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30 January 2012

To: Minister of Finance
    Minister for State Owned Enterprises

Cc: Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Joyce)

Aide Memoire: Progress Report 30 January 2012

This is the first of a weekly progress report you will receive from Treasury on the implementation of the mixed ownership model. The preparation of this report coincides with meetings by the IPO Steering Committee so you are kept aware of emerging issues.

Procurement

Below is the status of Treasury’s procurement activities to contract service providers:

- **Joint Lead Managers (JLMs):** The successful parties from the public tender are First New Zealand Capital, Goldman Sachs and Macquarie. These three firms are also member of the JLM panel. Other successful firms on the panel are Deutsche Bank/Craigs Investment Partners, Forsyth Barr, and UBS. You will receive a separate report on the appointments.

- **Crown Legal Advisor:** Bell Gully has been appointed from the legal panel.

- **Technology and Logistics:** A preferred party has been selected and negotiations are likely to commence from 30 January and conclude by 3 February.

- **Marketing, Design and Communication Services:** Preferred parties have yet to be selected. Clarifications are being sought from some of the shortlisted respondents to help inform the selection of preferred respondents. [4] Care is being taken with the probity arrangements to ensure the selection process is fair to all parties.

- **Communication Director:** Interviews are complete. The next steps are to confirm a preferred party and to negotiate terms.

The next phase of Treasury’s procurement is to appoint a probity advisor through an open tender process. The JLMs will also make appointments on Crown’s behalf. These appointments will be completed using the public sector procurement guidelines.

Mighty River Power has also made good progress with appointing advisors, namely: Chapman Tripp for legal services, Ernst Young for audit and investigating accountancy services, Becca for diligence on generating assets, Cowper Campbell for diligence on environmental consents and Paul Oldfield to adviser directors on legal matters.
Due diligence

On 26 January 2012 the JLMs met representatives of Mighty River Power to commence work on due diligence and project planning. A presentation by management is scheduled for 2 February and site visits are planned for 15 – 16 February.

Bell Gully and Chapman Tripp are completing the Due Diligence Planning Memorandum which will be tabled at the meeting of 2 February. The OAG has been consulted on the role of the auditor in the due diligence process.

Auckland Project Room

Treasury has set up a project room in the Auckland offices of the New Zealand Superannuation Fund. It will be operational from 2 February. The room is a more cost efficient way of engaging with the parties implementing the IPO than flying them to Wellington. The project room is a secure area separate from the Super Fund.

Consultation and Legislation

Last week we finalised the meeting schedule, announced the programme, organised the initial advertising and made significant progress on the consultation document. This week we will finalise and release the consultation document and invite the targeted attendees.

On 20 January we briefed Ministers on the options for the passage of legislation. We would welcome any feedback you have on how Ministers propose to approach the legislation so we can plan accordingly.

Upcoming meetings

On 31 January shareholding Ministers are meeting Treasury to discuss progress. On 2 February, shareholding Ministers are meeting the chair of Mighty River Power. You will receive a separate report regarding this meeting. These meetings are scheduled to occur approximately every four weeks.

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