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Mr David Buckleigh

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Dear Mr Buckleigh

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request of 29 November 2017 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) for the following information:

I am advised that a report was commissioned titled L J Cookson Consulting, Report No. 153 dated 27 September 2016. Technical Review on the boron treatment of LVL to meet H1.2 conditions in New Zealand by Laurie J Cookson. I am also advised that some months before this report (6-12 months) a draft report was received by MBIE on this subject. Would you please provide a copy of that earlier draft report.

On 20 December 2017, MBIE refused your request under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act, to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who is subject of the information.

MBIE has reviewed its decision in refusing your request. Enclosed are five documents that are in scope of your request, with information relating to manufacturing technique and trade secret redacted. The following sections of the Act that have been used to redact this information are:

- s9(2)(a) – protect the privacy of natural persons
- s9(2)(b)(i) – protect information where the making available of the information would disclose a trade secret
- s9(2)(b)(ii) - protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who is subject of the information

Where information has been withheld for section 9 reasons, in terms of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the decision to withhold this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

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You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decision by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found here:
www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Yours sincerely



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