

Appendix 5: Adoption

Acceptance of the *2013 Code of Conduct for Minimising Acoustic Disturbance to Marine Mammals from Seismic Survey Operations* (the Code) and Agreement to Follow its Provisions

Persons who intend to follow the Code while conducting seismic surveys in New Zealand continental waters should take the following steps to confirm such intention—

- a. Download and print a copy of the code from www.doc.govt.nz
- b. Complete the following form with necessary details as indicated
- c. Send the signed copy of this page to the Director-General of Conservation at the address/email below.

Taking the above steps will ensure that the Director-General of Conservation is aware of the extent of uptake of the Code in industry practice. Acceptance of the Code and fulfilling its recommendations will also mean that the Director-General will be furnished with relevant reports from time to time. Such reports would assist in developing further knowledge about the relevant marine mammals, and in turn improve conservation work with respect to them.

I, *(name)* _____

of *(address)* _____,

being authorised by and on behalf of

(name of the company/body corporate) _____

accept the *2013 Code of Conduct for Minimising Acoustic Disturbance to Marine Mammals from Seismic Survey Operations* and its supporting

Reference Document and agree that its provisions will be followed in respect of seismic survey operations, conducted under the authority of

(name of the company/body corporate) _____

in New Zealand continental waters during the term of the Code.

I understand that following acceptance of the Code,

(name of the company/body corporate) _____

will provide all relevant notifications and reports to the Director-General as expected under the Code. I also understand that the Code is voluntary, and its acceptance and agreement to follow its provisions does not bind

(name of the company/body corporate) _____

in any way under the Marine Mammals Protection Act 1978.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Send a copy of this form to:

Director-General,
Department of Conservation
PO Box 10420, Wellington 6143

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