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The Honourable Bill English and Ministers
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**Re: Consultation on "Shares Plus" Proposal
Hui Whanganui 19 September 2012**

Tena koe e te matua

I tender my apology for non-attendance today and thank you for your invitation. I am otherwise engaged on utmost urgent Iwi business. I endorse representation of Tony Whareaitu (Claims Manager Treaty Settlement Negotiations) and my fellow Trustee Ron Puata to put the position of the Ngati Maru (Taranaki) Trusts of which I am the Chair.

I want to say first, I am not interested in the legal game play surrounding the Waitangi Tribunal findings. My Board's position is one of conciliation. I wish to seek the best deal in current circumstances for the upliftment of Ngati Maru (Taranaki) Iwi. I do not have the privilege of binding my people by public statements or reckless litigation until or unless we achieve the agreement of the whaanau whaanui to represent them in Treaty Settlements negotiations.

So before any Ngati Maru (Taranaki) position can be ascertained there must be a mandated body – and we are seeking approval from our Iwi and the Crown that our representation is proper.

Our Board reserves its' position but will make comment on the Shares Plus Proposal.

We ask you to convey to the Minister of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations that unless Ngati Maru (Taranaki) have some guidance on whether some or other entity is acceptable or not the Iwi remain disadvantaged on substantive positions for current Treaty matters nationally, regionally, and locally.

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