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### SUBMISSION BY RALLY NEW ZEALAND ON PROPOSED WAIKATO WIND FARM BY CONTACT WIND LTD AND CONTACT ENERGY LTD – 'HAUAURU MA RAKI'

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**Date:** 31 October 2008

**Wish to be heard:** Rally New Zealand confirms that it wishes to be heard.

**Office Holders:** Directors: Morrie Chandler ONZM, Laurie Brensell,  
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General Manager: Paul Mallard

### BACKGROUND TO RALLY NEW ZEALAND AND INTRODUCTION

MotorSport New Zealand looks after motorsport in New Zealand. It is affiliated with 170 countries to the parent body the FIA (Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile). Rally New Zealand is the body charged by MotorSport New Zealand with promoting international rallying in New Zealand and hosts the only World Championship event run annually in New Zealand – Rally New Zealand. Rally New Zealand has a television audience in excess of 200 million and involves some 2000 volunteers. Ancillary activities include New Zealand's largest Civil Defence exercise for Radio Operators, and a range of other activities. Rally New Zealand Chairman Morrie Chandler is currently a member of the 21 country-strong FIA World Motorsport Council.

Rally New Zealand has regularly conducted the Rally New Zealand event in Franklin District, Waikato District and Waikato Regional Council, including and in particular along the approximately 34 km of coastline route on the west coast south of Port Waikato to Te Akau South that is subject to the applications.

Rally New Zealand is neutral about the applications for resource consent and/or notices of requirement for designation and 'call in' to enable a wind farm to be established on the Waikato west coast adjacent to the coastal route between Port Waikato and Te Akau South.

However, Rally New Zealand has a number of important concerns it requests be taken into account in respect of potential effects on Rally New Zealand activities along the coastal route.

Accordingly, this submission comments on the issues that directly affect Rally New Zealand. Rally New Zealand would like the Board of Inquiry to take these matters into account when it makes recommendations on the application.

### **Consent sought for road improvements**

Rally New Zealand notes that consent is sought for road improvements necessary to enable large and/or heavy components to be brought into the project sites.

We make two requests in respect of the proposed road works:

- 1. Any straightening of roads be undertaken in a way that ensures the roads suitability as a world-class rallying route is protected, restored or enhanced, as the case may arise.*

Accordingly, we request that the Board set a condition of the application that:

- 2. At the end of the project's construction, roads are returned to a reasonable and fit state, mind full that they are currently highly regarded as premier rally routes in this part of the world.*

### **Road access during construction**

Rally New Zealand notes that the construction will be undertaken on a number of sites along the 34 km of coastline over an extended period.

*We request that the Board set a condition that Rally New Zealand can retain access along the route during the period construction may be underway.*

In making this request, we point out that the Rally New Zealand events pass along the route for a limited number of hours on race day, and with a practice period before hand that will be managed, as currently is the case, to ensure due care and all safety requirements are in place and known to stakeholders along the route.

### **Public viewing areas**

Rally New Zealand notes that up to three public viewing areas and associated car parking are proposed to be constructed within Franklin District.

Rally New Zealand would welcome a suggestion from the Board that the opportunity be taken to discuss the location of these facilities in order to access whether they might serve a dual purpose for viewing and or car parking in association with a Rallying event.

### **In Conclusion**

Rally New Zealand has enjoyed a long and positive association with Franklin and Waikato councils, which we anticipate and look forward to maintaining in the future. As well as giving considerable pleasure to local communities, our events in the Waikato add value to the local and regional economy and provide a panoramic coverage of the area's magnificent scenery – often by helicopter - to a large world wide audience. It is relevant to note that the photographic interest in the area during rally events will very likely be enhanced by the presence of a Waikato wind farm.

While neutral about the application, Rally New Zealand expresses goodwill towards the venture and hopes it will proceed in a way that is beneficial to stakeholder groups such as ours.

Should the application be successful, Rally New Zealand suggests that the project's road upgrade construction team give consideration to establishing a regular communication with Rally New Zealand to keep each other informed about the matters raised in this submission.

We would like the Board to take these requests and observations into account when it makes recommendations on wind farm applications.



Paul Mallard  
General Manager

