

TiGa Minerals and Metals Ltd

Submission on Applications for West Coast Regional Council Resource Consent RC-2023-0146

and Grey District Council Resource Consent LUN3154/23

Pursuant to s96 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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We **support** the applications referenced within this document and **wish to be heard** in support of this submission at any hearing that may be held.

If others make a similar submission **we are willing to make a joint case** with them at any hearing.

We wish to receive **electronic** copies of the s42A Officer's Report and Decision.

We **have** served a copy of my / our submission on the Applicant as per s96(6)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Reasons for Submission

- The proposed mineral sands operation will bring economic and community benefits to the Grey District and West Coast region. There will be a number of jobs created as a direct result of the Barrytown operation and these jobs will have flow on benefits into the district and communities. Mining jobs are among the highest paid jobs on the West Coast and contribute towards a higher wage economy for our community. This project will have significant regional economic and social benefits.
- 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 which has a separate Minerals Extraction Zone, which the site is included.
- We support the growth of a new long term mineral sand industry on the West Coast, and TiGa will be a key part of this industry.
- While there are clear and significant economic, district and regional benefits from the proposed project, it is also important that the minerals sands activity does not have unacceptable adverse effects on the environment.
- The application assesses environmental effects, including providing a number of assessments undertaken by relevant experts, and demonstrates that the proposed activity can be managed

in an acceptable manner. We consider that a range of conditions will be able to be imposed on a resource consent giving appropriate parameters to ensure the activity does not give rise to unacceptable adverse effects.

- The effects of mining activities are well known and can be managed via appropriate conditions and monitoring. The resource consent application and volunteered conditions put forward by the applicant appropriately deal with any actual and potential adverse effects that may be caused by the proposed activity.
- The proposed activity is relatively small scale in nature, has progressive rehabilitation and is short term in duration. It lies within the rural zone where activities with similar effects can occur without resource consent (land development, agricultural activities).
- The short-term mining activity is an efficient use of this agricultural land that will not compromise its long term agricultural use, and does not involve any vegetation clearance.
- TiGa has shown a commitment to ensuring the activity is well planned and managed, and that any unacceptable environmental effects are addressed.
- The applicant has signalled the use of local businesses throughout the life of mining operations which is supported.

We seek the following decision from the Consent Authorities:

That the application be **granted** in its entirety.

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