

Date: 29 November 2024

Re: Mineral Extraction Zone 20: Reefton Distribution Centre

## 1.0 Notified MINZ

A map of the notified Mineral Extraction Zone (MINZ) at Reefton Distribution Centre is included in **Figure 1** below and attached in **Appendix 1**.



**Figure 1: Notified MINZ at Reefton Distribution Centre.**

## 2.0 Submissions

No submissions were received regarding the notified MINZ at the Reefton Distribution Centre.

## 3.0 Evidence

No evidence was received regarding the notified MINZ at the Reefton Distribution Centre.

## 4.0 Assessment of Information Provided by Council

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Information has been provided by Buller District Council and West Coast Regional Council. The following resource consents were identified as relative to the notified MINZ at the Reefton Distribution Centre (**Figure 1** above).

### 4.1 West Coast Regional Council

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#### 4.1.1 RC97011

This resource consent grants two Water Permits and two Discharge Permits for activities associated with the operation of the Reefton Coal Handling Facility as a stockpile, blending and loadout facility for coal derived primarily from the Terrace and Island Block Mines. This resource consent was granted on 13 April 2017 and expires on 31 March 2027. No plans, maps or legal descriptions to identify the extent of the subject site were included in the resource consent documentation. As such the subject site under this consent cannot be identified.

### 4.2 Buller District Council

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#### 4.2.1 RC960136

This resource consent grants approval for the establishment of a new coal stockpile area at the Reefton Coal Handling Facility on State Highway 69 at Reefton within Pt Sec 257 SO 10589, Pt Sec 256 SO 131 and Lot 1 DP 16208, Block IX Reefton SD. The resource consent cites that the proposed site is outside of the Ancillary Coal Mining License (**ACML**) 37160-01. The consent was granted on 12 December 1996 and condition 8 states it shall lapse after 30 years or on the termination of ACML 37160-01. No plan or map was included in the resource consent documentation and the property titles Pt Sec 257 SO 10589 and Pt Sec 256 SO 131 were not able to be identified. However, the boundaries of Lot 1 DP 16208 were able to be ascertained and an aerial image of this property has been included at **Appendix 2**. A search on the New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals (**NZPM**) GIS database for Mineral Permits shows that ACML 37160-01 is currently active as a Mining License with an expiry date of 31 March 2027<sup>1</sup>. See **Figure 2** below for an approximation of Lot 1 DP 16208, which forms part of the subject site (outlined in yellow) in relation to the notified MINZ at Reefton Distribution Centre.

### 4.3 Schedule 9 of the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan

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It is noted that Schedule 9 of the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan, which identified lawfully established mineral extraction and processing areas by listing the authorisation mechanism that permitted the activity, identified ACML 37160-01 in relation to the notified Mineral Extraction Area for Reefton Distribution Centre:

- **ACML 37160-01:** West Coast Regional Council have advised that they were not able to locate copies of the CML or ACML documents or maps as they are relatively old and not in the electronic

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<sup>1</sup> Information sourced from New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals – Mineral Permit Webmaps which provides online maps using real-time data to show all current minerals permits and applications in New Zealand. Updated through their permit register system and GIS database. Last updated: 3 April 2024

filing system. They advised that NZPM may hold a copy. As discussed above, a search on the NZPM GIS database for Mineral Permits shows that ACML 37160-01 is currently active as Mining Licence and it commenced on 01 April 1987 and has an expiry of 31 March 2027. It is currently owned by Birchfield Coal Mines Limited. Aerial imagery obtained from the NZPM GIS database for Mineral Permits showing the area encompassed by the ACML 37160-01 has been provided as **Appendix 3**. See **Figure 2** below for an approximation of the subject site with ACML 37160-01 outlined in blue in relation to the notified MINZ at Reefton Distribution Centre.

#### 4.4 Summary

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Based on an assessment of the available information, RC960136 and ACML 37160-01 confirm that the full extent of the notified MINZ at the Reefton Distribution Centre has authorisation to operate a mining activity (**Figure 2** below). A full copy of the map depicting the sites with authorisation to operate a mining activity in relation to MINZ at the Reefton Distribution Centre is provided at **Appendix 4**.



**Figure 2: Map of Authorised Mining Activities in relation to MINZ. The full map at Appendix 4.**

#### 5.0 Recommendation

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The information provided by RC960136 and ACML 37160-01 confirms that the full extent of the notified MINZ at the Reefton Distribution Centre has authorisation to operate a mining activity.

It is recommended that the notified MINZ at Reefton Distribution Centre is retained, as outlined in **Figure 2** above and **Appendix 4**, to coincide with the authorised sites under RC960136 and ACML 37160-01.

Appendix 1

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Notified MINZ Area



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**Legend**

 Mineral Extraction Area



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Property boundaries accuracy: +/-1m in urban areas, +/-30m in rural areas.  
Datum: NZGD 2000  
Coordinate System: NZGD 2000 New Zealand Transverse Mercator  
This map was produced with ArcGIS Pro (Esri).

**Mineral Extraction Area**  
Reefton Distribution Centre



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SHEET **1 OF 1**

TPG REF **718509**

A4 Scale **1:3,000**

0  70 Metres

Appendix 2

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Lot 1 DP 16208



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Figure 1: Lot 1 DP 16208. Source Emaps



Appendix 3

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ACML 37160-01



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Figure 1: ACML 37160-01 Source: New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals GIS database for Mineral Permits

## Appendix 4

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Map of Authorised Mining Activities in relation to MINZ



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