

Thursday 21 July 2022

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To the Submitters

Tēnā koe

RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION – NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant	New Zealand Steel Limited
Application number	DIS60376538
Address	Glenbrook Steel Mill
Proposed activity	to replace the existing air discharge permits

The safety and wellbeing of our customers, team members and communities in Auckland is always our utmost priority. We want to assure you that we're taking the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please ensure you read the COVID-19 requirements for hearings at the bottom of this letter.

The above application will be heard by Hearing Commissioners **David Hill (Chairperson), Lou Wickham, Reginald Proffit and Dave Serjeant** at a hearing to be held as follows:

Date: Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 October 2022

Time: 9.30am

**Venue: Waiuku War Memorial Hall
80 Queen Street, Waiuku, Auckland**

NOTE: some venues have restricted access at the main entrance such as stairs. If you require assistance with alternate access, please inform the Hearings Advisor prior to the hearing day.

Key Dates for this hearing (for more information, see below)	
Council S42a report available	Friday 9 September 2022, 5pm
Applicant's evidence due	Wednesday 28 September 2022, 12 noon
Submitters expert evidence due	Monday 17 October 2022, 12 noon
Applicant's supplementary evidence and legal submissions requested	Friday 21 October 2022, 12 noon
Submitter's non-expert evidence requested	Friday 21 October 2022, 12 noon
Appearance forms returned	Monday 17 October 2022, 12 noon

You are invited to attend the hearing where the Hearing Commissioners will consider submissions in support of/or opposing the application. Attendance via MS Teams is available on request, by contacting the hearings advisor.

Please note the commissioners will carry out a site visit, individually or together, either before, during or after the hearing which may involve them going on to the application site and, if necessary, submitters' sites. During the site visit, the commissioners will not speak to any of the parties directly about the application's merits.

Pursuant to section 103B of the Resource Management Act 1991, the pre-provision of evidence is mandatory. The council and the applicant are required to provide all evidence prior to the hearing. The submitters are required to provide any expert evidence before the hearing but can provide non-expert evidence (i.e. personal submissions) at the hearing.

The hearing commissioners have issued a direction dated 21 July 2022 setting out the evidence pre-circulation dates. That direction has been included with the notification and is available on the hearing page.

Electronic copies of evidence can be sent to the Hearings Advisor at DS-Hearings@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz, Attn: Sam Otter

The following apply:

- (a) **The council** is required to provide its officer's reports and any evidence in accordance with the direction dated 21 July 2022. This report will be available on the council website no later than **5pm on Friday 9 September 2022**
- (b) **The applicant** is required to provide all its briefs of evidence on Wednesday 28 September 2022 in accordance with the direction dated 21 July 2022. You will be advised once the evidence is available.
- (c) **Any submitter** proposing to call expert witnesses is required to provide briefs of evidence from those experts in accordance with the direction dated 21 July 2022. An expert is a professional such as a planner, traffic engineer or similar.

To ensure this evidence is available on council's website at least five working days prior to the hearing, it is required by midday, **Monday 17 October 2022**. It must be sent to the applicant at the same time. The applicant's contact email address is icarvill@tonkintaylor.co.nz

The expert witness is required to provide:

- 1 hard copy of the evidence at the hearing
- all briefs of evidence to be provided via email or on a data stick by the date stated above.

Any submitter who is providing a personal statement to read at the hearing, are encouraged to provide these electronically to the Hearings Advisor by midday, two working days prior to the hearing as well as bringing 1 copy to the hearing. This will allow for contactless exchange of evidence and enable parties, whether in attendance or participating virtually to view the material prior to the hearing. If you have not provided the statement in advance of the hearing, please bring 12 hard copies with you.

- (d) A short-written summary for briefs of evidence in excess of 10 pages is helpful. It is likely the commissioners will request that this at least is read at the hearing.
- (e) The council will make available all reports and evidence on its website within 24 hours of receipt or as soon as is practicable. The link to the website is:

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/have-your-say/hearings/find-hearing/Pages/find-resource-consent-hearing.aspx>

- (f) Email will be the address for service for the applicant and submitters, unless advised otherwise.
- (g) If the hearing is held virtually, or you plan to attend virtually, please ensure your evidence is provided to the Hearings Advisor electronically before the hearing commences. The panel members will have already read your original submission and they will have that in front of them at the hearing.

If you would like to appear at the hearing, please fill in the attached appearance form and return it to me by Monday 17 October 2022, so that we can schedule your appearance and inform you of your approximate speaking time.

We're dedicated to protecting against COVID-19. For the most up to date information on COVID-19 please visit www.covid19.govt.nz. For the most up to date information about council's services please visit www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

At the date of this letter Auckland is in the orange setting of the COVID-19 Protection Framework. There are restrictions with face-to-face hearings at this level that include:

- 1m social distancing required in public spaces such as the hearing room and foyer area. This is an Auckland Council requirement. This may mean there is a possible restriction on the number of people who can attend the hearing in person to ensure social distancing is adhered to. The Hearings Advisor will discuss this with the parties before the hearing to ensure these requirements are adhered to
- use of a face-covering is mandatory at some indoor venues including premises operated by local government agencies. This includes the hearing venue
- no participants are to attend who have COVID-19 symptoms or who need to be in isolation/quarantine for any reason.

For those participants who cannot attend in person or who wish to attend virtually, please let the Hearings Advisor know by Monday 17 October 2022 or as soon as possible before the hearing) and they will send you a MSTeams link prior to the hearing.

Should it be determined at any time that it is not safe to hold the hearing face-to-face, the Hearings Advisor will contact you about how we will proceed with the hearing, which could be virtually via MSTeams.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 09 353 9587 if you have any questions in relation to this hearing.

Ngā mihi



Sam Otter
Kaitohutohu Mataamua Whakawā
Senior Hearings Advisor