BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED ON BEHALF OF CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL

Under	The Resource Management Act 1991 (the **Act**)
In the Matter	of an application for Resource Consent for the purpose of mining at Sandy Point, Queensbury, RC250077
Between	**AWA KOURA MINING LIMITED** **Applicant**
And	**CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL** **Territorial Authority**

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE – FERGUS BOUGHTON

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SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE OF FERGUS BOUGHTON

1. My name is Fergus Boughton. I'm an Air Quality Consultant with 18 years' experience assessing and managing air quality, including dust, odour and emissions. I led the air quality assessment for the proposed Sandy Point mine have visited the site to review the existing conditions.

2. My evidence summarises that the principal potential air quality effect associated with the proposed gold mining project is intermittent visible dust and dust soiling from earthworks, vehicle movements, exposed ground, stockpiles and rehabilitation. The wet screening process is not expected to be a significant source of dust because it is a wet process and so mitigated by design. The potential for health effects from PM10 and respirable crystalline silica was assessed as being low because there will be no drilling or crushing resulting in the finer particulate fractions associated with elevated concentrations of these pollutants.

3. I have reviewed and recognise the concerns raised by submitters, including dust carried by valley winds toward homes, across the River, and onto neighbouring land and vegetation. I have also viewed the video evidence submitted showing a plume of dust following truck movements during unmitigated existing conditions. Those concerns and evidence reinforce the need for effective and consistent dust management to be implemented, in order to ensure offsite effects are suitably controlled.

4. The proposed mitigation measures are outlined in an updated draft management plan submitted alongside my evidence. These include wet suppression as needed, limits on vehicle speed, limits on stockpile height and limits on the size of the active mining area. Setbacks from sensitive properties, prompt revegetation, minimising exposed ground, weather monitoring, visual monitoring for dust crossing the boundary, real-time PM10 monitoring when appropriate, and ceasing specified

activities during adverse wind conditions. The dust management plan submitted alongside my evidence also outlines the approach to be taken for complaints management and prompt corrective action.

5. In my opinion, the mitigation proposed in the management plan is comprehensive, and provided that the consent conditions and Dust Management Plan are properly and consistently implemented, any residual dust effects will be infrequent, short-lived and low in intensity. I would not expect offensive or objectionable dust effects are therefore not expected to occur beyond the site boundary.

Dated 28 October 2026

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