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Tēnā koe Areta

We refer to the Deed of Mandate submitted to the Crown by the Waitaha Raupatu Trust on 25 March 2008. The submission of the mandate reflects the agreement made between the Crown, Waitaha and Ngāti Makino in the Joint Terms of Negotiation to complete a mandate process by 31 March 2008.

The mandate documentation demonstrates an open and transparent process in which the claimant community has chosen to mandate the Waitaha Raupatu Trust to represent them in negotiations with the Crown for the settlement of all Waitaha historical Treaty claims. On this basis we are pleased to recognise the mandate of the Waitaha Raupatu Trust.

We look forward to being updated on your progress in negotiations.

Nā māua noa,

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