# SUBMISSION ON AN APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT UNDER SECTION 96 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

CONSENT NUMBER: WCRC: RC-2023-0046, GDC: LUN3154/23

APPLICANT: 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

Signature of the submitter: Katerina Zuzanna Seligman. (No signature required as this form will be sent by e-mail / electronically.)

Date: 30th September 2023.

I oppose the application

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

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

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

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

I have read the information supplied by Regional Council and Grey District Council re making a submission. in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the Privacy Act 1993, and understand that my information may be disclosed to other people who request it in accordance with the terms of these Acts.

# My submission

## I OPPOSE THE APPLICATION AND SEEK FROM THE LOCAL AUTHORITY THAT THE APPLICATION BE DECLINED IN ITS ENTIRETY

#### **MY REASONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Health and Safety

- SH6 likely to become much more dangerous
- -The local community and wildlife are likely to suffer from dust, noise, and light pollution
- -There would be adverse effects on mental health in the community as a result of ongoing threats to the quiet enjoyment of the area

#### **Climate:**

- -The proposal is emission intensive, from diesel fueled trucking and open cast mining
- Carbon emissions from the proposal would be significant during the current serious climate crisis
- The application lacks an emissions report.

### **Cycling:**

- -The significant increase in heavy truck movements associated with the mine will create further dangers for cyclists.
- -The loss of safe cycling opportunities will have negative impacts on people's health and well-being, their cost of living and emission reduction

**Environmental considerations:** The proposed mining activities would cause disturbance through noise, lighting, dust, vibration, truck movements, waterway sedimentation loading, excavation, and alteration of the hydrology, and would therefore have adverse effects on indigenous flora and fauna and their habitats. The proposal is inconsistent with the requirement of Policy 11 of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement (NZCPS) to avoid adverse effects on threatened or at-risk indigenous species and their habitats

#### Nature tourism

- -Industrial mining would both contradict, and jeopardize, the WCRC's own "*Untamed Natural Wilderness*" strategy, which promotes West Coast's most valuable asset: its natural environment. Natural resources and attractions are increasingly important worldwide and are a permanent investment in the economic health of the community.
- West Coast cited as one of world's Top 10 regions to visit: Frequent mining trucks would discourage people who currently visit annually. Nature Tourism, in conjunction

with innovative low emission business development, offers the most sustainable future for the West Coast. Tourism provides ample employment opportunities and is essential to the flourishing economy of the West Coast. The mining, if it were to go ahead, would undermine the economic well being of the area and would impact negatively on the people living there as well as the visitors.