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To whom it may concern

**Survey of New Zealand imports and exports of asbestos-containing products**

The Ministry for the Environment has engaged Graham Environmental Consulting Ltd to prepare an inventory of New Zealand imports and exports of asbestos-containing products (ACPs). The study has been organised in collaboration with the Environmental Protection Authority, the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment, WorkSafe New Zealand, and the New Zealand Customs Service.

The inventory is intended to provide information to answer the following questions:

- Are any ACPs being imported into and exported out of New Zealand?
- If so, what are these products and how are they used?
- What is the volume of products being imported/ exported?
- Which industries use these products?
- How important are these products to relevant industries and are there alternative products that could be used?

The key objective is to have a comprehensive picture of the flow of ACPs into and out of New Zealand. The Ministry will use this information as an evidence base from which to ascertain whether the importation, exportation and use of these products warrants further government intervention and what the best mechanisms for further regulation would be.

The information collected in the survey will be reported in an aggregated form, and individual respondents will not be identified in any publicly available documents. Please note that the Ministry for the Environment is subject to the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), and prior to any information release consideration will be given to information identified as being commercially sensitive.

If you wish to discuss any specific aspects of this study in more detail please address your questions to Dr Bruce Graham of Graham Environmental Ltd. However, if you have more general questions about the Ministry's interests in this area contact Finbar Kiddle on 04 439 7758 or email [Finbar.Kiddle@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:Finbar.Kiddle@mfe.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

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