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Attention: Stuart Penfold and John Olliver

Cc: David Gaze of Gaze Holdings Ltd

**Re: Sleepyhead Foam Factory, Rail Siding and Earthworks, Ohinewai
COVID-19 Recovery Fast-Track Consent – Application to the Expert Consenting Panel**

E ngā rangatira, tēnā kōrua ko John ko Stuart

In the spirit of the relationship between iwi and mana whenua of Ohinewai with Ambury Properties Limited (APL) and New Zealand Comfort Group (NZCG), this letter is an acknowledgement that engagement has been undertaken prior to the lodgement of an application to an Expert Consenting Panel for the Sleepyhead Foam Factory, Rail Siding and associated earthworks at Ohinewai.

To facilitate the effectiveness and efficiency of iwi and mana whenua involvement in the Sleepyhead Estate development, the Tangata Whenua Governance Group (TWGG) was established. The representative and mandated iwi and mana whenua organisations on the TWGG are:

- Nga Muka Development
- Waahi Whaanui Trust
- Te Riu o Waikato, and
- Waikato-Tainui (Te Whakakitenga o Waikato)

In varying capacities, the TWGG perform the role, and carry the responsibilities, of kaitiaki in the Ohinewai area, and address the different needs and aspirations of our members/beneficiaries, whilst also provide representation for them as mana whenua in these resource management systems. Our cultural and environmental values are extensive across the site and is interconnected with other sites, nodes and prominent features within the catchment.



Over the course of 18-24 months, APL has been sharing information to the TWGG about the overall Sleepyhead Estate development and the initial resource consent applications that have been lodged with the local Councils. APL now seek resource consents via the Covid-19 Recovery Fast-Track process. As a group, the TWGG acknowledge that APL and their agents are accommodating the active participation of iwi and mana whenua kaitiaki responsibilities in the following areas:

1. Earthworks

The TWGG shared concerns to APL and sought:

- Measures and practices to protect water-bodies from erosion and sediment and any contaminants, and
- The protection and preservation of taonga, cultural/customary practices, and sites and activities of significance to Mana Whenua.

TWGG are of the view that the information and content in the fast-track application demonstrates that these concerns are addressed as well as providing mana whenua the ability to monitor the earthworks activities on the site.

2. Establishing Foam Factory and Rail Siding

The TWGG shared concerns to APL and sought the following:

- Measures and practices to protect water-bodies from erosion and sediment and any contaminants,
- Protect and preserve taonga, cultural/customary practices, and sites and activities of significance to Mana Whenua,
- The planting of extensive areas of indigenous vegetation, and if possible, locally sourced,
- By incorporating in the design, the inclusion of an area of land to be subject to restoration plantings as a contribution towards the restoration of taonga,
- The prevention and/or mitigation of potential contaminants in run-off water from impervious surfaces (paved areas), reaching open water bodies (drains, streams etc)
- The recognition and enhancement of the relationship between Waikato-Tainui and the Waikato River, its flood plains, and the shallow riverine lakes,
- Protection of water-bodies (river, lakes, wetlands, streams/tributaries), from the negative impacts of land use,
- Continued, and/or enhanced, access to traditional areas for customary and cultural activities,
- Consider beneficial re-use and on-site management of stormwater and wastewater,



- With air/airspace, Mana Whenua would like to avoid any new discharges to air that compromises human health and amenity values enjoyed by Mana Whenua, and
- Environmental enhancement actions/activities pertaining to restoring mauri of taonga (land, water, lakes, sites of significance, and wetlands).

TWGG are of the view that the information and content in the fast-track application for establishing and operating the proposed Foam Factory and rail siding in Ohinewai demonstrates that these concerns are addressed, specifically;

- Stormwater management - TWGG support the methodology of onsite management of stormwater via roof top collection and detention ponds and constructed wetlands,
- Wastewater management - TWGG support the methodology of an onsite wastewater plant and disposal field, and the provision for TWGG to view and provide feedback on the details of the wastewater treatment plant,
- Water supply - TWGG support the methodology of water capture and storage via primary use of water tanks and acknowledge the second supply via on-site bore supply, and
- Air discharge - The installation of carbon filter and discharge stack, and the provision for TWGG to monitor the performance of the carbon filter and stormwater management measures.

The TWGG believe we are able to address any actual and potential cultural and environmental impacts associated with the proposed earthworks, foam factory and rail siding activities in partnership with APL. Accordingly, we, **the TWGG do not believe a cultural impact assessment report is necessary from tangata/mana whenua.**

However, members within the TWGG reserve the right to participate in the secondary processes of the expert consenting panel decision making (via the invitation to comment outlined in the Order in Council) to ensure they represent the concerns/views of their members/beneficiaries appropriately should any new information be presented.

We trust this letter finds you well, and we look forward to the ongoing engagement.

Ngā mihi

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Chairperson

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