**SUBMISSION PACK**

**For**

**Westland Mineral Sands Co. Ltd’s**

**Resource Consent Applications for its**

**Heavy Mineral Sands Mining Operation, Mananui**

**INTRODUCTION**

This pack contains the necessary information for you to make a submission on any of the resource consent applications, lodged by Westland Mineral Sands Co. Ltd for its heavy mineral sands (HMS) mining operation, Mananui, that were publicly notified on Wednesday 5 March 2025.

The public notification of the resource consent applications opens the period during which submissions can be received from the public on any of the resource consent applications lodged by Westland Mineral Sands Co. Ltd with the West Coast Regional Council (WCRC) and/or the resource consent applications lodged with the Westland District Council (WDC) for the activities associated with heavy mineral sands mining.

This submission pack contains the following:

* Details of the resource consent applications;
* A copy of the Council’s public notice;
* A submission form (The submission form can be used for submissions to WCRC and/or WDC but should be returned to WCRC)
* A web link to the WCRC website where a copy of the application, assessment of environmental effects and further information are provided.

If you wish to make a submission on the resource consent applications, your submission must be made in writing (including via e-mail), signed and received at the West Coast Regional Council’s office/address (388 Main South Road, PO Box 66, Greymouth 7840) by 5pm Wednesday 2 April 2025.

If, after reading through the Submission Pack, you have any questions about the process of making a submission on the resource consent applications please contact Rachel Clark at the West Coast Regional Council (e-mail rc@wcrc.govt.nz or ph: 03) 744 7317) or Melissa McGrath, Consultant Planner for the Westland District Council (e-mail MelissaM@barker.co.nz or ph: 027 231 9533).

**RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS**

**Introduction**

Resource consent applications for the Heavy Mineral Sands Mining Project have been lodged with the West Coast Regional Council and the Westland District Council by Westland Mineral Sands Co. Ltd. A total of 8 resource consent applications are covered by the public notice advertised on Wednesday 5 March 2025. Details of all resource consent applications are included in this submission pack.

**What are the Responsibilities of each of the Councils?**

The Regional Council has responsibility for matters such as soil conservation, water flows and water quality, discharges of contaminants, air quality, and those activities affecting riverbeds and wetlands and natural hazards. Westland Mineral Sands have therefore applied to the West Coast Regional Council for resource consents relating to these areas of responsibility, such as earthworks associated with the mining, discharge of sediment to land where it may enter water and earthworks within 100m of a natural wetland, which are covered in more detail in Table 1.

The Westland District Council has responsibility for the control of any actual or potential effects of the use, development, or protection of land, including ecology (e.g. vegetation and habitats), amenity values (e.g. noise, landscape, natural character and visual impacts), infrastructure, transportation, hazardous substances and natural hazards. Westland Mineral Sands have applied to the Westland District Council for consent associated with land use activities as shown in Table 2.

**Resource Consent Applications**

Electronic copies of the application can be found by clicking on this link: [Mananui Mineral Sand Mining - The West Coast Regional Council](https://www.wcrc.govt.nz/services/consents-compliance/publicly-notified-consent-applications/current-publically-notified-consents/mananui-mineral-sand-mining)

A hard copy of the application is available for viewing and/or the Submission Pack is available to pick up from:

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| --- | --- |
| Westland District Council36 Weld StreetHokitikaWestland District Library20 Sewell Street, Hokitika  | West Coast Regional Council388 Main South RoadGreymouth |

An appointment is recommended prior to arrange a viewing of the applications.

**SUBMISSIONS**

If you wish to make a submission on any of the resource consent applications lodged with the West Coast Regional Council and/or the Westland District Council, then you can do so by sending your written submission to the physical or e-mail address below.

Submissions should be headed ‘Westland Mineral Sands’ and must be received at the following address no later than **5pm on Wednesday 2 April 2025**.

Physical Address: West Coast Regional Council

 PO Box 66

 Greymouth 7840

E-mail address: tin.nguyen@wcrc.govt.nz

A copy of each submission **MUST ALSO** be sent to ‘Westland Mineral Sands’ at the following e-mail address:

Heather McKay:- Heather@wmsnz.com

**What is involved in being a Submitter?**

*Documents to submitters*

One thing you need to keep in mind when making a submission is that the Councils are required, under the Resource Management Act, to provide you with a copy of the report by Council officers and the decision reached by a panel of commissioners when a public hearing is required for the consent applications. These documents will be forwarded electronically. If you have no access to a computer, please advise if you need a hard copy and your request will be considered.

*To be heard or not to be heard?*

Your involvement in the process will be different depending on whether or not you choose to be heard (wish to speak) in support of your submission at a public hearing.

If you do not choose to be heard, and tick the associated box on your submission form, then after sending in your submission, your submission will be logged in a database for submissions on the Heavy Mineral Sands Project. You will be advised of details of the public hearing (if one is required), even though you do not intend to speak, however you will not receive a copy of the Council’s s42a report. The commissioners will get to see your submission during the public hearing and are obliged to give it consideration before coming to their final decision. You will receive notice of the commissioners’ decision once the public hearing is over.

If you choose to be heard, and tick the associated box on your submission form, then you will have more direct participation in the process. By ticking the box, you are indicating that you want to speak at the public hearing to talk publicly about your submission, and more particularly, to speak directly to the panel of commissioners. It is important that you are aware that what you write in your submission will outline the range of matters within which you are allowed to speak at the public hearing, so you need to make sure that you list points in your submission that you want to state publicly when the hearing time comes. When you are advised of the hearing date, you will receive a copy of the Council’s s42a report. You will also receive a copy of the commissioners’ decision once the public hearing is over.

## The Closing Time for Submissions is 5pm Wednesday 2 April 2025

Please note that any submissions received after this time will be treated as late submissions. It is possible to apply for a waiver to enable your late submission to be included in the public hearing, but there is no guarantee that a waiver will be granted. It is recommended that you lodge your submission with the Council(s) before the closing time to ensure that it is included in the public hearing.

**Guidelines for Completing Submission Forms**

There is one submission form included with this submission pack and that form can be used to submit on the consent applications lodged with either Council or both. The submission form has the resource consent numbers listed on the front of it. You are entitled to fill out the submission form if you wish to

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Make sure your full name and contact details are printed clearly on the submission form that you fill out, so that the Councils can let you know important information during the process, such as details of any public hearing.

You must indicate on the submission form that you fill out, using the tick boxes provided, whether you are in support, in opposition or neutral to the particular resource consent application(s) relevant to your submission.

When outlining your reasons for the submission you should include specifics. It is important to be to the point, and use clear, simple language. You are welcome to attach material to the submission form, such as a longer description of your reasons, reports, diagrams or photographs. If you do so, please tick the box on the front of the form to indicate that you have included attached material.

You need to be specific about the decision, or recommendation, that you want the commissioners to make in regard to the particular resource consent application(s) relevant to your submission. Once again, you can attach material outlining any conditions you would like imposed on the resource consents if they are granted, or amendments that you would like to see made if it is recommended to be accepted, supported by your reasons.

If you decide that you want to attend a public hearing and present your submission to the panel of commissioners, then you need to tick the box indicating that you want to be heard. If you only want to submit in written form, then tick the box indicating that you do not want to be heard.

Make sure all the people involved in making the submission sign the bottom of each submission form, and date the form.

**The Hearing Process**

If you tick the box on your submission form indicating that you wish to be heard, then you are indicating that your intention is to present your submission at a hearing on the Westland Mineral Sands Co. Ltd resource consent applications.

There may be some time lapse between the date of your submission and the date of a joint public hearing. You will be kept advised of developments over time, and will be informed of the date and location of the joint public hearing once it is scheduled to occur. You will also be given information about what to bring to the hearing and what you can expect from the hearing process.

The Councils will be relying upon the contact details that you supply with your submission in order to keep you informed about the process leading up to a decision on consent applications, so it is very important that your details are clear when you send in your submission. If you change your address during the process, then please ensure you advise the West Coast Regional Council of your new address.

**WESTLAND MINERAL SANDS CO. LTD**

**RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS**

**Introduction**

This section includes details of all notified resource consent applications for the Mananui Heavy Mineral Sands mining project lodged by Westland Mineral Sands Co. Ltd with either the West Coast Regional Council or the Westland District Council.

**Table 1: Resource consents applied forwith the West Coast Regional Council**

| Reference | Activity | Description/Location |
| --- | --- | --- |
| RC-2023-0133-01 | Land Use Consent | To undertake earthworks associated with mineral sands mining, Mananui. |
| RC-2023-0133-02 | Land Use Consent,NES-F | To undertake earthworks and land disturbance within 100m of a natural inland wetland associated with mineral sands mining, Mananui. |
| RC-2023-0133-03 | Water Permit | To take and use groundwater from a dredge pond associated with mineral sands mining, Mananui. |
| RC-2023-0133-04 | Water Permit | To take and use groundwater from a well associated with mineral sands mining, Mananui. |
| RC-2023-0133-05 | Discharge Permit | To discharge water (dewatering water) containing contaminants to land where it may enter water via settling ponds associated with mineral sand mining, Mananui. |
| RC-2023-0133-06 | Discharge Permit | To discharge water (processing tailings  water) containing contaminants to land where it may enter water via a dredge pond associated with mineral sand mining, Mananui |
| RC-2023-0133-07 | Discharge Permit | To discharge water (processing and mine water) containing contaminants to land where it may enter water via an infiltration trench associated with mineral sand mining, Mananui |

**Table 2: Resource consent applied forwith the Westland District Council.**

| Consent Number | Activity | Description/Location |
| --- | --- | --- |
| RC240013 | Land Use Consent | To construct, operate and maintain a mineral sand mine, including associated infrastructure and buildings over an area of approximately 112ha, located at 713 Ruatapu Road (State Highway 6), Mananui within the Rural Zone under the Operative Westland District Plan (‘ODP’), General Rural Zone, Outstanding Natural Landscape and Pounamu Management Area under the Proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan (‘PDP’) and Coastal Hazard Alert Area under Variation 1 of the PDP (‘PDP Variation’). |

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Following is a copy of the public notice that appeared in the Hokitika Guardian and The Press (Christchurch) on Wednesday 5 March 2025. This public notice commences the period during which you can submit on the resource consent applications. The only difference between the notice as it appears in this document and the notice that was published in regional newspapers is size.

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**WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL AND WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

**APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF RESOURCE CONSENT**

Notice is hereby given by the West Coast Regional Council (WCRC) and the Westland District Council (WDC) of the following application:

**APPLICANT:** Westland Mineral Sands Co. Limited

**ADDRESS:** PO Box 1060

CHRISTCHURCH 8140

**APPLICATION NO:** RC-2023-0133 (WCRC)

 RC2240013 (WDC)

**LOCATION:** Privately owned land legally described as Lot 1 DP 3854 (RT WS8C/973)

**MAP REFERENCES:** At or about NTZM: 1429102.93E, 5261775.80N

**TERM SOUGHT:** 10 years

**CONSENTS SOUGHT:** Westland Mineral Sands Co. Limited are seeking all necessary resource consents to undertake heavy mineral mining and ancillary activities for the Mananui Sand Mine Project. The proposed mine footprint is located on approximately 112 hectares of private land. Ancillary activities include a proposed access from State Highway 6, associated infrastructure and processing facilities also situated on private land.

The notified resource consent applications associated with the mineral sands project are listed below:

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| **Consent Authority** | **Consent No.** | **Consent Type** | **Purpose** |
| WCRC | RC-2023-0133-01 | Land Use Consent | To undertake earthworks and land disturbance within 100m of a natural inland wetland associated with mineral sands mining, Mananui. |
| WCRC | RC-2023-0133-02 | Land Use Consent | To undertake earthworks exceeding 5,000m3 per annum associated with mineral sands mining, Mananui. |
| WCRC | RC-2023-0133-03 | Water Permit | To take and use groundwater from a dredge pond associated with mineral sands mining, Mananui. |
| WCRC | RC-2023-0133-04 | Water Permit | To take and use groundwater from a well associated with mineral sands mining, Mananui. |
| WCRC | RC-2023-0133-05 | Discharge Permit | To discharge water (dewatering water) including contaminants to land via settling ponds where it may enter water associated with mineral sands mining, Mananui |
| WCRC | RC-2023-0133-06 | Discharge Permit | To discharge water (processing tailings water) including contaminants to land via a dredge pond where it may enter water associated with mineral sands mining, Mananui. |
| WCRC | RC-2023-0133-07 | Discharge Permit | To discharge water (processing and mine water) to land via an infiltration trench where it may enter water associated with mineral sands mining, Mananui |
| WDC | RC240013 | Land Use Consent | To construct, operate and maintain a mineral sand mine, including associated infrastructure and buildings over an area of approximately 112ha, located at 713 Ruatapu Road (State Highway 6), Mananui within the Rural Zone under the Operative Westland District Plan (‘ODP’), General Rural Zone, Outstanding Natural Landscape and Pounamu Management Area under the Proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan (‘PDP’) and Coastal Hazard Alert Area under Variation 1 of the PDP (‘PDP Variation’) |

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The application (and supporting information including an Assessment of Environmental Effects and further information) may be examined at the office of the West Coast Regional Council, 388 Main South Road, Paroa, Greymouth, or the Westland District Council, 36 Weld Street Hokitika, during normal office hours or on the web site at www.wcrc.govt.nz/services/consents-compliance/publicly-notified-consent-applications/current-publically-notified-consents/mananui-mineral-sand-mining.

Any person may make a submission on the application, but a person who is a trade competitor of the applicant may do so only if that person is directly affected by an effect of the activity to which the application relates that:

1. adversely affects the environment; and
2. does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

If you wish to make a submission on this application to either Council you may do so by sending a written submission to the **West Coast** **Regional Council** on the specified form. This form can be obtained from the website www.wcrc.govt.nz or either Council office.

The submission must be dated, signed, and include the following information:

* Your name and postal address and telephone number and/or fax number

and e-mail address (if applicable).

* Whether you support or oppose the application or are neutral.
* Details of the application in respect of which you are making the

submission, including the applicant, application number, activity and

location.

* The reasons for making your submission.
* The decision you wish the Consent Authority (the Councils) to make.
* Whether you wish to be heard in support of your submission.

A person who makes a submission shall send a copy of it to the Applicant at the following e-mail address Heather@wmsnz.com as soon as reasonably practicable after serving the submission on the Consent Authority.

Written submissions to the above application shall be sent to:

Tin.nguyen@wcrc.govt.nz or by post to The Consents Department, West Coast Regional Council, PO Box 66, Greymouth,7840.

The submission period will close at 5pm on **Wednesday 2 April 2025.**

Please contact Principal Consents Officer (WCRC) Rachel Clark on (03) 744 7317 or Planning Consultant (WDC) Melissa McGrath via e-mail: MelissaM@barker.co.nz or cell ph: 027 231 9533 if you have any queries about this application.