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Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 3 November 2021 for a copy of the Assessment Report ("**Report**") in relation to case 202000593, being an application by Gresham House Forest Carbon (NZ) Limited and Gresham House Forest Carbon (NZ) LP ("**Applicants**") to acquire 100% of the shares in NZCF (Invest1) Limited.

Some of the information you have requested is contained in the **enclosed** Report.

However, some information relating to the commercial details of the investment or the Applicants has been withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act 1982 ("**Act**") as release would unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of either the Applicants, or the vendor, or both.

Also some information relating to the ownership of the Applicants has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act (as withholding this information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons) and s9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act (as release would unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the Applicants).

The details of OIO staff members has been withheld under s9(2)(g)(ii) of the Act to ensure the protection of those staff from improper pressure or harassment.

We are of the view that the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make that information available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the Overseas Investment Office by email: <u>oio@linz.govt.nz</u>.

Yours sincerely

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