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Tēnā koe

Thank you for submitting the Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki Tribal Trust Deed of Mandate for negotiations with the Crown on behalf of the Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki Tribal Trust.

We have concluded that the Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki Tribal Trust has the support of the Ngāi Tal ki Tāmaki claimant community and is an appropriate body to represent Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki in negotiations for the comprehensive settlement of historical Treaty claims with the Crown. We are, therefore, pleased to recognise the mandate of the Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki Tribal Trust.

We congratulate you on reaching this milestone and look forward to finalising Agreements in Principle with you in the near future. Kāti mō tēnei wā.

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nā Hon Dr Pita R Sharples Minister of Māori Affairs

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nā Hon Mr Christopher Finlayson Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations