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Dear Hearing Commissioner

**Fire and Emergency New Zealand – Letter to be tabled for Notified Resource Consent Application RC230325**

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Fire and Emergency) made a submission on the Notified Resource Consent Application RC230325 made by Hawkeswood Mining Limited. Fire and Emergency has opted not to attend the hearing scheduled to commence on 14-15<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 and requests that, in lieu of attendance, this letter be tabled for the Hearing Commissioners' consideration.

Fire and Emergency's Submission

Fire and Emergency were neutral to the resource consent application, subject to the matters raised in the submission being addressed. The relief that was sought by the submission was that if consent was granted that the following conditions were imposed:

- *That prior to the commencement of mining operations, including the erection of any buildings, that sufficient water volume, pressure and flows in accordance with the New Zealand Fire Service Firefighting Water Supplies Code of Practice SNZ 4509:2008 shall be provided.*
- *The Consent Holder shall prepare in consultation with Fire and Emergency New Zealand, a Site Emergency Management Plan (SEMP). This should include procedures to manage the risk from and contingency for:*
  - *Fire*
  - *Mining Explosion*
  - *Forecast Extreme weather events*
  - *Flooding*

Officers Report

The s42A report for RC230325 has been received. The reporting officer has addressed the submission made by Fire and Emergency within the Natural Hazards section of the s42A report. The reporting officer has stated the following with respect to the SEMP and firefighting water supply:

- *"In their submission, Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) request that the consent holder prepare in consultation with Fire and Emergency New Zealand a Site Emergency Management Plan (SEMP), for fire, mining explosion, extreme weather events and floods. In addition, that prior to the commencement of mining operations, including the erection of any buildings, that sufficient water volume pressure and flows in accordance with the New Zealand Fire Service Firefighting Water Supplies Code of Practice SNZ PAS 4509:2008 shall be provided. I consider that if the panel is*

*mind to grant consent, that these requirements as stated in the submission of FENZ, should be imposed as conditions of consent, to ensure that onsite hazards are effectively managed throughout the duration of the consent.*

The reporting officer has recommended the following conditions to address the concerns raised in the submission:

- 15 *That prior to the commencement of mining operations, including the erection of any buildings, that sufficient water volume, pressure and flows in accordance with the New Zealand Fire Service Firefighting Water Supplies Code of Practice SNZ PAS 4509:2008 shall be provided.*
- 16 *Prior to any works onsite the consent Holder shall prepare and submit to Council's Chief Executive a Site Emergency Management Plan (SEMP), prepared in consultation with Fire and Emergency New Zealand. This should include procedures to manage the risk from and contingency for:*
  - a) *Fire*
  - b) *Mining Explosion*
  - c) *Forecast Extreme weather events*
  - d) *Flooding*

#### Correspondence with the Applicant

The applicant has provided Fire and Emergency with the proposed Site Emergency Management Plan (SEMP) for the proposed Hawkeswood Mine.

A Community Risk Manager from Otago has reviewed the SEMP information that was provided by the applicant. Some further queries were raised around the SEMP and firefighting water supply on site which was supplied by the applicant.

#### Fire and Emergency Response

Fire and Emergency are satisfied that the information provided in the SEMP addresses the concerns that were raised in the submission on RC230325. However, Fire and Emergency still support the conditions recommended by the reporting officer and seek that the conditions are placed on the consent. Fire and Emergency would like to review the conditions placed on the consent should the commissioner be minded approving the consent application.

Yours sincerely



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