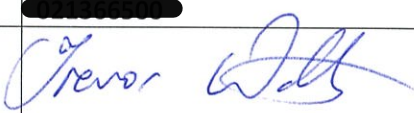


Westland Mineral Sands Ltd – Applications for West Coast Regional Council Resource Consent RC-2023-0133 and Westland District Council Resource Consent RC240013 – Submission

Pursuant to s96 of the Resource Management Act 1991

Submitter Details	
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Date	28/03/2025

We **support** the applications referenced within this document and **do not wish to be heard** in support of this submission at any hearing that may be held.

We wish to receive **electronic** copies of the s42A Officer's Report and Decision.

We **have** served a copy of our submission on the Applicant as per s96(6)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Reasons for Submission

Having access to New Zealand's mineral wealth is a critical element of growing our economy both regionally and nationally. This will bring much needed jobs into our region that struggles to keep our young people here due to a lack of opportunities.

The Mines Rescue Service is an organisation that need this type of investment into our region to enable us to survive, particularly with the downturn in coalmining which has significantly reduced over the last 15 years. We provide training and specialised services to the extractive industries that provides us with the revenue streams we require to maintain specialised emergency response capabilities for industry and the New Zealand public.

The mining industry caters to a broad range of career paths including operators of plant and equipment, trades staff (e.g fitters and mechanics) and supervisory and management.

We believe the extraction methodology is low impact on the environment with a high focus on a high standard of rehabilitation that will leave the mined ground in equal to or better condition than before mining.

We seek the following decision from the Consent Authorities:

That the application be **granted** in its entirety.