

Our Ref: 201110035

15 October 2014

Grace Haden

BY EMAIL

Dear Grace

**MILK NEW ZEALAND HOLDING LIMITED/PENGXIN NEW ZEALAND FARM
GROUP LIMITED– OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

1. I refer to your email of 10 September 2014 to the Hon Michael Woodhouse and your email of 26 September 2014 wherein you requested under the Official Information Act 1982 a copy of the documentation in relation to the variation to the consent for Milk New Zealand Holding Limited to acquire the Crafar Farms.
2. In terms of your request enclosed is a copy of the relevant documentation which is released in part. The information that has been withheld has been withheld in terms of section 17 of the Official Information Act as the Overseas Investment Office is of the opinion that good reason for the withholding of the information exists under section 9 of the Act. Such information has been withheld in terms of sections 9(2)(a) and/or 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act 1982.
3. Pursuant to section 19(b) of the Act, we advise that you have the right by way of complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act to seek an investigation and review of the refusal to release all the information requested.

Yours sincerely



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