

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Agenda Papers

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ISSUE: Minerals Exploration

ID: A555595

To: Extraordinary Council Meeting, 30 July 2013

From: Vaughan Cooper, Growth and Infrastructure Manager

Date: 22 July 2013

Summary The purpose of this report is to introduce a representative from New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals who will provide an update on the permit announcements and the process moving forward.

Report Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Normal operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Decision
Purpose:	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public service	<input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory function
	<input type="checkbox"/> Legislative function	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual\Long Term Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low

Background:

New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals announced on 13 June 2013 that five minerals exploration permits have been offered to three companies within the Northland 2012 tender area.

Exploration permits are offered and only granted once the successful bidders agree to comply with terms and conditions of the permits, and submit a mineral status report to identify Crown minerals. The exploration permits are awarded under the amended Crown Minerals Act 1991 (which came into effect on 24 May 2013).

De Grey Mining Limited – Copper, gold, lead, silver, zinc, mercury

De Grey is an exploration company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) with epithermal gold-silver projects in the Deseado and Somuncura Massifs, Argentina and various interests in Western Australia. De Grey recently secured by transfer the Puhipuhi exploration permit (EP 51985) in Northland.

Tai Tokerau Minerals Limited – Gold and silver

TTM is a newly incorporated company set up specifically for the purpose of applying for mineral exploration permits in Northland 2012 Competitive Tender. TTM have no other permit interests in New Zealand. GNS Science has been appointed as geological and technical adviser, and also as Agent for TTM's bids.

Waimatenui Exploration Limited – Copper, gold, nickel, silver, zinc

WEL is a New Zealand registered company formed for the purpose of applying for bids under the Northland 2012 Competitive Tender. The directors and shareholders of WEL are Northland residents who own a large portion of the land in the application area. WEL have no other permit interests in New Zealand.

A map of the permit areas is provided below.



Legal compliance and significance assessment:

In relation to section 79 of the Local Government Act 2002, this issue is considered to be of low significance under council policy because the report does not seek a decision other than that information be received.

Recommendations:

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1. That the report "Minerals Exploration" by Vaughan Cooper, Growth and Infrastructure Manager, dated 22 July, be received.
 2. That the presentation given by the New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals representative be noted.
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