



**NOTICE OF DECISION TO GRANT A PERMIT VARIATION UNDER THE
HAZARDOUS WASTE (REGULATION OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS) ACT 1989**

Pursuant to subsection 33(1)(f) of the *Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989*, notice is given that special import permit variation AUH22-010 is granted to New Zealand Aluminium Smelters Limited (Registration Number: 156735), Tiwai Road, Awarua Plains, 9877, Southland, New Zealand (Telephone: +64 3 218 5892).

The particulars of the varied permit are as follows:

- (i) The proposed recipient of the waste is Regain Services Pty Ltd, 63-85 Turner Street, Port Melbourne, Victoria 3207 (Telephone: +61 2 4927 5200).
- (ii) The type of waste is spent potliner (Basel code A4050).
- (iii) The maximum quantity of the waste that may be imported is 26,000 tonnes.
- (iv) The waste is to be contained during import within ventilated shipping containers. Each container will have plywood sheets placed to line the floor and walls and all joins where the wall meets the floor will have tape applied. A specially designed heavy duty wooden bulkhead will be placed at each end of the container. The containers must be properly sealed, and gas tested prior to shipment.
- (v) The waste is to be transported by sea to the Port of Newcastle, Australia, and then by road from the port of destination to the recovery facility.
- (vi) The waste may only be imported during the permit period.
- (vii) The waste is to be imported from the ports of Bluff, Tauranga, Timaru, and Napier, New Zealand.
- (viii) The waste may only transit the following ports and countries: Chalmers, Timaru, Lyttelton, Napier, and Tauranga, New Zealand; Devonport, Melbourne, Port Kembla and Brisbane (transshipment), Australia. No other transit ports are permitted.
- (ix) The waste is to undergo recovery operations at the Regain Services Pty Ltd facility, 576 Tomago Road, Tomago, NSW 2322.
- (x) The waste is to undergo the following recovery operation: R5 – Recycling/reclamation of other inorganic materials.

The permit period is from 1 February 2023 until the last departure date of 31 January 2024. All shipments must leave the port of export before or on the last departure date.

The permit includes and is subject to conditions.

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