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Tēnā korua

Thank you for submitting the Ngāti Maru Deed of Mandate for negotiations with the Crown on behalf of Ngāti Maru.

We have been advised that the Ngāti Maru Negotiators have the support of the Ngāti Maru claimant community and are therefore the appropriate representatives of Ngāti Maru to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of Ngāti Maru's historical Treaty settlement claims with the Crown. We are, therefore, pleased to formally recognise the mandate of the Ngāti Maru Negotiators for this purpose.

We were encouraged by the positive meeting we had together on 28 May 2011 and look forward to finalising an Agreement in Principle with you in the near future. Kāti mō tēnei wā.

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nā Hon Dr Pita R Sharples

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