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Dear Madam/Sir,

We write this letter to provide you with an update on the recent developments and progress Ventus Energy (NZ) has made with the Kaimai Wind project.

We have commissioned a sound and vibration specialist - Dr Stephen Chiles - an independent acoustics engineer with 20 years experience in his field. Dr Chiles will soon be making a site visit and will also meet with Hauraki District Council Staff. This will be followed by on-site background noise monitoring at two selected house locations - on Rawhiti Road and Thorp Road. These sites will be selected to be representative of the background sound environment.

Kessels Ecology, a company specialising in ecological effects assessment, is currently completing analysis of data that has been collected on the site over several years – notably bird flight observations.

The geotechnical site investigation (which has included site boreholes) is largely complete. Preliminary results indicate that the site is quite stable and the risk is manageable.

Siemens, a possible turbines supplier, is carrying out a preliminary sub-station design for connection into the existing Transpower lines that pass over the site.

Ventus Energy carried out community engagement activities, which included door knocking, flyer drops and face to face meetings, with a special focus on the immediate neighbours to the project. The purpose was to introduce the project and receive or invite feedback. We also issued a media release to the two NZ media companies (Fairfax and NZME). They chose to report the story in the Waikato Times and Bay of Plenty newspapers.

An encouraging response was received from the Minister of Energy and Resources, Hon Judith Collins. In her letter, which can be found on our website, www.kaimaiwind.nz, Ms Collins makes reference to the NZ government objective for electricity to be produced from 90% renewable resources by 2025.

We will be holding a public consultation day at the Tirohia School hall on Thursday, 16 March 2017 from 3pm onwards. Members of the public are most welcome to come along, to meet us, ask questions and provide us with their feedback.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Glenn Starr".

Glenn Starr
Director
Ventus Energy