

# **Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review**

**Lease name: MT ASPIRING STATION**

**Lease number: PO 231**

## **Substantive Proposal - Part 2**

The report attached is released under the Official Information Act 1982.

**January**

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**Appendix 4: Grazing Concession One (GC1) – Mill Creek**

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Concession number: \_\_\_\_\_

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

Between

MINISTER OF CONSERVATION  
("the Grantor")

and

MT ASPIRING COMPANY LIMITED  
("the Concessionaire")

GRAZING CONCESSION  
UNDER CROWN PASTORAL LAND ACT 1998



Department of Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*

THIS LICENCE is made this day of

**PARTIES:**

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2. **MT ASPIRING COMPANY LIMITED**  
("the Concessionaire")

**BACKGROUND**

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- C. The Concessionaire wishes to carry out the Concession Activity on the Land subject to the terms and conditions of this Document.

**OPERATIVE PARTS**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**1.0 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

1.1 In this Document, unless the context otherwise requires:

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“**Structure**” includes a bridge, a culvert, and a fence.

“**Term**” means the period of time specified in Item 3 of Schedule 1 during which this Document operates. It includes, where relevant, any period of renewal of the Term.

“**Working Day**” means the period between any one midnight and the next excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory holidays in the place where the Concession Activity is being carried out.

1.2 In this Document unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) a reference to a party is a reference to a party to this Document;
- (b) schedules and annexures form part of this Document and have effect accordingly;
- (c) words appearing in this Document which also appear in Schedule 1 mean and include the details appearing after them in that Schedule;
- (d) a provision of this Document to be performed by two or more persons binds those persons jointly and severally;
- (e) words in a singular number include the plural and vice versa;
- (f) words importing a gender include other genders;
- (g) references to a statute or statutory provision, or order or regulation made under it, include that statute, provision, or regulation as amended, modified, re-enacted or replaced from time to time whether before or after the date of this Document;
- (h) where the Grantor's consent or approval is expressly required under a provision of this Document, the Concessionaire must seek the consent or approval of the Grantor for each separate occasion it is required notwithstanding that the Grantor has granted consent or approval for a like purpose on a prior occasion.

1.3 Words used in the Background to this Document have the same meaning given to them in clause 1.1.

## **2.0 GRANT OF LICENCE**

2.1 In exercise of the Grantor's powers under either section 66 or section 68 of the Crown Pastoral Land Act 1998 (whichever is relevant in the circumstances) the Grantor **GRANTS** to the Concessionaire a **LICENCE** under either section 17Q(1) of the Conservation Act 1987 or section 59A of the Reserves Act 1977 (whichever is relevant in the circumstances) to carry out the Concession Activity on the Land subject to the terms and conditions contained in this Document.

## **3.0 TERM**

3.1 The Licence is for the Term specified in Item 3 of Schedule 1.

3.2 Unless otherwise specified in Items 4 and 5 of Schedule 1, if the Concessionaire has not been in breach of this Document and has given to the Grantor written notice to renew the Document at least three months before the end of the Term, the Grantor will, at the cost of the Concessionaire, renew the Document from the Renewal Date for the next Renewal Period on the following terms:

- (a) the new Concession Fee is to be agreed upon before the end of the Term or, failing agreement, is to be determined as though it were a Concession Fee Review under clause 6;
- (b) the Concession Fee is to be subject to review during the Renewal Period on each Concession Fee Review Date;
- (c) the renewed Document is otherwise to be in accordance with and subject to the covenants and agreements expressed and implied in this Document except that the Term of the Document and all renewals, if any, end on the Final Expiry Date;
- (d) pending the determination of the new Concession Fee, the Concessionaire is to pay the new Concession Fee proposed by the Grantor. Upon determination an appropriate adjustment is to be made to the Concession Fee.

## **4.0 CONCESSION FEE AND ADMINISTRATION FEE**

4.1 The Concessionaire must pay to the Grantor in the manner directed by the Grantor on or before the Concession Fee Payment Date specified in Item 7 of Schedule 1:

- (a) the Concession Fee plus GST specified in Item 6(a) of Schedule 1; and
- (b) the Administration Fee plus GST specified in Item 6(b) of Schedule 1.

4.2 If the Concessionaire defaults in payment of the Concession Fee and Administration Fee for 14 days after a Concession Fee Payment Date the Concessionaire is to pay interest on the unpaid Concession Fee and Administration Fee from the Concession Fee Payment Date until the date of payment at the Penalty Interest Rate specified in Item 8 of Schedule 1.

4.3 For purposes of clause 6.0, a reference to Concession Fee includes a reference to the Administration Fee.

## **5.0 OTHER CHARGES**

5.1 In addition to the Concession Fee and Administration Fee the Concessionaire must pay all rates, levies, taxes, duties, assessments, charges, and other outgoings which may be charged, levied, or reasonably assessed, or which become payable in relation to the Land as a result of the grant of this Licence.

**6.0 CONCESSION FEE AND ADMINISTRATION FEE REVIEW**

- 6.1 The Grantor will review the Concession Fee and the Administration Fee on the Concession Fee Review Dates.
- 6.2 The Grantor will commence the review not earlier than 3 months before a Concession Fee Review Date and no later than 9 months following the Concession Fee Review Date by giving written notice to the Concessionaire.
- 6.3 The notice must specify the Concession Fee which the Grantor considers to be the market value for the Concession Activity as at the Concession Fee Review Date having regard to the matters specified in section 17Y(2) of the Conservation Act 1987. The notice must also specify the Administration Fee which the Grantor intends to impose until the next Concession Fee Review Date.
- 6.4 If, within 28 days of receipt of the Grantor's notice, the Concessionaire gives written notice to the Grantor that the Concessionaire disputes the proposed new Concession Fee the new Concession Fee is to be determined in accordance with clause 18.
- 6.5 Until determination of the new Concession Fee, the Concession Fee payable by the Concessionaire from the Concession Fee Review Date is to be the Concession Fee payable immediately before the Concession Fee Review Date. On determination of the new Concession Fee an adjustment is to be made and paid, either by the Grantor or by the Concessionaire, whichever is applicable notwithstanding anything in this clause, the new Administration Fee will be payable by the Grantor upon receipt of the notice referred to in clause 6.3.
- 6.6 If the Concessionaire does not give notice to the Grantor under clause 6.4 the Concessionaire will be deemed to have accepted the Concession Fee specified in the Grantor's notice.

**7.0 CONCESSION ACTIVITY**

- 7.1 The Concessionaire is not to use the Land for any purpose other than the Concession Activity.

**8.0 COMPLIANCE**

- 8.1 The Concessionaire will comply where relevant:
- (a) with the provisions of any conservation management strategy or conservation management plan under Part IIIA of the Conservation Act 1987 together with any amendment or review of the strategy or plan whether approved before, on, or after the date on which this Document takes effect; and
  - (b) with the Conservation Act 1987, the Reserves Act 1977, the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, the Resource Management Act 1991, and any other statute, ordinance, regulation, bylaw, or other enactment affecting or relating to the Land, or affecting or relating to the Concession Activity.

**9.0 CONCESSIONAIRE'S STRUCTURES, FACILITIES AND LAND ALTERATIONS**

- 9.1 The Concessionaire must not erect or bring on to the Land any Structure, install any facility, or alter the Land in any way without the prior written consent of the Grantor.
- 9.2 The Concessionaire must keep and maintain at the Concessionaire's cost any Structures, facilities and alterations to the Land in good repair.
- 9.3 On expiry or early termination of this Document either as to the whole or any part of the Land, the Concessionaire will not be entitled to compensation for any improvements (including pasture) and any Structures or facilities remaining on the Land are to become the property of the Grantor.

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9.4 If requested by the Grantor, the Concessionaire must, within such time as the Grantor determines, remove all Structures, facilities or other improvements erected or installed by the Concessionaire and make good at the Concessionaire's own expense all damage done by the removal and must leave the Land in a clean and tidy condition to the satisfaction of the Grantor.

#### **10.0 PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

10.1 Except as approved in writing by the Grantor the Concessionaire will not, whether by act or omission:

- (a) interfere with, remove, damage, or endanger the natural features, indigenous animals and plants, or historic resources on the Land; or
- (b) bring any plants, or animals (other than farm stock described in Item 2 of Schedule 1, farm dogs and horses for purposes of the Concession Activity) on to the Land; or
- (c) deposit on the Land debris, rubbish or other dangerous or unsightly matter, or contaminate any water body on the Land; or
- (d) pile or store materials in any place on the Land where they may obstruct the public or create a nuisance; or
- (e) conduct any noxious, noisome, dangerous or offensive activity on the Land; or
- (f) top-dress, burn, sow seed, or carry out earthworks (including tracking, drainage or ditching) on the Land; or
- (g) disturb or allow stock to disturb any stream or watercourse on the Land; or
- (h) light any fire on the Land.

10.2 The Concessionaire, must at the Concessionaire's expense:

- (a) if required by the Grantor:
  - (i) take all steps necessary to control any pest, insect, or rodent infestation occurring on or emanating from the Land or any Structure or facility on the Land;
  - (ii) engage a pest exterminator approved by the Grantor; and
- (b) comply strictly with the provisions of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

10.3 The Concessionaire must ensure that the Concessionaire's employees, agents, contractors, licensees and invitees comply with the obligations imposed on the Concessionaire under clause 10.

10.4 The Concessionaire may bring firearms on to the Land for use in connection with the Concession Activity and pest control operations.

10.5 The Concessionaire for purposes of the Concession Activity may take onto or use farm vehicles on the Land on existing formed access tracks only.

#### **11.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY**

11.1 The Concessionaire is to carry out the Concession Activity on the Land in a safe and reliable manner and must comply with the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992 and its regulations.

11.2 The Concessionaire must notify the Grantor of any natural events or activities on the Land or the surrounding area which may endanger the public or the environment.



**12.0 TEMPORARY SUSPENSION**

12.1 The Grantor may suspend this Document:

- (a) if, in the opinion of the Grantor the activities of the Concessionaire, its employees, agents, contractors, licensees or invitees are having or may have an adverse effect on the environment and the Grantor considers that the effect can not be avoided, remedied or mitigated to an extent satisfactory to the Grantor;
- (b) while the Grantor investigates any of the circumstances contemplated by this clause and also while the Grantor investigates any potential breach or possible offence by the Concessionaire related to the Concession Activity under the Conservation Act 1987 or any of the Acts mentioned in the First Schedule of that Act of which the Grantor has become aware.

12.2 The Grantor is not liable to the Concessionaire for any loss sustained by the Concessionaire by reason of a suspension under clause 12.1 including loss of profits.

12.3 During any period of temporary suspension the Concession Fee payable by the Concessionaire is to abate in fair proportion to the loss of use by the Concessionaire of the Land.

**13.0 ASSIGNMENT**

13.1 The Concessionaire is not to transfer, sublicense, assign, mortgage or otherwise dispose of the Concessionaire's interest under this Document or any part of it without the prior written consent of the Grantor. The Grantor may, in the Grantor's discretion, decline to grant consent under this clause, however consent will not be unreasonably withheld.

13.2 If the Grantor gives consent under this clause the Concessionaire is to remain liable to observe and perform the terms and conditions of this Document throughout the Term and is to procure from the transferee, sublicensee, or assignee a covenant to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Document unless the Grantor otherwise provides in writing.

13.3 The Concessionaire must pay the costs reasonably incurred by the Grantor incidental to any application for consent, whether or not such consent is granted.

13.4 Any change in the shareholding of the Concessionaire altering the effective control of the Concessionaire will be deemed to be an assignment and will require the consent of the Grantor.

**14.0 TERMINATION**

14.1 The Grantor may terminate this Document by notice in writing to the Concessionaire if:

- (a) the Concession Fee or the Administration Fee or any other money payable to the Grantor under this Document is in arrears and unpaid for 14 days after any of the days appointed for payment whether it has been lawfully demanded or not; or
- (b) the Concessionaire breaches any terms of this Document; and
  - (i) the Grantor has notified the Concessionaire in writing of the breach; and
  - (ii) the Concessionaire does not rectify the breach within 28 days of receiving notification; or
- (c) the Concessionaire ceases to conduct the Concession Activity; or
- (d) the Concessionaire is convicted of an offence, related to the Concession Activity, under the Conservation Act 1987 or any of the Acts listed in the First Schedule to that Act; or the Resource Management Act 1991; or the Biosecurity Act 1993; or the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992; or

- (e) the Concessionaire is dissolved; or enters into any composition with or assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or is adjudged bankrupt; or being a company has a receiver appointed; or is put into liquidation; or is placed under statutory management; or has a petition for winding up presented against it; or is otherwise unable to pay its debts as they fall due; or the estate or interest of the Concessionaire is made subject to a writ of sale or charging order; or the Concessionaire cease to function or operate.

14.2 If the Grantor terminates the Document under this clause 14 all rights of the Concessionaire are to cease absolutely; but the Concessionaire is not to be released from any liability to pay the Concession Fee or Administration Fee or other monies up to the date of termination or for any breach of any term up to the date of termination.

14.3 The Grantor may exercise the Grantor's right under this clause to terminate the Concession notwithstanding any prior waiver or failure to take action by the Grantor or any indulgence granted by the Grantor for any matter or default.

#### **15.0 INDEMNITIES AND INSURANCE**

15.1 The Concessionaire will indemnify and keep indemnified the Grantor against all claims made by any person in respect of any injury, loss, or damage, including fire, caused or suffered as a result of or arising out of any acts or omissions of the Concessionaire, its employees, contractors, or invitees or otherwise caused as a result of its use of the Land or the Concessionaire's carrying out of the Concession Activity on the Land.

15.2 This indemnity is to continue after the expiry or other determination of this Document in respect of those acts or omissions occurring or arising before its expiry or determination.

15.3 Without prejudice to or in any way limiting its liability under clause 15.1 the Concessionaire must take out and keep in force during the Term if required by the Grantor:

- (a) a policy of public liability insurance against liability for loss, damage or injury from any one single accident or event arising out of its conduct of the Concession Activity on the Land and covering:

- (i) general indemnity for a sum not less than the amount specified in Item 10 of Schedule 1; and

- (ii) Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977 extension for a sum not less than the amount specified in Item 11 of Schedule 1; and

- (b) statutory liability insurance for the amount specified in Item 12 of Schedule 1; and

- (c) such other policy or policies of insurance against any other liability and for such other sums which the Grantor specifies in Item 13 of Schedule 1.

15.4 With respect to clause 15.3 the Concessionaire must, before commencing the Concession Activity and on each renewal of insurance, provide the Grantor with certificates of insurance issued by the Concessionaire's insurer confirming the nature, amount and duration of cover.

**16.0 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING**

16.1 The Concessionaire must, during the Term, if required in writing by the Grantor, pay to the Grantor the annual environmental monitoring contribution specified in Item 14 of Schedule 1 to enable the Grantor to design and undertake a programme to monitor the environmental effects of the Concessionaire's conduct of the Concession Activity on the Land.

**17.0 FORCE MAJEURE**

17.1 Neither party will be liable to the other party for any delay in performance of, or failure to perform, its obligations (other than a payment of money) under this Document as a result of any cause beyond its reasonable control.

**18.0 DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ARBITRATION**

18.1 If any dispute arises between the parties in connection with this Document, the parties must, without prejudice to any other rights they have under this Document, attempt to resolve the dispute by negotiation or other informal dispute resolution techniques agreed by the parties.

18.2 If the dispute is not capable of resolution by agreement within 14 days of written notice by one party to the other (or such further period as the parties may agree to in writing) either party may refer the dispute to mediation with a mediator agreed between the parties.

18.3 If the parties do not agree on a mediator, the President of the District Law Society in the region in which the Land is situated is to appoint the mediator.

18.4 In the event that the dispute is not resolved by mediation within 2 months of the date of referral to mediation the parties agree that the provisions of the Arbitration Act 1996 will apply.

18.5 Notwithstanding anything in the Arbitration Act 1996, if the parties do not agree on an arbitrator within 10 working days of a party giving written notice of the requirement to appoint an arbitrator the President of the District Law Society in the region in which the Land is situated is to appoint the arbitrator. In either case the arbitrator must not be a person who has participated in an informal dispute resolution procedure in respect of the dispute.

18.6 All arbitration proceedings are to take place in New Zealand and to be governed by New Zealand law.

18.7 The parties agree that the results of any arbitration are to be binding on the parties.

**19.0 NOTICES**

19.1 Any notice to be given under this Document by one party to the other is to be in writing and made by personal delivery, by pre-paid post or by facsimile addressed to the receiving party at the address or facsimile number set out in Item 15 of Schedule 1.

19.2 A notice given in accordance with clause 19.1 will be deemed to have been received:

- (a) in the case of personal delivery, on the date of delivery;
- (b) in the case of pre-paid post, on the third working day after posting;
- (c) in the case of facsimile, on the Working Day on which it is dispatched or, if dispatched after 5.00pm on a Working Day, or if dispatched on a non-working day, on the next Working Day after the date of dispatch.

**20.0 RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES**

20.1 Nothing expressed or implied in this Document shall be construed as:

- (a) conferring on the Concessionaire any right of exclusive occupation or use of the Land;
- (b) derogating from the rights of the Grantor and the public to have access across the Land;
- (c) preventing the Grantor from granting other concessions (except a grazing licence) to other persons.

20.2 The Concessionaire acknowledges that the Land is open to the public for access and that the Grantor may close public access during periods of high fire hazard.

**21.0 COSTS**

21.1 The Concessionaire must pay the Grantor's legal costs and expenses associated with preparing and signing this Document or any extension or variation to it.

21.2 The Concessionaire must pay in full immediately and on demand all costs and fees (including solicitor's costs and the fees of debt collecting agencies engaged by the Grantor) arising out of and associated with steps taken by the Grantor to enforce or attempt to enforce the Grantor's rights and powers under this Concession including the right to recover outstanding money owed to the Grantor.

**22.0 OFFENCES**

22.1 Where any breach of this Concession by the Concessionaire also constitutes an offence under the Conservation Act 1987 or any of the Acts listed in the First Schedule to that Act:

- (a) no waiver or failure to act by the Grantor under this Document is to preclude the Grantor from prosecuting the Concessionaire; and
- (b) no failure by the Grantor to prosecute the Concessionaire is to preclude the Grantor from exercising the Grantor's remedies under this Document; and
- (c) any action of the Grantor in prosecuting the Concessionaire is not to preclude the Grantor from exercising the Grantor's remedies under this Document.

**23.0 SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

23.1 Special conditions relating to this Document are set out in Schedule 2.

23.2 The standard conditions contained in this Document must be read subject to any special conditions.

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Signed by :

\_\_\_\_\_  
for and on behalf of  
the Minister of Conservation  
pursuant to a written delegation (or designation as the case may be)  
in the presence of :

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**SCHEDULE 1**

1. **Land:** Shown on the Designations Plan as a 650 ha portion of "CAI", marked as "Grazing Concession 1" and shaded pink. The area is known as Mill Creek.  
(see definition of Land in clause 1.1)
2. **Concession Activity:** Grazing of 250 mixed age steers between January and April each year. (see definition of Concession Activity in clause 1.1)
3. **Term:** 10 years commencing on the date of settlement of the tenure review.  
(see clause 3)
4. (a) **Renewal Date:** Not to be renewed (see clause 3.2)  
(b) **Renewal Period:** NA (see clause 3.2)
5. **Final Expiry Date:** 10 years from settlement of the tenure review. (see clause 3.2)
6. (a) **Concession Fee:** \$6.00 per stock unit per annum + GST where:  
R1yr Steer = 4 SU  
R2yr Steer = 5 SU  
R3yr Steer = 5.5 SU  
Where a return is submitted as specified in special condition 2, the grazing fee will be charged on actual numbers carried only.  
(b) **Administration Fee:** \$100 per annum + GST (see clause 4)
7. **Concession Fee Payment Date:** (see clause 4)  
On or before the date specified on the invoice generated by the Grantor
8. **Penalty Interest Rate:** (see clause 4.2)  
Double the Grantor's bank's current highest 90 day bank bill buy rate
9. **Concession Fee Review Date:** Every 3 years. (see clause 6)
10. **Public Liability General Indemnity Cover:** (see clause 15.3)  
for \$1,000,000.00
11. **Public Liability Forest & Rural Fire Extension:** (see clause 15.3)  
for \$1,000,000.00
12. **Statutory Liability Insurance:** (see clause 15.3)  
Amount \$250,000.00
13. **Other Types of Insurance:** (see clause 15.3)  
**Amounts Insured for Other Types of Insurances:** (see clause 15.3)  
Amount
14. **Environmental Monitoring Contribution:** \$0 \_\_\_\_\_ (see clause 16)
15. **Address for Notices (including facsimile number):** (see clause 19)  
(a) Grantor: C/- PO Box 5244, Dunedin. (03) 4778 626  
(b) Concessionaire: Mt Aspiring Co Ltd, C/- John and Sue Aspinall, P.O. Box 94, Wanaka. (03)

**Appendix 5: Grazing Concession Two (GC2) – Cattle Face**





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**“Structure”** includes a bridge, a culvert, and a fence.

**“Term”** means the period of time specified in Item 3 of Schedule 1 during which this Document operates. It includes, where relevant, any period of renewal of the Term.

**“Working Day”** means the period between any one midnight and the next excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory holidays in the place where the Concession Activity is being carried out.

1.2 In this Document unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) a reference to a party is a reference to a party to this Document;
- (b) schedules and annexures form part of this Document and have effect accordingly;
- (c) words appearing in this Document which also appear in Schedule 1 mean and include the details appearing after them in that Schedule;
- (d) a provision of this Document to be performed by two or more persons binds those persons jointly and severally;
- (e) words in a singular number include the plural and vice versa;
- (f) words importing a gender include other genders;
- (g) references to a statute or statutory provision, or order or regulation made under it, include that statute, provision, or regulation as amended, modified, re-enacted or replaced from time to time whether before or after the date of this Document;
- (h) where the Grantor's consent or approval is expressly required under a provision of this Document, the Concessionaire must seek the consent or approval of the Grantor for each separate occasion it is required notwithstanding that the Grantor has granted consent or approval for a like purpose on a prior occasion.

1.3 Words used in the Background to this Document have the same meaning given to them in clause 1.1.

## **2.0 GRANT OF LICENCE**

2.1 In exercise of the Grantor's powers under either section 66 or section 68 of the Crown Pastoral Land Act 1998 (whichever is relevant in the circumstances) the Grantor **GRANTS** to the Concessionaire a **LICENCE** under either section 17Q(1) of the Conservation Act 1987 or section 59A of the Reserves Act 1977 (whichever is relevant in the circumstances) to carry out the Concession Activity on the Land subject to the terms and conditions contained in this Document.

## **3.0 TERM**

3.1 The Licence is for the Term specified in Item 3 of Schedule 1.

3.2 Unless otherwise specified in Items 4 and 5 of Schedule 1, if the Concessionaire has not been in breach of this Document and has given to the Grantor written notice to renew the Document at least three months before the end of the Term, the Grantor will, at the cost of the Concessionaire, renew the Document from the Renewal Date for the next Renewal Period on the following terms:

- (a) the new Concession Fee is to be agreed upon before the end of the Term or, failing agreement, is to be determined as though it were a Concession Fee Review under clause 6;
- (b) the Concession Fee is to be subject to review during the Renewal Period on each Concession Fee Review Date;
- (c) the renewed Document is otherwise to be in accordance with and subject to the covenants and agreements expressed and implied in this Document except that the Term of the Document and all renewals, if any, end on the Final Expiry Date;
- (d) pending the determination of the new Concession Fee, the Concessionaire is to pay the new Concession Fee proposed by the Grantor. Upon determination an appropriate adjustment is to be made to the Concession Fee.

## **4.0 CONCESSION FEE AND ADMINISTRATION FEE**

4.1 The Concessionaire must pay to the Grantor in the manner directed by the Grantor on or before the Concession Fee Payment Date specified in Item 7 of Schedule 1:

- (a) the Concession Fee plus GST specified in Item 6(a) of Schedule 1; and
- (b) the Administration Fee plus GST specified in Item 6(b) of Schedule 1.

4.2 If the Concessionaire defaults in payment of the Concession Fee and Administration Fee for 14 days after a Concession Fee Payment Date the Concessionaire is to pay interest on the unpaid Concession Fee and Administration Fee from the Concession Fee Payment Date until the date of payment at the Penalty Interest Rate specified in Item 8 of Schedule 1.

4.3 For purposes of clause 6.0, a reference to Concession Fee includes a reference to the Administration Fee.

## **5.0 OTHER CHARGES**

5.1 In addition to the Concession Fee and Administration Fee the Concessionaire must pay all rates, levies, taxes, duties, assessments, charges, and other outgoings which may be charged, levied, or reasonably assessed, or which become payable in relation to the Land as a result of the grant of this Licence.

## **6.0 CONCESSION FEE AND ADMINISTRATION FEE REVIEW**

- 6.1 The Grantor will review the Concession Fee and the Administration Fee on the Concession Fee Review Dates.
- 6.2 The Grantor will commence the review not earlier than 3 months before a Concession Fee Review Date and no later than 9 months following the Concession Fee Review Date by giving written notice to the Concessionaire.
- 6.3 The notice must specify the Concession Fee which the Grantor considers to be the market value for the Concession Activity as at the Concession Fee Review Date having regard to the matters specified in section 17Y(2) of the Conservation Act 1987. The notice must also specify the Administration Fee which the Grantor intends to impose until the next Concession Fee Review Date.
- 6.4 If, within 28 days of receipt of the Grantor's notice, the Concessionaire gives written notice to the Grantor that the Concessionaire disputes the proposed new Concession Fee the new Concession Fee is to be determined in accordance with clause 18.
- 6.5 Until determination of the new Concession Fee, the Concession Fee payable by the Concessionaire from the Concession Fee Review Date is to be the Concession Fee payable immediately before the Concession Fee Review Date. On determination of the new Concession Fee an adjustment is to be made and paid, either by the Grantor or by the Concessionaire, whichever is applicable notwithstanding anything in this clause, the new Administration Fee will be payable by the Grantor upon receipt of the notice referred to in clause 6.3.
- 6.6 If the Concessionaire does not give notice to the Grantor under clause 6.4 the Concessionaire will be deemed to have accepted the Concession Fee specified in the Grantor's notice.

## **7.0 CONCESSION ACTIVITY**

- 7.1 The Concessionaire is not to use the Land for any purpose other than the Concession Activity.

## **8.0 COMPLIANCE**

- 8.1 The Concessionaire will comply where relevant:
- (a) with the provisions of any conservation management strategy or conservation management plan under Part IIIA of the Conservation Act 1987 together with any amendment or review of the strategy or plan whether approved before, on, or after the date on which this Document takes effect; and
  - (b) with the Conservation Act 1987, the Reserves Act 1977, the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, the Resource Management Act 1991, and any other statute, ordinance, regulation, bylaw, or other enactment affecting or relating to the Land, or affecting or relating to the Concession Activity.

## **9.0 CONCESSIONAIRE'S STRUCTURES, FACILITIES AND LAND ALTERATIONS**

- 9.1 The Concessionaire must not erect or bring on to the Land any Structure, install any facility, or alter the Land in any way without the prior written consent of the Grantor.
- 9.2 The Concessionaire must keep and maintain at the Concessionaire's cost any Structures, facilities and alterations to the Land in good repair.
- 9.3 On expiry or early termination of this Document either as to the whole or any part of the Land, the Concessionaire will not be entitled to compensation for any improvements (including pasture) and any Structures or facilities remaining on the Land are to become the property of the Grantor.

9.4 If requested by the Grantor, the Concessionaire must, within such time as the Grantor determines, remove all Structures, facilities or other improvements erected or installed by the Concessionaire and make good at the Concessionaire's own expense all damage done by the removal and must leave the Land in a clean and tidy condition to the satisfaction of the Grantor.

## **10.0 PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

10.1 Except as approved in writing by the Grantor the Concessionaire will not, whether by act or omission:

- (a) interfere with, remove, damage, or endanger the natural features, indigenous animals and plants, or historic resources on the Land; or
- (b) bring any plants, or animals (other than farm stock described in Item 2 of Schedule 1, farm dogs and horses for purposes of the Concession Activity) on to the Land; or
- (c) deposit on the Land debris, rubbish or other dangerous or unsightly matter, or contaminate any water body on the Land; or
- (d) pile or store materials in any place on the Land where they may obstruct the public or create a nuisance; or
- (e) conduct any noxious, noisome, dangerous or offensive activity on the Land; or
- (f) top-dress, burn, sow seed, or carry out earthworks (including tracking, drainage or ditching) on the Land; or
- (g) disturb or allow stock to disturb any stream or watercourse on the Land; or
- (h) light any fire on the Land.

10.2 The Concessionaire, must at the Concessionaire's expense:

- (a) if required by the Grantor:
  - (i) take all steps necessary to control any pest, insect, or rodent infestation occurring on or emanating from the Land or any Structure or facility on the Land;
  - (ii) engage a pest exterminator approved by the Grantor; and
- (b) comply strictly with the provisions of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

10.3 The Concessionaire must ensure that the Concessionaire's employees, agents, contractors, licensees and invitees comply with the obligations imposed on the Concessionaire under clause 10.

10.4 The Concessionaire may bring firearms on to the Land for use in connection with the Concession Activity and pest control operations.

10.5 The Concessionaire for purposes of the Concession Activity may take onto or use farm vehicles on the Land on existing formed access tracks only.

## **11.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY**

11.1 The Concessionaire is to carry out the Concession Activity on the Land in a safe and reliable manner and must comply with the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992 and its regulations.

11.2 The Concessionaire must notify the Grantor of any natural events or activities on the Land or the surrounding area which may endanger the public or the environment.

## **12.0 TEMPORARY SUSPENSION**

12.1 The Grantor may suspend this Document:

- (a) if, in the opinion of the Grantor the activities of the Concessionaire, its employees, agents, contractors, licensees or invitees are having or may have an adverse effect on the environment and the Grantor considers that the effect can not be avoided, remedied or mitigated to an extent satisfactory to the Grantor;
- (b) while the Grantor investigates any of the circumstances contemplated by this clause and also while the Grantor investigates any potential breach or possible offence by the Concessionaire related to the Concession Activity under the Conservation Act 1987 or any of the Acts mentioned in the First Schedule of that Act of which the Grantor has become aware.

12.2 The Grantor is not liable to the Concessionaire for any loss sustained by the Concessionaire by reason of a suspension under clause 12.1 including loss of profits.

12.3 During any period of temporary suspension the Concession Fee payable by the Concessionaire is to abate in fair proportion to the loss of use by the Concessionaire of the Land.

## **13.0 ASSIGNMENT**

13.1 The Concessionaire is not to transfer, sublicense, assign, mortgage or otherwise dispose of the Concessionaire's interest under this Document or any part of it without the prior written consent of the Grantor. The Grantor may, in the Grantor's discretion, decline to grant consent under this clause, however consent will not be unreasonably withheld.

13.2 If the Grantor gives consent under this clause the Concessionaire is to remain liable to observe and perform the terms and conditions of this Document throughout the Term and is to procure from the transferee, sublicensee, or assignee a covenant to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Document unless the Grantor otherwise provides in writing.

13.3 The Concessionaire must pay the costs reasonably incurred by the Grantor incidental to any application for consent, whether or not such consent is granted.

13.4 Any change in the shareholding of the Concessionaire altering the effective control of the Concessionaire will be deemed to be an assignment and will require the consent of the Grantor.

## **14.0 TERMINATION**

14.1 The Grantor may terminate this Document by notice in writing to the Concessionaire if:

- (a) the Concession Fee or the Administration Fee or any other money payable to the Grantor under this Document is in arrears and unpaid for 14 days after any of the days appointed for payment whether it has been lawfully demanded or not; or
- (b) the Concessionaire breaches any terms of this Document; and
  - (i) the Grantor has notified the Concessionaire in writing of the breach; and
  - (ii) the Concessionaire does not rectify the breach within 28 days of receiving notification; or
- (c) the Concessionaire ceases to conduct the Concession Activity; or
- (d) the Concessionaire is convicted of an offence, related to the Concession Activity, under the Conservation Act 1987 or any of the Acts listed in the First Schedule to that Act; or the Resource Management Act 1991; or the Biosecurity Act 1993; or the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992; or

- (e) the Concessionaire is dissolved; or enters into any composition with or assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or is adjudged bankrupt; or being a company has a receiver appointed; or is put into liquidation; or is placed under statutory management; or has a petition for winding up presented against it; or is otherwise unable to pay its debts as they fall due; or the estate or interest of the Concessionaire is made subject to a writ of sale or charging order; or the Concessionaire cease to function or operate.

14.2 If the Grantor terminates the Document under this clause 14 all rights of the Concessionaire are to cease absolutely; but the Concessionaire is not to be released from any liability to pay the Concession Fee or Administration Fee or other monies up to the date of termination or for any breach of any term up to the date of termination.

14.3 The Grantor may exercise the Grantor's right under this clause to terminate the Concession notwithstanding any prior waiver or failure to take action by the Grantor or any indulgence granted by the Grantor for any matter or default.

**15.0 INDEMNITIES AND INSURANCE**

15.1 The Concessionaire will indemnify and keep indemnified the Grantor against all claims made by any person in respect of any injury, loss, or damage, including fire, caused or suffered as a result of or arising out of any acts or omissions of the Concessionaire, its employees, contractors, or invitees or otherwise caused as a result of its use of the Land or the Concessionaire's carrying out of the Concession Activity on the Land.

15.2 This indemnity is to continue after the expiry or other determination of this Document in respect of those acts or omissions occurring or arising before its expiry or determination.

15.3 Without prejudice to or in any way limiting its liability under clause 15.1 the Concessionaire must take out and keep in force during the Term if required by the Grantor:

- (a) a policy of public liability insurance against liability for loss, damage or injury from any one single accident or event arising out of its conduct of the Concession Activity on the Land and covering:
  - (i) general indemnity for a sum not less than the amount specified in Item 10 of Schedule 1; and
  - (ii) Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977 extension for a sum not less than the amount specified in Item 11 of Schedule 1; and
- (b) statutory liability insurance for the amount specified in Item 12 of Schedule 1; and
- (c) such other policy or policies of insurance against any other liability and for such other sums which the Grantor specifies in Item 13 of Schedule 1.

15.4 With respect to clause 15.3 the Concessionaire must, before commencing the Concession Activity and on each renewal of insurance, provide the Grantor with certificates of insurance issued by the Concessionaire's insurer confirming the nature, amount and duration of cover.



**16.0 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING**

16.1 The Concessionaire must, during the Term, if required in writing by the Grantor, pay to the Grantor the annual environmental monitoring contribution specified in Item 14 of Schedule 1 to enable the Grantor to design and undertake a programme to monitor the environmental effects of the Concessionaire's conduct of the Concession Activity on the Land.

**17.0 FORCE MAJEURE**

17.1 Neither party will be liable to the other party for any delay in performance of, or failure to perform, its obligations (other than a payment of money) under this Document as a result of any cause beyond its reasonable control.

**18.0 DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ARBITRATION**

18.1 If any dispute arises between the parties in connection with this Document, the parties must, without prejudice to any other rights they have under this Document, attempt to resolve the dispute by negotiation or other informal dispute resolution techniques agreed by the parties.

18.2 If the dispute is not capable of resolution by agreement within 14 days of written notice by one party to the other (or such further period as the parties may agree to in writing) either party may refer the dispute to mediation with a mediator agreed between the parties.

18.3 If the parties do not agree on a mediator, the President of the District Law Society in the region in which the Land is situated is to appoint the mediator.

18.4 In the event that the dispute is not resolved by mediation within 2 months of the date of referral to mediation the parties agree that the provisions of the Arbitration Act 1996 will apply.

18.5 Notwithstanding anything in the Arbitration Act 1996, if the parties do not agree on an arbitrator within 10 working days of a party giving written notice of the requirement to appoint an arbitrator the President of the District Law Society in the region in which the Land is situated is to appoint the arbitrator. In either case the arbitrator must not be a person who has participated in an informal dispute resolution procedure in respect of the dispute.

18.6 All arbitration proceedings are to take place in New Zealand and to be governed by New Zealand law.

18.7 The parties agree that the results of any arbitration are to be binding on the parties.

**19.0 NOTICES**

19.1 Any notice to be given under this Document by one party to the other is to be in writing and made by personal delivery, by pre-paid post or by facsimile addressed to the receiving party at the address or facsimile number set out in Item 15 of Schedule 1.

19.2 A notice given in accordance with clause 19.1 will be deemed to have been received:

- (a) in the case of personal delivery, on the date of delivery;
- (b) in the case of pre-paid post, on the third working day after posting;
- (c) in the case of facsimile, on the Working Day on which it is dispatched or, if dispatched after 5.00pm on a Working Day, or if dispatched on a non-working day, on the next Working Day after the date of dispatch.

## **20.0 RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES**

20.1 Nothing expressed or implied in this Document shall be construed as:

- (a) conferring on the Concessionaire any right of exclusive occupation or use of the Land;
- (b) derogating from the rights of the Grantor and the public to have access across the Land;
- (c) preventing the Grantor from granting other concessions (except a grazing licence) to other persons.

20.2 The Concessionaire acknowledges that the Land is open to the public for access and that the Grantor may close public access during periods of high fire hazard.

## **21.0 COSTS**

21.1 The Concessionaire must pay the Grantor's legal costs and expenses associated with preparing and signing this Document or any extension or variation to it.

21.2 The Concessionaire must pay in full immediately and on demand all costs and fees (including solicitor's costs and the fees of debt collecting agencies engaged by the Grantor) arising out of and associated with steps taken by the Grantor to enforce or attempt to enforce the Grantor's rights and powers under this Concession including the right to recover outstanding money owed to the Grantor.

## **22.0 OFFENCES**

22.1 Where any breach of this Concession by the Concessionaire also constitutes an offence under the Conservation Act 1987 or any of the Acts listed in the First Schedule to that Act:

- (a) no waiver or failure to act by the Grantor under this Document is to preclude the Grantor from prosecuting the Concessionaire; and
- (b) no failure by the Grantor to prosecute the Concessionaire is to preclude the Grantor from exercising the Grantor's remedies under this Document; and
- (c) any action of the Grantor in prosecuting the Concessionaire is not to preclude the Grantor from exercising the Grantor's remedies under this Document.

## **23.0 SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

23.1 Special conditions relating to this Document are set out in Schedule 2.

23.2 The standard conditions contained in this Document must be read subject to any special conditions.

Signed by :

\_\_\_\_\_  
for and on behalf of  
the Minister of Conservation  
pursuant to a written delegation (or designation as the case may be)  
in the presence of :

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by :

\_\_\_\_\_  
as Concessionaire  
in the presence of :

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE 1**

1. **Land:** Shown on the Designations Plan as 180 ha portion of “CA1”, marked as “Grazing Concession 2” and shaded pink. The area is known as Cattle Face. The concession extends from the bush edge to 1100m, and between the old PL boundary to the north and a major bluff at grid ref F39 327N to the south.  
(see definition of Land in clause 1.1)
2. **Concession Activity:** Grazing of 180 steers between May to October each year for the first 10 years. For the remaining 5 years 100 steers may be grazed between May to October each year. (see definition of Concession Activity in clause 1.1)
3. **Term:** 15 years commencing on the date of settlement of the tenure review.  
(see clause 3)
4. (a) **Renewal Date:** Not to be renewed (see clause 3.2)
- (b) **Renewal Period:** NA (see clause 3.2)
5. **Final Expiry Date:** 15 years from settlement of the tenure review. (see clause 3.2)
6. (a) **Concession Fee:** \$6.00 per stock unit per annum + GST where:  

R1yr Steer = 4 SU
R2yr Steer = 5 SU
R3yr Steer = 5.5 SU

Where a return is submitted as specified in special condition 2, the grazing fee will be charged on actual numbers carried only.
- (b) **Administration Fee:** \$100 per annum + GST (see clause 4)
7. **Concession Fee Payment Date:** (see clause 4)  
On or before the date specified on the invoice generated by the Grantor
8. **Penalty Interest Rate:** (see clause 4.2)  
Double the Grantor’s bank’s current highest 90 day bank bill buy rate
9. **Concession Fee Review Date:** Every 3 years (see clause 6)
10. **Public Liability General Indemnity Cover:** (see clause 15.3)  
for \$1,000,000.00
11. **Public Liability Forest & Rural Fire Extension:** (see clause 15.3)  
for \$1,000,000.00
12. **Statutory Liability Insurance:** (see clause 15.3)  
Amount \$250,000.00
13. **Other Types of Insurance:** (see clause 15.3)  
  
**Amounts Insured for Other Types of Insurances:** (see clause 15.3)  
Amount
14. **Environmental Monitoring Contribution:** \$0\_\_\_\_\_ (see clause 16)
15. **Address for Notices (including facsimile number):** (see clause 19)

- (a) Grantor: C/- PO Box 5244, Dunedin. (03) 4778 626
- (b) Concessionaire: Mt Aspiring Co Ltd, C/- John and Sue Aspinall, P.O. Box 94, Wanaka. (03)

**SCHEDULE 2**

*Special Conditions*

1. The Concessionaire will take care not to overstock the Land and will ensure that grazing is not having an adverse impact on the indigenous vegetation within the Land.
2. In order that the grazing fee may be calculated, a return of stock must be made by 30 of June of each year showing the stock carried on the Land over the preceding grazing period. If a return is not made by this date, the fee will be based on the maximum allowable stock numbers regardless of the numbers actually run.
3. Management Prescription: The parties will comply with the management prescription document attached as schedule 3.
4. Clause 13.4 is modified to provide for share changes within the Aspinall family without the consent of the Grantor.

**SCHEDULE 3**

**MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTION DOCUMENT FOR MT ASPIRING STATION – CATTLE FACE - CONSERVATION AREA GRAZING CONCESSION**

As this concession is for a term exceeding 10 years a management prescription document is required. A management prescription in the concession conditions provides, over the full term:

1. The specific goals of management of the land consistent with the nature of the concession activity (covering vegetation, landscape, historic, public recreation, soil and water).
2. A description of how the goals are to be met.
3. A detailed description of the type and condition of conservation resources at the commencement of the concession.
4. A description of the monitoring programme (of activity effects) to be carried out (for vegetation).
5. A specification concerning grazing systems, including identification of vegetation trends and how that will

This management prescription document shall apply until it is reviewed ten years from the date of commencement of the concession and every ten years thereafter.

1. The goal of the concession is to permit, for a limited time, the continuation of the existing practice of cattle grazing above the bush edge in the East Matukituki while encouraging the regeneration of the indigenous cover during this time.

**(a) Vegetation**

To manage the vegetation within the concession area back into native flora by preventing burning and minimising stock impacts.

**(b) Landscape**

The continued stocking of this area will have minimal impact on the landscape character of the area.

**(c) Recreation**

The public will have unfettered access to the area along with adjoining conservation land.

**(d) Soil and Water**

Continued stocking is not expected to affect soil and water values over the term of the concession.

**2. A description of how the goals are to be met.**

The management of the concession can be considered in future as outlined below:

A condition of the concession provides that the Concessionaire will take care not to overstock the Land and will ensure that grazing is not having an adverse impact on the indigenous vegetation within the Land.

Previous management of this face has included periodic burning to reduce the fern and shrubland regeneration. This was successful. The aim now is to reverse this process by prohibiting burning and reducing the stocking pressure. After 10 years of the concession stock numbers will be reduced from 180 cattle to 100. Stock will be removed altogether at the end of the concession to allow the expected reversion to indigenous cover to continue without cattle trampling and grazing.

The grazing of the face will be minimized by having the fee payable only on the number of cattle grazed, rather than a set amount each year. In that way less grazing might take place when feed supplies or farm management practices allow.

This area will be managed for public access in the same manner as adjoining conservation land.

### **3. Description and condition of conservation resources present.**

#### Landscape:

The wider landscape on this face has outstanding visual and scenic values, analogous with the Mount Aspiring National Park and the western mountains zone. The glacial landforms and vegetation patterns are inherently visually highly spectacular and impressive. Impressive rocky peaks and scree, exposed ridgetops, glacial valleys and ice-carved rockforms and landforms, together with alpine and subalpine vegetation, combine to form a landscape with outstanding visual and scenic values.

#### Vegetation:

The wider face encompasses the west-facing mountain slopes between the ridge running southwest from Mt Eostre, to Dragonfly Peak and down to the Lease boundary on the upper margins of the beech forest. Plant communities are most intact at the southern end and become progressively modified along the northern half of the face.

Stature and density of shrublands declines north of the unnamed stream which drains west off Mt Eostre. Turpentine shrub and *Coprosma* sp. "t" co-dominate but increasing large canopy gaps are covered in comb sedge, tussock hawkweed, browntop and sweet vernal (*Anthoxanthum odoratum*). This further deteriorates to an abrupt transition to pasture grasses and herbs, especially timothy (*Phleum pratense*) and lotus (*Lotus pedunculatus*) on slump-prone slopes. Many agricultural weeds are present including selfheal, musk, Scotch thistle and burdock (*Arctium minus*). Resilient native species include patches of tutu, prickly shield fern and alpine hard fern (*Blechnum penna-marina*) and small pockets of *Coprosma* sp. "t", *C. rugosa*, mountain lacebark, inaka, koromiko and occasional mountain toatoa.

### **4. Description of a monitoring programme to be established for vegetation condition and soil and water values**

Photopoint monitoring will be established to track changes in the face over time. While it is not considered that this will be particularly useful in monitoring the concession itself, it will be useful to understand the regeneration processes and timeframes.

Monitoring will include periodic inspections by staff, consultation with the concessionaires and reports from the public.

### **5. Number of stock and duration permitted to be run on the concession area within the current term of the management prescription document.**

Grazing of 180 steers between May to October each year for the first 10 years. For the remaining 5 years 100 steers may be grazed between May to October each year.