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PART A: DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION CONSENT NUMBER: APPLICANT: WCRC: RC-2023-0046 GDC: LUN3154/23
TIGA MINERALS AND METALS LTD DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY: Establish and operate a mineral sands mine, including construction of associated infrastructure.

LOCATION: Barrytown Flats, west of State Highway 6 (Coast Road), 9km south of Punakaiki township and 36km north of Greymouth.

PART B: SUBMITTER DETAILS Full name: Sophia Josephine Allan on behalf of the business **Golden Sands Horse and Wagon Tours**

Postal address: [REDACTED]

I am the owner of the above property and business

Primary contact person Email address [REDACTED]

Phone number Home and Business: [REDACTED]

Date: 10th October 2023

SOPHIA JOSEPHINE ALLAN

I Oppose this application

I wish to be heard in support of my submission. **Yes**

If you wish to be heard, and others make a similar submission would you consider making a joint case with them at any hearing. No

If you indicated you wish to be heard, you will be sent a copy of the S.42A Officer's Report and a copy of the Decision once it is released. Please indicate below which format you would like to receive these documents in: Hard (paper) copy

I have served a copy of my submission on the Applicant as per Section 96(6)(b) of the RMA

Yes To info@tigamm.co.nz

I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Important information – Please read carefully.

3 Public information The information you provide is public information. It is used to help process a resource consent application and assess the impact of an activity on the environment and other people. Your information is held and administered by the West Coast Regional Council and Grey District Council in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the Privacy Act 1993. This means that your information may

be disclosed to other people who request it in accordance with the terms of these Acts. It is therefore important you let us know if your form includes any information you consider should not be disclosed.

As is usual I would rather not have my full name ph number and address disclosed.

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Email info@wrc.govt.nz Website www.wrc.govt.nz Grey District Council 105 Tainui Street PO Box 382 Greymouth, 7840 planning@greydc.govt.nz 03 769 8600 Note to submitter If you are making a submission to the Environmental Protection Authority, you should use form 16B.

The closing date for serving submissions on the consent authority is the 20th working day after the date on which public or limited notification is given. If the application is subject to limited notification, the consent authority may adopt an earlier closing date for submissions once the consent authority receives responses from all affected persons.

You must serve a copy of your submission on the applicant as soon as is reasonably practicable after you have served your submission on the consent authority. If you are a trade competitor, your right to make a submission may be limited by the trade competition provisions in Part 11A of the Resource Management Act 1991. If you make a request under section 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991, you must do so in writing no later than 5 working days after the close of submissions and you may be liable to meet or contribute to the costs of the hearings commissioner or commissioners.

You may not make a request under section 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991 in relation to an application for a coastal permit to carry out an activity that a regional coastal plan describes as a restricted coastal activity.

Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that at least 1 of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission): • it is frivolous or vexatious: • it discloses no reasonable or relevant case: • it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further: • it contains offensive language: • it is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

I request pursuant to section 100A of the Act, that you delegate your functions, powers, and duties to hear and decide the application to 1 or more hearings commissioners who are not members of the local authority.

I seek the following decision from the Local Authority: **OPPOSE THE APPLICATION**

This submission has some similar points to what I mentioned in my personal submission but I will highlight changes for your convenience.

NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON MY BUSINESS

Golden Sands Horse and Wagon Tours has been running since 2012 and the business has almost doubled year on year. This Business is a culmination of a lifetime's experience with horses from when I was only 18 months old. It is the realisation of a dream to create something unique, safe and inclusive for all ages and abilities in this beautiful environment. There is no one else in NZ doing this on the beach, there may be someone doing this elsewhere in the world but I am unaware of it.

This business totally relies on the natural and quiet environment of the lagoons and beach front ***directly adjacent*** to the proposed mine site. It is also reliant on the low volume of heavy vehicles on the road as we must travel about 500 meters up the Main Road and then down Burks Rd to the Beach.

As should be evident, horses, eco-tourism, and good relaxed conversation in an open wagon don't mix well with constant heavy traffic or the visual and noise pollution of mining equipment nearby.

We do attract people to the West Coast especially for this experience but also people who are already here find out about it and often stay another night, supporting the rest of the tourist industry around us.

This quality experience helps put Barrytown and the West Coast on the map and sends people away with fantastic memories of the place.

This can be attested by reviews, photographs and repeat custom we receive.

Often people use an image from this tour for their profile picture for some years after the trip. Even very young children remember and talk about the experience years later when I bump into them, or they return.

There are several times we have experienced happy tears, we have helped celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, honeymoons and even proposals. We have helped people who are almost completely wheelchair bound

experience a few steps on the sand and the freedom of traveling somewhere they wouldn't otherwise get the chance to be, certainly not in the open, quietly and immersed in the environment.

TripAdvisor, Google Reviews and Face Book reviews all attest to this with only 5 star ratings.

We bought this property and stayed on the West Coast specifically to continue running this business and I don't see why we should have to be pushed aside for an Australian business with very limited experience in the mining industry.

Yes I know they have what appears to be a small bach or shed that they are registered to on Waiheke Island but the major shareholdings are all offshore. Looking at the shareholders etc they are mostly in real estate, retail, retirement funds etc. To be fair there seems to be far too many mouths to fill for anyone to get much out of this, and they still don't have enough funds to get it started yet as they say they have to float the business on the NZ and AUS share market.

It's not like there aren't other things for investors to invest in, why do we need this?? Mining is an WC ideology that has cost the people and the environment dearly with all the cleanups we've had to pay for.

We don't believe our councils have the desire to control and monitor this proposed application properly as borne out by all the problems that are going on.

From seriously overcharging a lot of ratepayers and refusing to pay back the difference until they get a credit on their next bill in 6 months, to the raft of poor, sometimes dangerous, and downright dodgy consent applications being granted.

They don't have their ratepayers' interests at heart.

"The Department of Conservation has 305 potential or fully identified contaminated sites across the West Coast.

And of those - either contaminated or potentially unsafe - 246 are associated with historic mining activity and 27 with landfills.

Western South Island acting statutory manager Scott Freeman told the West Coast Conservation Board's meeting in May there were a lot of "potentially" contaminated sites across the region.

There were 305 "that we know of" and which were tagged and mapped within the department's internal GIS database system."

<https://www.odt.co.nz/regions/west-coast/doc-managing-305-toxic-sites-west-coast>

If this proposed mine site goes ahead, it is more than likely, according to John Berry, and Robert Brant, TiGa's rep and managing director, that consent will be sought for land adjacent to Burkes Rd (as well as much of the farmland along the Barrytown flats further South.)

Golden Sands Horse and Wagon tours and the guests it attracts (who also patronise local accommodation and businesses) will most likely become untenable if this occurs especially if trucks end up traveling North to Westport. Not only have I been shut out of the first application to mine this site by BJV (fundamentally the same business as TiGa, under a different name), not being deemed an affected party by BJV, GDC or WCRC but I have also had no correspondence initiated from BJV or TiGa whatsoever.

The Coast Road Resilience Group initially asked to meet with TiGa reps and at the second meeting I asked if TiGa were aware of my business. They were obviously not.

They said my name sounded familiar, and then proceeded to call me by someone else's name. They suggested I could take my guests to see the mine site, not understanding at all that my business and the people it attracts are for the most part here to see and enjoy the environment in as natural and peaceful a state as is possible, traveling through some quiet farmland on the way. Never mind the health and safety issues this could cause.

Link to the second recorded meeting with TiGa reps attached below. Everyone at the meeting was made well aware it was being recorded.

This conversation is about 3/4 of the way through from memory.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vk3l0-8tDPZYGit4LbUp4moEkZEgVurz/view?usp=drive_link

TripAdvisor reviews and photos of the area, some very specific to the lagoons and the wildlife there.

https://www.tripadvisor.co.nz/Attraction_Review-g642253-d3726849-Reviews-Golden_Sands_Horse_and_Wagon_Tours-Barrytown_West_Coast_Region_South_Island.html

Google reviews etc

https://www.google.com/search?q=golden+sands+horse+and+wagon+tours&scas_esv=572065970&rlz=1C1ONGR_enNZ1069NZ1069&sxsrf=AM9HkKnny4TNTFZ1XyFvHLugqllvZZaiXQ%3A1696898065274&ei=EZwkZaKxEKqgseMP3J-nqA0&oq=gold&gs_lp=Egxnd3Mtd2l6LXNlcnAiBGdvdvGQqAggCMgcQlxiKBRgnMgQQIxgnMgcQlxiKBRgnMgcQABiKBRhDMg4QLhiDARixAxiKBRiRAjINEAAYigUYsQMYgwEYQzINEC4YigUYsQMYgwEYQzINEC4YigUYxwEYrwEYQzINEC4YigUYxwEYrwEYQzIHEAAYigUYQ0iYRVAAWME2cAZ4AJABAjgB9QGgAfUBqgEDMi0xuAEByAEA-AEBqAIUwgIHECMY6gIYJ8ICFhAAGAMYjwEY5QIY6gIYtAIYjAPYAQHCAhYQLhgDGI8BGOUCGOoCGLQCGIwD2AEBwgIIEC4YigUYkQLCag4QABiKBRixAxiDARiRAsICExAuGIoFGLEDGIMBGMcBGNEDGEPCAgSQAABiABBixAxiDacICcxAuGIMBGLEDGIoFwgIOEC4YigUYsQMYgwEYkQLCagUQLhiABMICBRAAGIAEwgIHEC4YgAQYCsICcxAuGIAEGMcBGK8BwgIUEC4YgAQYlwUY3AQY3gQY3wTYAQLiAwQYACBBiAYBugYGCAEQARgLugYGCAIQARgU&scient=gws-wiz-serp#lrd=0x6d2f631e76a36201:0xab6e57300328da1c,1,,,,

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