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Attn: Mr Ken Landaus

Dear Mr Landaus

This letter is to inform you that on Monday 17 June the Minister in Charge of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations, Hon Doug Graham, will be announcing that the Crown and Ngai Tahu have agreed to recommence negotiations towards a comprehensive settlement of all claims made by, or on behalf of, Ngai Tahu against the Crown under the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975.

In recognition of the long process of negotiation which has already taken place between the parties and as a sign of good faith and a demonstration of the Crown's goodwill, the Crown has agreed to provide certain redress to Ngai Tahu on an "on account" basis, and Ngai Tahu has accepted this offer.

The offer includes the vesting in Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu of the Crown's current rights to Pounamu (greenstone). This does not include privately owned Pounamu in land held under Victorian title. Pounamu is defined as bowenite, nephrite and serpentine occurring in its natural condition in the land.

All current licences relating to Pounamu (greenstone) will continue until they expire and the Crown will continue to manage these existing licences. Any royalties collected from these licences will be paid to Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu.

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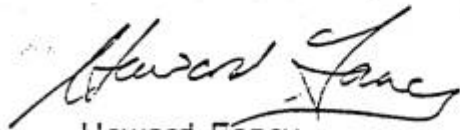
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For existing licence holders there will in effect be no change, as existing rights will continue until they expire. However applications currently lodged for licences or permits relating to Pounamu will not be able to be granted.

The Minister of Energy will be writing to you shortly setting out the Government's decision in more detail.

Yours sincerely



Howard Fancy
Secretary of Commerce

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