

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

**I TE KŌTI MATUA O AOTEAROA
ŌTAUTAHI ROHE**

ENV-2020-CHC-099

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
ACT AND OF AN APPLICATION
FOR DECLARATIONS UNDER
s310 OF THE ACT**

**ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENCE
SOCIETY INCORPORATED**

Applicant

v

**NEW ZEALAND ALUMINIUM
SMELTERS LIMITED**

Respondent

Date of Minute: 10 December 2020

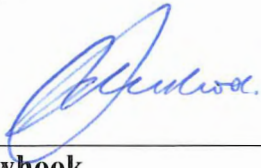
**MINUTE OF ALTERNATE ENVIRONMENT
JUDGE NEWHOOK
(FOR RELEASE TO THE MEDIA)**

[1] After a period of intense activity and an enormous amount of work by the parties, which is being reviewed every few days by the Court, I can again report on progress.

[2] The problems encountered in recent weeks are complex but not, in my current assessment, intractable.

[3] I am therefore hopeful for commencement soon of accelerated removal of ouvea pre-mix from Maitai, for placing in containers suitable for safe and secure storage of the product pending its disposal overseas.

[4] As will be apparent, this will obviously not be concluded by Christmas as previously hoped.



L J Newhook
Alternate Environment Judge