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HUNUA QUARRY DEVELOPMENT - SUBSTANTIVE APPLICATION

1. These comments are provided on behalf of Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated (Waikato-Tainui).
2. Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated is the governing body for the 33 hapuu and 68 marae of Waikato and manages the tribal assets for the benefit of over 100,000 registered tribal members. It is also:
 - a) the trustee of the Waikato Raupatu Lands Trust, the post-settlement governance entity for Waikato-Tainui for the purposes of the Waikato Raupatu Lands Deed of Settlement 1995 and the Waikato Raupatu Claims Settlement Act 1995;
 - b) the trustee of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust, the post-settlement governance entity for Waikato-Tainui for the purposes of the Waikato-Tainui River Deed of Settlement 2009 and the Waikato Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010 (River Settlement);
 - c) the mandated iwi organisation for Waikato-Tainui for the purposes of the Maaori Fisheries Act 2002; and
 - d) the iwi aquaculture organisation for Waikato-Tainui for the purposes of the Maaori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004.
3. Waikato-Tainui has outstanding and unresolved Treaty of Waitangi claims, including those specific to the Manukau Harbour. These claims form part of the broader Wai 30 claim, encompassing land, coastal and marine areas, and associated social, cultural, and economic interests. While settlement redress is not yet finalised, these claims underpin Waikato-Tainui's recognised interests and authority over West Coast coastal waters, harbours, waterways, and their connected catchments.
4. The proposed site is located within the Manukau Harbour catchment and therefore sits within an area in which Waikato-Tainui has longstanding interests and responsibilities. Waikato-Tainui's aspirations for the Manukau Harbour and its connected catchments,

including the protection and restoration of the harbour's health and wellbeing, remain the subject of ongoing discussion and negotiation. These matters are relevant to the consideration of the Project and the management of its potential effects.

5. In this context, Waikato-Tainui considers it important that its interests, authority and aspirations in relation to the Manukau Harbour and its connected catchments are recognised in the consideration of the Project and reflected in any conditions of consent where appropriate.
6. Waikato-Tainui thanks the Panel for the opportunity to provide comment on the Hunua Quarry Development fast-track application.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

7. Waikato-Tainui understands that the substantive application seeks the approvals required to authorise the Hunua Quarry Development, including resource consents and changes to existing consent conditions, a subdivision consent for a boundary adjustment, a Wildlife Act approval, an Archaeological Authority under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014, and a Complex Freshwater Fisheries approval under the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983.
8. The application therefore provides for a broad suite of approvals associated with the development and continued operation of the quarry, with the full register of consents and approvals, supporting technical assessments and proposed conditions set out in the application documentation.

MANA WHENUA ENGAGEMENT

9. The Applicant has identified a range of cultural values raised by relevant mana whenua in relation to the Project, including the importance of waterways and mauri, ecological integrity and taonga species, mahinga kai and resource use, wetlands, cultural landscapes, archaeology, and the long-term rehabilitation of the quarry landscape.
10. Waikato-Tainui notes that Ngaati Tamaoho has emphasised the continuation of its established partnership with Winstone, including an ongoing role in kaitiakitanga and in the development, management and rehabilitation of the quarry. This includes involvement in management planning and implementation in relation to cultural landscapes, waterways, mahinga kai and resource use, wetlands and ecology, and archaeology and historic cultural narratives.
11. Te Aakitai Waiohū has identified concerns regarding the effects of the Project on cultural landscapes, waterways, wetlands, ecological systems and archaeological values. Te Aakitai Waiohū has sought ongoing involvement in the development and implementation of management plans, monitoring and cultural protection measures. Importantly, its CVA Addendum records its opposition in principle to the Project due to the significant adverse cultural effects it considers cannot be avoided or fully mitigated.

12. Ngaati Te Ata Waiohū has similarly identified principles of partnership, ancestral connection, ongoing presence, kaitiakitanga and environmental wellbeing. Its recommendations include protection of culturally significant sites, provision for tikanga, active involvement in design, protection of the mauri of Te Mangapū, ongoing engagement and involvement in the development and implementation of management plans.
13. Waikato-Tainui acknowledges the applicant's assessment of these cultural values and the various measures proposed to respond to the matters raised by mana whenua, including the proposed management plans, cultural management measures, ongoing engagement, monitoring and establishment of a Kaitiaki Forum. We also acknowledge that engagement with mana whenua remains ongoing and that the applicant proposes to continue this engagement through the development and implementation of the Project.
14. Waikato-Tainui acknowledges the cultural values, concerns and recommendations raised by the mana whenua groups engaged in relation to the Project. Should the fast-track application be consented, we request that the applicant continue to engage meaningfully and directly with the relevant mana whenua throughout the life of the Project, including in relation to the finalisation, refinement and implementation of management plans, monitoring, cultural protection measures and the exercise of kaitiakitanga.
15. Waikato-Tainui's environmental baselines and expectations for the protection and management of te taiao are set out in the Waikato-Tainui Environmental Plan (Tai Tumu, Tai Pari, Tai Ao). The Plan provides the principal environmental policy framework for Waikato-Tainui and establishes objectives, policies and methods relevant to matters directly engaged by the Project, including freshwater, whenua, biodiversity, natural resources, cultural heritage, restoration and rehabilitation.
16. Given the nature and scale of the proposed quarry expansion and extraction activities, we expect the potential effects on these environmental values to be appropriately addressed through the consent conditions. Conditions should be consistent with, and where applicable give effect to, the relevant objectives, policies and methods of Tai Tumu, Tai Pari, Tai Ao, including in relation to the protection of waterways and ecological systems, management of land and natural resources, and the rehabilitation and restoration of affected areas.
17. Waikato-Tainui notes that mana whenua have raised a range of matters of importance in relation to the Project, including waterways and water quality, biodiversity and ecological integrity, cultural values, archaeology, and the long-term rehabilitation of the site. Waikato-Tainui supports the matters raised by mana whenua and expects these and other matters of importance to iwi to be appropriately recognised and addressed through the assessment, conditions and ongoing management of the Project.
18. Waikato-Tainui wishes to remain involved as the substantive application progresses, including in relation to matters relevant to our interests, the development and

refinement of proposed conditions and management measures, and any further information or technical work that informs the decision-making process.

Naaku i roto i ngaa mihi, naa

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