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Tēnā koutou

Thank you for submitting the Ngāti Pāoa Deed of Mandate for negotiations with the Crown on behalf of Ngāti Pāoa.

We have been advised that the Ngāti Pāoa Trust Board has the support of the Ngāti Pāoa claimant community and are therefore the appropriate representatives of Ngāti Pāoa to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of Ngāti Pāoa's historical Treaty settlement claims with the Crown. We are, therefore, pleased to recognise the mandate of the Ngāti Pāoa Trust Board for this purpose.

We were encouraged by the positive meeting we held together with your negotiators on 28 May 2011 and look forward to finalising an Agreement in Principle with you in the near future. Kāti mō tēnei wā.

Heoi anō

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