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By Courier

Dear Mrs Rinehart

HOPE MARGARET HANCOCK TRUST

We advise that we act for your son, John Langley Hancock.

We are instructed by John that he has a number of concerns about the above Trust. He has attempted to discuss these concerns with you but his concerns have not been addressed.

John wishes to view the Trust accounts and be informed about the transactions relating to the Trust. As you would expect, we have looked at this issue and concluded that as a beneficiary John is entitled to this information.

John's second concern is that, at least in his case, no distributions have been made for some time. Given the size of the Trust this is not unreasonable. As we understood it, you have stated that you have an absolute discretion as to such matters pursuant to a Deed of Variation. John does not accept the validity of that Deed and does not believe it reasonable for you to take a position that distributions will only be made if John follows your directions on other matters.

John's third concern is that mining interests have been transferred out of the Trust and that non-Trust expenses have been charged to the Trust, i.e., there has been a failure on your part to distinguish between the interests of the various entities you control and the interests of the Trust.

John has instructed us to request that for the sake of all the beneficiaries, and to avoid what would inevitably be a prolix dispute, you now stand aside as Trustee.

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At this stage John is not prepared to nominate a new Trustee until his sisters have been consulted. However, he believes that it would be possible to agree on a Trustee who would be acceptable to all parties.

We await hearing from you.

Yours faithfully
BUTCHER PAULL AND CALDER



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