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RE: RESOURCE CONSENT FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION AT FACTORY ROAD, WAHAROA

Open Country Dairy represents the very best of the New Zealand Dairy industry. Built on this solid foundation, Open Country Dairy has become the second largest global exporter of premium Whole

Milk Powders.

Formed in 2001, OCD remains a privately owned dairy processor with plants in Southland,

Manawatu and here in the Waikato at Waharoa.

Our Waharoa site has been processing milk and whey powders, cheese and other specialist dairy

products under Open Country ownership since 2004

Having already invested heavily in the area to build our \$250m plant on the site, we currently

employ more than 100 staff and contractors at our Waharoa site and a Development Concept Plan

for the site would provide us with the confidence we need to be able to make a multi million dollar

investment and an even greater long term commitment to our staff and suppliers in both Waharoa

and the wider Waikato region.

Over time, this will investment will exceed a further \$100m and will provide employment for an

additional 50 staff in addition to numerous subcontractors and contractors.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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