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Dear Mr Preston

I refer to your email dated 26 November 2013 and request under the Official Information Act 1982.

You have requested "a copy of this [AMI Canterbury Earthquake Reconstruction (ACER) Project – Master Agreement with Arrow International (NZ) Ltd dated 30th January 2012] master agreement".

Southern Response's decision is to partially withhold the information requested, pursuant to sections 9(2)(b)(ii) and 9(2)(j) of the Official Information Act 1982.

We enclose the following:

1. A copy of the *AMI Canterbury Earthquake Reconstruction (ACER) Project – Master Agreement with Arrow International (NZ) Ltd dated 30th January 2012*. Please note that some information has been withheld pursuant to:
  - a. s 9(2)(b)(ii), because making the information available would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information;
  - b. s 9(2)(j), because making the information available would prejudice or disadvantage Southern Response's ability to carry on negotiations with other geotechnical consultants for the provision of services.

Please note that the above Agreement has been superseded by the Agreement for Services between Geoscience Consulting (NZ) Limited and Southern Response Earthquake Services Limited dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012. It is this Agreement that should have properly been referenced in the Geoscience report, and the need for the correction has been brought to the attention of Geoscience Consulting (NZ) Limited.

2. A copy of the *Agreement for Services between Southern Response Earthquake Services Limited and Geoscience Consulting (NZ) Limited dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012*. Please note that some information has been withheld on the same grounds as set out above.

Please note that you have the right, under section 28(3) OIA, to make a complaint to the Ombudsman about this decision.

Yours sincerely

John McSweeney  
Privacy Officer

