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David Gaze
Executive Director
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Dear David Gaze

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Ohinewai Foam Factory – Request for further information

Thank you for your application, received on 31 August 2020, to refer the Ohinewai Foam Factory project to an expert consenting panel for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).

Under delegated authority from the Minister for the Environment, I am writing to request the following further information under section 22 of the Act:

1. Confirm the basis for the estimate of 2,100 jobs during construction and indicate what portion of these jobs can be filled by unskilled workers.
2. Confirm if the 50 jobs created during the operation of the factory will be in addition to your existing staffing levels or involve the relocation or loss of jobs at your Auckland sites.
3. Describe the impacts the proposed rezoning in Ohinewai will have on the project if it is zoned industrial or maintains its current rural zone.
4. Clarify what works constitute this project and how they related to the wider development.
5. Advise how you intend to implement the actions outlined in your Memorandum of Understanding with Waikato Tainui.
6. Provide further information on how earthworks and other construction activities will be managed during construction, and how their adverse effects will be avoided, remedied, and mitigated.
7. Provide information on any transmission lines running through, or near to, the site.

8. Advise what consents and works Kiwirail will have to carry out for the construction of the rail sliding. Please outline what discussions you have had with them to date.
9. Advise what consents and works Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency will have to carry out to roading as a result of the project works. Please outline what discussions you have had with them to date.

Please provide the required information via return email within 10 working days so that the Minister for the Environment can take it into account in deciding whether to refer the project.

Yours sincerely



Liz Moncrieff
Acting Director, Natural and Built Systems