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To Whom It May Concern

RE: Grant Support

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This letter of support is written on behalf of the Kokohinau Papakainga Trust, Kokohinau Marae Reservation Trustees and the Pahipoto Maori Committee.

EasyBuild Limited recently provided 5 Wanaka design homes for our Emergency Housing Project for victims of the Edgecumbe Flood on Papakainga Land at Kokohinau. Their local Bay of Plenty Licencee, EasyBuild Bay of Plenty Limited, completed the building work on site and managed the build process.

The project was completed in the timeframe promised, of 15 weeks to complete 5 Wanaka design homes. As this was an emergency housing project to help those displaced by the Edgecumbe floods, the speed at which the houses could be completed was very important to us and we were delighted that EasyBuild were able to complete the homes in a high quality way in such a short space of time.

The homes have been occupied and the residents have expressed thanks in living in a home again. The homes are highly impact resistant and the interior walls have been lined with Triboard, which will stand the test of time with low maintenance costs. They are also very warm and robust, so our residents will face much reduced energy bills.

EasyBuild were very keen to employ local iwi members to assist on the project and one of our young members joined their building crew. He has since been taken on by EasyBuild BOP as an apprentice and is really enjoying the work and the opportunity he has been given to learn new skills.

EasyBuild were very easy to work with, and delivered on all their promises. The homes were completed on time and on budget and parties involved were delighted with the outcome.

We received funding from Te Puni Kokiri and MBIE to help make this project happen and the feedback from both of these groups was very positive. The Whakatane District Council Building Inspectors were also very complimentary about the homes and the quality of construction.

As part of this project we installed the necessary infrastructure to support 31 homes in total and we hope to include EasyBuild in our future plans.

Even though the build was started by one government and ended by another, the completion of the project was done in the spirit of humanity for the needs of the dispossessed

Ehara te pae i te tawhiti rawa ki nga mea e haere tikatia
No horizon is too far for those properly prepared

Naku noa na

Hemana Eruera
Papakainga Trustee.....



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