

**FORM 13: SUBMISSION
ON AN APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT
UNDER SECTION 96
OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

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PART A: DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION

CONSENT NUMBER:

APPLICANT:

WCRC: RC-2023-0046 GDC: LUN3154/23	TIGA MINERALS AND METALS LTD
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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/s	Marius Şerban		
Postal address	[REDACTED]		
I am the owner/occupier (delete one) of the following property:	[REDACTED]		
Primary contact person/s	Marius Şerban		
Email address	[REDACTED]		
Phone number/s	Home:	[REDACTED]	Business:
	Mobile:	[REDACTED]	Fax:

Signature of the submitter (or person authorised to sign on behalf of the submitter):	Date:
	7/10/23
Name (BLOCK CAPITALS):	
MARIUS ŞERBAN	

If this is a joint submission by 2 or more individuals, each individual's signature is required. A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means.

- I/we **support** the application numbers indicated by a tick on the back of this form
- I/we **oppose** the application
- I/we **neither support nor oppose** the application

(tick one)

(tick one)

I/we **wish to be heard** in support of my/our submission.

I/we **DO NOT wish to be heard** and hereby make my/our submission in writing only.

If you wish to be heard, and others make a similar submission would you consider making a joint case with them at any hearing

 Yes 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:

 Electronic (CD) copy Hard (paper) copy

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

 Yes

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are: *(give details)*

Environmental impact
Community impact
Degradation on SH6
Loss of tourism

See attachment below for details.

My/our submission is that: *(include whether you support or oppose the application or specific parts of it; whether you are neutral regarding the application or specific parts of it; and the reasons for your views).*

I/we seek the following decision from the Local Authority:(give precise details)

that the application be declined in its entirety.

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

*Select one.

*I am/~~am not~~† directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that—

- (a) adversely affects the environment; and
- (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

*Delete this paragraph if you are not a trade competitor.

†Select one.

I request/~~do not 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.

*select one.

Important information – Please read carefully.

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.

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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.

Over time, the West Coast is facing rising sea levels. Mining in this manner could hasten this, potentially contributing towards a disastrous effect in the Barrytown region. In the nearer future, the local bird life and waterways, which are fragile systems, may not thrive with the mining, and because this hasn't been done around them before, any promises that 'all will be well' are just conjecture at this stage.

As a Coast Road resident, I am impacted by the light and noise of every truck that passes our home. To have this increased through the mining will greatly impact quality of life, in an area known to be full of natural beauty. This would also impact the many other local residents in the area, as well as tourists who come here for the views, the peace and connection with nature. Seeing mining trucks and indeed, a mine, does not fit in with what this area is world renown for.

When we built our house on Coast Road, we had to pass different consents and pay their associated fees regarding the minimisation of our building's impact in this area of natural beauty. For example, providing landscaping plans, set colour schemes, etc. We were happy to do so, being conscious that this is an area to be enjoyed by all and we don't want our house to take away from that. Entertaining the idea of placing a mine in this same area is ludicrous. What is the point of asking residents to follow strict guidelines to minimise their human impact here, while at the same time allowing 50 mining trucks to use this stretch of road a day? How is that minimising the human impact in this area?

Open cast mining will generate a significant amount of dust. The discharge permit allows dust to be discharged to the air without any restrictions. In an area with predominantly North-Westerly and South-Westerly winds, this means the dust will be blowing inland, right where many Coast Road residents live to the north and south of the proposed mine site. Is there any mechanism in place to monitor and mitigate the hazardous effects of this?

After living in the area for over 5 years and travelling Coast Road regularly for work and leisure, it was very easy to see the detrimental effects of increased traffic prior to and after the Covid travel restrictions. The road also requires numerous repair jobs after stormy weather, with slips especially. Most of the time, the repairs are patchy and not a long term solution, particularly with the expected increase in visitor numbers over summer months. Already, for a State Highway, the road is not in good shape, and that has easily been observed and commented on by foreign visitors I have met. Now that I live along the Coast Road, I see the degradation in certain areas, despite the repairs they get. Having 50 heavy trucks and potentially 130 more cars travel this route daily is pushing the capacity of this already strained road. How is the council going to maintain this lifeline, which is bound to fall into greater disrepair with this increased use?

In the past year, we have seen a large number of people moving to the Coast. Part of the appeal here is the pristine nature - in fact, this is also why my wife and I chose to make our home here. The argument that this mine would provide jobs and benefit the local economy pales when compared to the potential loss of income from declining tourism. Nobody likes to travel behind a truck. Nobody wants to see a mine. Nobody wants to breathe dust.

The West Coast might as well change its tagline from 'Untamed Natural Wilderness' to 'Show Us Your Money And We'll Let You Do Anything' if this proposal is allowed to go ahead.

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