātauranga Māori where appropriate;

i) opportunities for mana whenua investment, employment, procurement and training;

j) rangatahi and education opportunities; and

k) positive outcomes for the whenua, mana whenua, community and future generations.

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Cultural Values Assessment

8. The parties acknowledge the Cultural Values Assessment prepared for the Waikato Thoroughbred Racing Hub.

9. The CVA will help guide the planning, design, development and ongoing operation of the Hub.

10. WTR will work with Ngāti Hauā and Ngaati Korokii Kahukura to implement the agreed recommendations of the CVA.

11. Where changes to the Hub may affect matters identified in the CVA, WTR will engage with mana whenua at an early stage.

Cooperation

12. The parties agree to meet regularly and as required to support the purpose and objectives of this Te Kawenata.

13. The parties will work together on matters relating to:

a) environmental management and restoration;

b) waterways and water quality;

c) biodiversity;

d) landscape and planting;

e) cultural heritage and archaeology;

f) cultural monitoring;

g) mātauranga Māori;

h) cultural design and naming;

i) investment, employment and procurement; and

j) education and rangatahi opportunities.

14. The parties may agree to develop specific work plans, projects or funding arrangements under this Te Kawenata.

15. Any concerns or disagreements will be discussed between the parties in good faith, with the aim of finding a practical solution.

Mana Whenua Working Group

16. The parties will establish a Mana Whenua Working Group to support the ongoing relationship.

17. The Working Group will provide a regular forum for the parties to discuss the development and operation of the Hub and matters of importance to mana whenua.

18. The parties will agree on the membership, meeting frequency and terms of reference for the Working Group.

Environmental and Cultural Outcomes

19. The parties will work together to identify opportunities to protect and improve the whenua and environment.

This may include:

a) native planting;

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b) restoration of waterways and wetlands;

c) biodiversity enhancement;

d) pest management;

e) protection of native species;

f) cultural monitoring; and

g) other projects agreed by the parties.

20. The parties will seek to ensure that the development provides a positive and lasting outcome for the whenua and future generations.

Employment, Procurement and Rangatahi

21. The parties will explore opportunities for mana whenua and local people to benefit from the Hub.

This may include:

a) employment;

b) training and apprenticeships;

c) rangatahi opportunities;

e) environmental restoration work;

f) professional services; and

g) opportunities for Māori investment and local businesses.

22. WTR will provide early notice of relevant opportunities where reasonably possible.

Review

23. This Te Kawenata will be reviewed annually, or at another time agreed by the parties.

24. The parties will use the review to consider:

a) progress against the CVA recommendations;

b) progress on environmental and cultural outcomes;

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c) how the relationship is working;

d) any issues or concerns; and

e) any new opportunities for the parties to work together.

Term

25. This Te Kawenata will take effect from the date it is signed by all parties.

26. The parties intend for the partnership/relationship to continue throughout the development and ongoing operation of the Waikato Thoroughbred Racing Hub.

27. Any party may withdraw from this Te Kawenata by giving reasonable written notice to the other parties.

Liability

28. Nothing in this Te Kawenata limits, replaces or affects any statutory rights, powers, responsibilities or obligations of any party. Each party remains responsible for exercising its legal and statutory functions, duties and responsibilities.

Confidentiality

29. The parties agree to respect the confidentiality of information where the parties have agreed that the information should remain confidential.

Signatures

Signed for and on behalf of Ngāti Hauā Iwi Trust

Name: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signed for and on behalf of Ngaati Korokii Kahukura

Name: _____

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Position: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signed for and on behalf of Waikato Thoroughbred Racing Inc.

Name: _____

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

Closing mihi - whakataukī

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