

Before the Independent Hearing Panel

In the Matter of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)

And

In the Matter of an application to the Central Otago District Council and Otago Regional Council for resource consent to establish and operate a gold mining activity at 1346 – 1536 Teviot Road, Millers Flat

Reference RC230325 (Central Otago District Council)
RM23.819 (Otago Regional Council)

Summary Statement of Andrew Hawkeswood on behalf Hawkeswood Mining Limited

(Corporate)

Dated 13 May 2024

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Introduction

1. My full name is Andrew Theodore Hawkeswood. I am the director and shareholder of Hawkeswood Mining Limited (**HML**) and Hawkeswood Civil Limited.
2. I have been involved in infrastructure projects, construction and demolition waste recycling, resource recovery, exploration, drilling, and mining for 29 years. Over the past 3.5 years, I have collaborated with Simon Johnstone, the Hawkeswood Mining Limited operations manager, on various aspects of the Millers Flat project, including permit applications, consultations, exploration planning, and public engagement. I produced a statement of evidence dated 29 April 2024.

Scope of Evidence

3. My evidence addresses the following key matters:
 - a. Acquisition of Alluvial Gold Mining Assets; and
 - b. Investment in Alluvial Gold Mining.

Acquisition of Alluvial Gold Mining Assets

4. HML is a family-owned New Zealand based mining company. Alluvial gold mining assets and an option for permits for the site were purchased from Kaipara Limited in 2005. HML has an extensive family history of involvement in gold mining, tracing back to my wife's grandfather.
5. We hold the largest inventory of mining equipment in Central Otago, including the largest operational alluvial mining dredge in New Zealand.

Investment in Alluvial Gold Mining

6. Over the last 3 years, HML has invested over \$12 million into alluvial gold mining in Central Otago, primarily in the Millers Flat Project. During this time, our workforce has ranged from 4 to 14 full-time employees. We

anticipate the need for 20 to 25 full-time staff directly at the Millers Flat site, along with an extra 8 to 10 positions off-site and through subcontractors. At current rates we anticipate that over the life of mine operation approximately \$28 million will be invested into local employment remuneration and royalty payments. HML anticipates that the mining operation will result in significant flow-on effects for local providers such as accommodation, hospitality, mechanical engineering and manufacturing.

7. We intend to fill 90% of employment positions from the local and wider Millers Flat community, contributing to the wider economy over the life of the mine. HML considers the contribution to the local economy will be significant.

Andrew Theodore Hawkeswood

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