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Dear Property Owner

SITE CONTAMINATION REGISTER

When we were seeking updated information about your site in our letter of 9 November 2009 we advised that Tasman District Council was one of the numerous councils that had been requested by the media to provide a bulk release of our Site Contamination Register (SCR). We had refused to do this on grounds that we are managing the risks that might exist, had a good relationship with the landowners who provided us the information about their sites and to date we had only released details through LIM and PIM requests on a site-specific basis. Also, we had given some landowners a specific undertaking that we would keep their properties confidential (apart from LIM requests).

Our decision not to release the SCR details in bulk has been overruled by the Ombudsman and he has requested that we do release a list of the sites **except** those sites where we have given a specific assurance of confidentiality. The bulk release will be a list of addresses, HAIL type, their SCR category, and if people want more details they will have to request a LIM, which gives us the opportunity to report the details in context. The Ombudsman's reasoning follows a similar request which required the Hawke's Bay Regional Council to release their details of site contamination.

This letter is to forewarn you that the Ombudsman has asked us to release details of the SCR except those that are covered by specific letters obliging us to keep the information confidential. We plan to do this in April/May in conjunction with an article in the Council magazine "Newsline". This article will explain the purpose of the SCR and how we manage the risks associated with land use activities that have the potential to contaminate land or which may be contaminated from previous land use. The reasoning behind this approach is to place in context the information we hold and to try and avoid any exaggerated response.

The property of yours we have on the SCR is Horton Road, Tasman with legal description Lot 13 DP 324764. The HAIL is Market gardens, orchards, glass houses or other areas where the use of persistent agricultural chemicals occurred and the SCR number 455. The SCR category of this property is Category V - Verified Hazardous Activity or Industry- not sampled.

Our records do not reveal that a specific obligation of confidence was entered into with you or any previous owner. If you consider otherwise and are able to provide evidence of a specific undertaking not to have your site made public in a bulk release, please provide this in writing to Jenny Easton in the Richmond Office by 23 April 2010. We will then delete the details from the list that will be released to the media. If you have any other queries, please contact Jenny Easton or Rob Smith.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully

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Environment & Planning Manager