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## LODGEMENT OF FAST TRACK APPLICATION

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Tāiko Critical Minerals Limited (“Tāiko”, “TCM” or “the Company”) (NZX:TCM) is pleased to announce lodgement of its substantive application<sup>1</sup> under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 (“FTAA”) for the Southern Block comprising the Canoe Creek, Barrytown Farms and Cargill South Blocks of the Barrytown Critical Minerals Project.

The application seeks all approvals necessary to establish and operate a mine site for mineral sand extraction activities within privately owned farmland on the Southern Block of the Project. The Project is listed in Schedule 2 of the FTAA and has been assessed as delivering significant regional and national benefits.

The substantive application builds on Tāiko’s existing approvals, including resource consents for mining at the Central Block (Coates South), a Wet Concentrator Plant at the Barrytown Flats and a Mineral Separation Plant at Rapahoe. Combined, these will enable the company to develop its “mine to market” strategy, whereby lower value ore is refined into high value minerals on the West Coast before being exported to customers overseas.

The Southern Block is an important stage of the Project, providing the scale and operational longevity that will support the long-term development of the Barrytown Critical Minerals Project.

TCM CEO Robert Brand said, *“The lodgement of the substantive application is a key step in advancing the Barrytown Critical Minerals Project. Being able to do so reflects the significant amount of work undertaken to date across resource definition, consenting, and project development that has proceeded with strong mana whenua support at every stage.*

*The Southern Block is an important aspect of the Project. It expands the scale and duration of the operation, supporting the investment in long-term operations. We continue to see strong alignment between what Taiko is developing and regional development objectives for the West Coast, as well as growing recognition of the role critical minerals will play in the future economy.”*

<sup>1</sup> A copy of the lodged application can be found at [www.taikocm.co.nz/fast-track-application](http://www.taikocm.co.nz/fast-track-application)

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***ABOUT TĀIKO CRITICAL MINERALS***

Tāiko is a New Zealand incorporated company preparing to extract, refine and export critical minerals from privately owned farmland on the West Coast of the South Island of New Zealand, near Greymouth. The Company has strong mana whenua support, with resource consents through to implementation.

Tāiko plans to develop and produce ilmenite, zircon, garnet, and other critical minerals. The company's "mine to market" strategy involves refining these critical minerals at a planned Mineral Separation Plant on the West Coast and exporting them to global customers. The Company's operations are in start-up phase and are therefore pre-revenue.

***BARRYTOWN CRITICAL MINERALS PROJECT***

The Company's core asset is the Barrytown Critical Minerals Project, contained on Mining Permit ML 60785 covering 1250ha of coastal heavy mineral sands located ~30 km north of Greymouth.

Tāiko has been granted resource consents to mine the mineral resource from the Coates South Block property near Greymouth. The Company has also been granted resource consents to construct and operate a mineral separation plant at nearby Rapahoe, which will produce high value critical minerals from the mineral resource.

In addition, Tāiko will transport refined minerals via established rail infrastructure to South Island ports for export to global customers.

***MINERAL RESOURCE***

Tāiko has reported a JORC Code (2012) compliant Mineral Resource for the Barrytown Critical Minerals Project comprising Total Measured, Indicated and Inferred Resources of 25.3 Mt @ 24.1% VHM and 33.2% THM.

The Company has also reported an initial JORC Code (2012) Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) for the Canoe Creek Block, with Measured & Indicated Resources of 2.85 Mt @ 20% Valuable Heavy Mineral (VHM).

***PROJECT DEVELOPMENT***

The Company has been listed in Schedule 2 of the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 and has now submitted its substantive application for resource consent under the Fast-track approval process to mine the mineral resource extension of the Coates South Block contained in the Canoe Creek, Barrytown Farms and Cargill South Blocks.

Tāiko has received strong support from Mana Whenua Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae, whose vital input is helping to shape the project from resource consents through to implementation.

### **COMPETENT PERSONS STATEMENT**

The Mineral Resource information in this announcement is based on information compiled under the supervision of Mathijs van de Ven (MAusIMM) and Michael Gazley (MAusIMM, MAIG) of RSC, who are Competent Persons as defined in the JORC Code (2012). Both have sufficient experience relevant to this style of mineralisation and consent to the inclusion of this information in the form and context in which it appears.

### **MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATES**

All references to mineral resource estimates should be read in conjunction with the reports listed in the table below.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Title of Document</b>	<b>Competent person</b>	<b>Report &amp; (NZX release) date</b>
Barrytown Farms and Coates South	Initial Mineral Resource Estimate for the Barrytown Critical Minerals Project	Mr Rene Sterk MSc FAusIMM (CP(Geo) MAIG (RPGeo) MSEG	20 Jan 2026 (pre NZX listing)
Barrytown Farms and Coates South	Listing Profile – Taiko Critical Minerals Limited	Mr Rene Sterk MSc FAusIMM (CP(Geo) MAIG (RPGeo) MSEG	5 Mar 2026 (NZX: 5 Mar 26)
Canoe Creek	Canoe Creek Mineral Resource Estimate	Mathijs van de Ven (MAusIMM) Michael Gazley (MAusIMM, MAIG)	4 May 2026 (NZX: 13 May 26)
Canoe Creek	Initial Mineral Resource Estimate for the Canoe Creek Block at the Barrytown Critical Minerals Project	Mathijs van de Ven (MAusIMM)	6 May 2026 (NZX: 13 May 26)

The above reports were prepared by RSC and can be found at [www.taikocm.co.nz/mineral-resource-information](http://www.taikocm.co.nz/mineral-resource-information)

All disclosures made in this document with reference to mineral resources estimates are quoted as per those documents. Taiko confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that will or may materially affect the information included in this market announcement. In the case of mineral resource estimates, all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates continue to apply and have not materially changed since the date of the above reports.

### **FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This announcement may contain forward-looking statements based on management’s expectations. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in such statements.

Forward-looking statements, opinions, and estimates included in this document are based on assumptions and contingencies which are subject to change without notice. These statements are provided as a general guide only and should not be relied upon as a guarantee of future performance.

Project development pathways, timelines, production targets, and commercial outcomes are indicative only and are based on current expectations. Actual timing and outcomes may vary depending on technical, regulatory, funding, and market conditions. Tāiko does not undertake to update forward-looking statements except as required by applicable law.

### **PUBLIC DISCLOSURES**

This announcement should be read in conjunction with Taiko’s NZX announcements. It is not intended to provide a comprehensive overview of all material information relating to the Company and should not be relied upon as a substitute for those disclosures.