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1 June 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Official Information Act Request - GIDI Withdrawn Projects

Thank you for your email on Thursday 11 May in which you requested under the Official Information Act 1982:

This is a request for official information under the Official Information Act 1982 relating to GIDI fund. Specifically the projects listed here: <https://www.eeca.govt.nz/assets/EECA-Resources/Co-funding/GIDI-Files/Rounds-1-3/1-3-updated-2023/Round-3-Projects-Map-Summaries.pdf> and here: <https://www.eeca.govt.nz/assets/EECA-Resources/Co-funding/GIDI-Files/Rounds-1-3/1-3-updated-2023/Round-2-Projects-Map-Summaries.pdf>

We request the following information:

- *In the two links above, please tell us why the crossed out projects were withdrawn.*
 - *What was the reason for the project withdrawal?*
 - *Who's decision was it to withdraw? Was it the company or the EECA?*
 - *How much funding was given to the company before withdrawal? Has any money been paid back? Please say how much funding they were given and how much has been paid back.*
 - *If they were in receipt of funding, and have not paid anything back, why not?*

Please find EECA's response to your request attached to this email as Appendix One.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://www.eeca.govt.nz/about/news-and-corporate/official-information/> with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Caseley
EECA Chief Executive

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Project Information	Reason for withdrawal	Who withdrew	Funding status
<p>Round 2: Golden Bay Cement</p> <p>Biomass dryer (\$750,000 in co-funding)</p>	<p>This project was to replace a gas fired dryer with a wood pellet dryer at a new facility. The intention was to extract and process natural pozzolans as a cement supplement to reduce the amount of embodied CO2 in concrete.</p> <p>After product testing it was concluded that the product was not suitable for the intended purpose and therefore the wood pellet dryer project would not commence.</p>	Golden Bay Cement	No GIDI co-funding was provided toward this project.
<p>Round 3: DB Breweries Ltd</p> <p>High Temperature Heat Pump (\$500,000 in co-funding)</p>	<p>This project was to install a high temperature heat pump to significantly reduce the consumption of natural gas.</p> <p>After the project was awarded GIDI funding, DB undertook a detailed feasibility study to understand how the high temperature heat pump could be integrated at the site. The feasibility study found that while the project was technically feasible, it</p>	DB Breweries Ltd	No GIDI co-funding was provided toward this project.

	<p>would have less benefit than what had been outlined in the concept design.</p> <p>In addition, Heineken (DB's parent company) launched a global integrated Net Zero Programme to accelerate decarbonisation across all production sites. DB is part of this project and due to the timing of the global project the GIDI project timeline did not align with the contracted completion date.</p> <p>Due to the uncertain timeline DB advised they would withdraw from the contract.</p>		
<p><i>Round 3:</i> Southern Paprika Ltd</p> <p>CO2 recovered biomass boiler (\$4,979,520 in co-funding)</p>	<p>This project was to reduce emissions by replacing heating and CO2 equipment with the installation of a biomass heat and CO2 capture boiler.</p> <p>The intended boiler was a new technology and the original supplier could not provide key elements of the system and alternative suppliers could not be found.</p> <p>Southern Paprika requested cancellation of the GIDI co-funding agreement.</p>	<p>Southern Paprika Ltd</p>	<p>No GIDI co-funding was provided toward this project.</p>