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Our Ref: RM 200204

Attention: Claire Price

Dear Claire

**RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION: Establish a mushroom compost production facility, 364 Mt Herbert Road, Waipukurau**

Thank you for your email dated 6 May 2021, in which you:

1. Advised that the Applicant is considering repositioning the proposed mushroom compost production facility to the south of the existing site; and
2. Requested that the Council place application RM200204 on hold while the Applicant assesses the effects of the activity in an alternative location.

The Council has reviewed the further information provided on 30 April and 4 May 2021, and is now in a position to make its decision on notification pursuant to s 95 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**). At this stage, the council is looking to issue its notification decision by **Friday, 14 May 2021**, and understands that HBRC is working towards the same timeframe for APP-126012.

In arriving at this decision, the Council has considered your request that the application be put on hold while the Applicant considers a repositioning of the proposed facility but, as the application has been on foot for over six (6) months now, feels that further delay at this juncture would not be justified or appropriate. Further, should the Applicant choose to proceed with its alternative proposal to relocate the mushroom compost facility, this would need to be assessed as a new application, as:

- It will likely result in a material alteration of the effects of the proposal on the surrounding environment, and necessitate the commissioning of a new Assessment of Environmental Effects (**AEE**) and expert reports; and
- The present application already consists of two AEEs, multiple odour assessments, and a series of s 92 responses. Adding a proposed relocation (with associated


amended effects assessments) to this will further complicate the application and make it both difficult for the Council to assess and, if consent is granted, monitor.

Accordingly, if the Applicant does choose to proceed with its alternative proposal, it will need to withdraw the current application and lodge a new application pursuant to s 88 of the RMA.

If the Applicant does wish to withdraw the current application, or make a formal request to suspend the application pursuant to s 91D of the RMA, I ask that you please confirm this in writing as a matter of priority. Otherwise, the council will proceed to make its notification decision and issue this by **Friday, 14 May 2021**.

I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully



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