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

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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 witnessed the development and management of the Okari site just south of Westport from the start, we believe Westland Mineral Sands to be a good and reputable company, who work hard at achieving the goals they have set and commitments that have been made.

The Okari site is well operated and maintained with high standards of Management, Health and Safety, along with effective consideration and management of the environment.

The impact on the environment for both local wildlife and residents is minimal, yet the benefits for the region are significant. One of the big concerns was noise and disruption from the trucking of processed sand to the port from Okari, with the mitigation plan and controls put in place by WMSC these concerns have been laid to rest.

This project would provide a significant number of medium to long term jobs, both directly and indirectly for local people, and provide a much-needed boost for the West Coast and local Hokitika economy.

We seek the following decision from the Consent Authorities:

That the application be granted in its entirety.