Under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)

In the matter of the Local Government (Auckland Transitional Provisions) Act

2010 (LGATPA) and the RMA

And

In the matter of an appeal under section 156(1) of the LGATPA against a

decision of the Auckland Council on a recommendation of the Auckland Unitary Plan Independent Hearings Panel (**Hearings Panel**) on the Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan (**Proposed**

Plan)

And

In the matter of Proposed Plan Hearing Topics 006 RPS Natural Resources and

035 Air Quality

Between New Zealand Steel Limited

Appellant

And Auckland Council

Respondent

Notice of New Zealand Starch Limited's wish to be party to proceedings pursuant to section 274 Resource Management Act 1991

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To: The Registrar

Environment Court

Auckland

New Zealand Starch Limited (**NZ Starch**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings, being an appeal under section 156(1) of the LGATPA regarding the Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan (**Proposed Plan**):

(a) New Zealand Steel Limited v Auckland Council (ENV-2016-AKL-233).

2 NZ Starch is a person who made a submission and further submission about the subject matter of the appeal.

3 NZ Starch is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the RMA.

4 NZ Starch is interested in all parts of the appeal.

5 NZ Starch supports the relief sought in the appeal in full on the following grounds:

(a) The relief sought is consistent with the relief sought in the appeal by NZ Starch on the Proposed Plan;

(b) The relief sought will be the most appropriate way to achieve the purpose and principles of the RMA, and the objectives of the Proposed Plan; and

(c) The Independent Hearing Panel's recommendations regarding air quality that are sought to be reinstated under the appeal will provide a more appropriate method of managing air quality than the decisions made by the Auckland Council.

6 NZ Starch agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated this 05th day of October 2016

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