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Thank you for your official information request received on 23 May 2024 for "recent consents granted under the Overseas Investment Act 2005 for overseas investments in farm land for the purpose of converting the land to forestry operations".

We note your request for the assessment reports of:

- Cerberus Forestry Limited (202300230);
- Glengarry Forest Limited Partnership (202300376);
- Norsewood Estate Limited (202300047);
- Ponga Silva Limited (202300056); and
- Port Blakely Limited (202300306).

Given the volume of documentation and the necessity to consult with third parties we will be releasing the documentation in tranches.

Enclosed is the first tranche response, being the assessment reports for cases 202300230 and 202300306.

We are of the opinion that good reason for the withholding of some information exists under the following sections of the Official Information Act 1982:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons, and
- 9(2)(b)(ii) where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

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We are of the view the withholding of the information is not outweighed by the public interest to make that information available.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact oio@linz.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at <a href="https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz">www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</a> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note, this response letter outlining our decision on your request, **with your personal details withheld**, and any attached documentation will be published on the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand website. This is likely to be published by 31 July 2024

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Nāku noa, nā

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