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Dear Mr Chandler

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST: PIKE RIVER FOOTAGE

I refer to your request for information dated 6 April, transferred to Solid Energy by the Office of Hon Dr Nick Smith on 4 May, You requested:

I am requesting all video footage of Pike River Mine (including, but not limited to CCTV, Bore Hole Cameras, Robot Video Footage)"

We are treating your request for video footage as a request for information that relates to the underground drift and mine workings of the Pike River Mine and not above ground video footage (if any). Please let me know if I have misinterpreted your request.

In relation to video footage which has been taken by robot prior to Solid Energy's purchase of assets of the Pike River Mine and was released by the NZ Police on Friday 5 May 2017, we advise that the robot video footage we hold is the same as that released by the New Zealand Police. This information is available at <https://vimeopro.com/user66181559/pike-river-mine>. Accordingly, as the information is already publicly available, Solid Energy does not agree to provide this in accordance with section 18(d) of the Official Information Act (**Act**).

In relation to the remaining video footage held by Solid Energy, we will not be able to respond to your request within 20 working days and will need additional time. This is because your request is for a large amount of information and it will take time to review that information and consider whether it should be disclosed. In addition, Solid Energy is also required to carry out consultation in order to provide a proper response to your request. Accordingly, whilst we will endeavour to get a response to you as soon as possible, Solid Energy advises that we are extending the time to respond to your request by an additional eight working days from today's date.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you are entitled to seek an investigation and review of the above by writing to the Ombudsman.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision to extend, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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LEGAL SERVICES MANAGER