

**FORM 13: SUBMISSION
ON AN APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT
UNDER SECTION 96
OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

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PART A: DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION

CONSENT NUMBER:

APPLICANT:

WCRC: RC-2023-0046
GDC: LUN3154/23

TIGA MINERALS AND METALS LTD

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY:

Establish and operate a mineral sands mine, including construction of associated infrastructure.

LOCATION:

Barrytown Flats, west of State Highway 6 (Coast Road), 9km south of Punakaiki township and 36km north of Greymouth.

PART B: SUBMITTER DETAILS

Full name/s	Donald Ross Skelton		
Postal address	[REDACTED]		
I am the owner of the following property:	[REDACTED]		
Primary contact person/s	Donald Ross Skelton (Don)		
Email address	[REDACTED]		
Phone number/s	Home:	[REDACTED]	Business:
	Mobile:	[REDACTED]	Fax: N/A

Signature of the submitter (or person authorised to sign on behalf of the submitter):	Date:
	12.10.2023
Name (BLOCK CAPITALS):	
Donald Ross Skelton	

*If this is a joint submission by 2 or more individuals, each individual's signature is required.
A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means.*

- I/we **support** the application numbers indicated by a tick on the back of this form
- I/we **oppose** the application
- I/we **neither support nor oppose** the application

(tick one)

(tick one)

I/we **wish to be heard** in support of my/our submission.

I/we **DO NOT wish to be heard** and hereby make my/our submission in writing only.

If you wish to be heard, and others make a similar submission would you consider making a joint case with them at any hearing

 Yes No

If you indicated you wish to be heard, you will be sent a copy of the S.42A Officer's Report and a copy of the Decision once it is released. Please indicate below which format you would like to receive these documents in:

 Electronic (CD) copy Hard (paper) copy

I/we **have** served a copy of my/our submission on the Applicant as per Section 96(6)(b) of the RMA

 Yes

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are: *(give details)*

- Economics
- Environment
- Traffic

My/our submission is that: *(include whether you support or oppose the application or specific parts of it; whether you are neutral regarding the application or specific parts of it; and the reasons for your views). (See attached document "Submission support").*

I/we seek the following decision from the Local Authority:(give precise details)

Approval of the applicant's application in its entirety.

I am/am not* a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991.

*Select one.

~~*I am/am not† directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that
(a) adversely affects the environment; and
(b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.~~

*Delete this paragraph if you are not a trade competitor.

†Select one.

I ~~request~~/do not request*, pursuant to section 100A of the Act, that you delegate your functions, powers, and duties to hear and decide the application to 1 or more hearings commissioners who are not members of the local authority.

*select one.

Important information – Please read carefully.

Public information

The information you provide is public information. It is used to help process a resource consent application and assess the impact of an activity on the environment and other people.

Your information is held and administered by the West Coast Regional Council and Grey District Council in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the Privacy Act 1993. This means that your information may be disclosed to other people who request it in accordance with the terms of these Acts. It is therefore important you let us know if your form includes any information you consider should not be disclosed.

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Note to submitter

If you are making a submission to the Environmental Protection Authority, you should use form 16B.

The closing date for serving submissions on the consent authority is the 20th working day after the date on which public or limited notification is given. If the application is subject to limited notification, the consent authority may adopt an earlier closing date for submissions once the consent authority receives responses from all affected persons.

You must serve a copy of your submission on the applicant as soon as is reasonably practicable after you have served your submission on the consent authority.

If you are a trade competitor, your right to make a submission may be limited by the trade competition provisions in Part 11A of the Resource Management Act 1991.

If you make a request under section 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991, you must do so in writing no later than 5 working days after the close of submissions and you may be liable to meet or contribute to the costs of the hearings commissioner or commissioners. You may not make a request under section 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991 in relation to an application for a coastal permit to carry out an activity that a regional coastal plan describes as a restricted coastal activity.

Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that at least 1 of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):

- it is frivolous or vexatious;
- it discloses no reasonable or relevant case;
- it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further;
- it contains offensive language;
- it is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

REASONS FOR SUBMISSION

Economic

- The proposed mineral sands operation has already benefitted the local community in the form of accommodating people who have carried out assessments on the property to provide the reports include in the applicant's submission. This included time within the pandemic when tourism was non-existent.
- The economic benefits of the mine will affect the immediate community, the Grey District and West Coast region. These include \$63 million of export earnings per year, once fully operational, and boosting Grey District's exports by 46% per year.
- TiGa's Economic Impacts report estimates the mine will create 57 directly employed jobs and 80 new support jobs elsewhere in the economy, the majority of which are likely to be filled by local or regional residents. Mining jobs are amongst the highest paid on the West Coast and contribute to a higher wage economy for our community.
- The applicant has signalled the use of local businesses throughout the life of mining operations.

Environment

- Mining activities are a common and anticipated part of the rural environment on the West Coast and in the Grey District. This is recognised in local planning documents such as the West Coast Regional Policy Statement, the Grey District Plan and the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan. The latter includes a Minerals Extraction Zone, within which the proposed TiGa site is included.
- The land in question is privately owned farmland. The site has, in the past, obviously been extensively contoured with heavy machinery to aid drainage. It is not virgin land and does not contain any significant native flora or fauna as per the expert reports included in the TiGa Minerals Ltd application.
- TiGa's application assesses environmental effects, including assessments carried out by relevant experts. TiGa demonstrates that the proposed activity can be managed acceptably. A range of conditions will be able to be imposed on a resource consent to ensure the activity does not give rise to unacceptable environmental impacts.
- The impacts of mining activities are well known and can be managed via appropriate conditions and monitoring. The resource consent application and volunteered conditions appropriately deal with any actual and potential adverse effects.
- The proposed activity has progressive rehabilitation which will restore the land back to productive farmland which will be more easily farmed due to enhanced drainage.
- Native plantings will be carried out on the site providing habitat for native fauna, enhancement of the historic mining lagoon on the beachfront of the site and other freshwater water bodies.
- Lighting, traffic movements and extensive monitoring will be put in place to guard against any negative affects to the at-risk Westland Black Petrel that is located in the area.
- Extensive avian protection and monitoring will take place as per the report by EcoLogical Solutions provided in the TiGa Minerals Ltd application.
- The mine site is set well back from the ocean frontage and the rehabilitation plan shows that the land will be returned back to its original height above sea level. Therefore, guarding against sea inundation and erosion.

Traffic

- The proposed mine site is situated on a state highway that services both Westport and Greymouth. It is already used by heavy traffic. As per the report by Novo Group "Overall, the proposal can be supported from a traffic perspective and the effects on the traffic environment can be considered as being less than minor."