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Canterbury Earthquakes Royal Commission

Komihana a te Karauna hei Tiro tiro i ngā Whare i Horo i ngā Rūwhenua o Waitaha

30 September 2011

BY COURIER

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Dear Sir

382 Colombo Street, Christchurch

1. I understand from Mr David Yan that you conducted an assessment of the building at 382 Colombo Street some 10 days after the 4 September 2010 earthquake.
 - (a) Please advise the nature of your instructions in relation to that assessment ie: what were you asked to do?
 - (b) Please provide a copy of any report/assessment you provided in relation to this building including drawings and photographs.
 - (c) If you provided any verbal assessment/report please provide details of the same.
2. I understand that in December 2010 you were present when an assessor from Cunningham Lindsey inspected the building.
 - (a) Please provide details of any assessment you made of the building at that time, verbal or written.
3. I understand from Mr Yan that you inspected the building several times for the purpose of reporting to Mr Yan's insurance company.
 - (a) Please advise the nature of your instructions in relation to that assessment ie: what were you asked to do?
 - (b) Please provide a copy of any assessment/report you provided including any drawings or photographs.

- (c) If you gave any verbal assessment/report, please provide details of the same.
4. In relation to any of the inspections/assessments you have made of the building please advise whether you gave any consideration to
- (a) The impact of the 4 September 2010 earthquake and subsequent aftershocks or the structural integrity of the building, and in particular, whether the building's capacity to withstand further aftershocks was diminished as a result?
 - (b) Information from GNS or any other source about the likelihood, location and extent of further aftershocks? If so, please provide details of this information.
 - (c) Information from the Christchurch City Council relating to building standards for the inspection of buildings following an earthquake? If so, provide details of this information.
 - (d) Any information from any other party relating to building standards or the inspection of buildings following an earthquake? Also, please provide details of this information.
 - (e) The buildings plans.
 - (f) The Christchurch City Council's earthquake prone policy and whether the building complied with it.
 - (g) Whether any previous structural strengthening had been carried out.

The above information is requested pursuant to the Royal Commission's powers of investigation under s 4C Commissions of Inquiry Act 1908.

Yours faithfully


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