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Dear [s 9(2)(a)]

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 11 February 2022 for the following:

- “the application by Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Ltd – Case 202100008 to acquire land at Waihi to build a portal for its proposed Wharekairauponga mine and tunnel, and the Ministerial decision on the application; including any conditions for the transaction”; and
- “any other current applications by Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Ltd to acquire land in the Waikato and Coromandel area which are being considered and have yet to be decided by the OIO or Ministers”.

Some of the information you have requested is enclosed. However, information relating to the vendor and information that may lead to the identification of the vendor have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act to protect the privacy of natural persons. This includes details of the land that is being acquired. Due to the nature and location of that land, the release of that information could easily lead to the identification of the vendor. Information relating to Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited’s personnel and consultants have also been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

The following information have been withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act:

- the details of the Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited’s future locations of operations;
- the estimated timing and commercial spend for infrastructure; and
- information pertaining to Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited’s staff, supplier, and purchaser.

The release of this information would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited. This would impact Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited's future commercial negotiation position, reveal confidential commercial information to competitors, and impact their tender process for services.

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact oiio@linz.govt.nz

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 www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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