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Tēnā koutou

Thank you for submitting the Ngāti Rāhiri Tumutumu Deed of Mandate for negotiations with the Crown on behalf of Ngāti Rāhiri Tumutumu.

We have been advised that the Ngāti Tumutumu Ngāti Rāhiri Settlements Committee has the support of the Ngāti Rāhiri Tumutumu claimant community and are therefore the appropriate representatives of Ngāti Rāhiri Tumutumu to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of Ngāti Rāhiri Tumutumu's historical Treaty settlement claims with the Crown. We are, therefore, pleased to recognise the mandate of the Ngāti Tumutumu Ngāti Rāhiri Settlements Committee for this purpose.

We understand that Te Puni Kōkiri has offered to provide facilitation to assist you with any outstanding relationship issues you may have. We also understand that these relate to claimant definition issues. We look forward to these issues being resolved and to finalising an Agreement in Principle with you in the near future. Kāti mō tēnei wā.

Heoi anō

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