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Dear Phil

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 9 November 2018 requesting information about Vehicle Inspection New Zealand (VINZ) and their status as an Inspecting Organisation (IO) under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Your questions and my responses are outlined below.

1. *Prior to March 2015 sale, under what IO authority did VINZ operate (pls provide specific number or other way TA records this specific authority)*

VINZ operated under a Notice of Appointment for Warrant of Fitness, Certificate of Fitness, Certificate of Loading and Alternative Fuel Systems. VINZ also operated under a Deed of Appointment for section 2.2(1)(e),(i), (l) and (m) of the Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002, and to determine chassis ratings as defined in the Land Transport Rule: Heavy Vehicle Brakes 2006.

2. *After March 2015 sale, under what IO authority did VINZ operate? (If each site has its own authority, OK; but RNZ is interested in the authority for VINZ as a whole)*

VINZ continued to operate under the Notice and Deeds of Appointment outlined in question 1.

3. *When was the IO authority under which VINZ operated prior to March 2015 'turned off' (as it were)?*

The IO authority under which VINZ operated has not been cancelled.

4. *After March 2015, who was the 'inspecting organisation' in relation to VINZ sites?*

VINZ has remained the IO.

5. *If the same IO authority was carried over, isn't that illegal?*

No. As there was no change to VINZ as a legal entity, their appointment as an IO remained in place.

6. *On what date was TA advised of the sale of VINZ?*

The NZ Transport Agency was not advised of the sale of VINZ as their immediate ownership (JIVEC JAPAN) did not change. The Transport Agency was advised of the Optimus purchase of JIVEC JAPAN on 8 March 2016.

7. *Were either or both of the forms linked to below (COF and WOF IOs) filled out for VINZ at or after March 2015? On what date were either or both filled out*

No. The forms weren't necessary as VINZ was already an authorised IO.

8. *Any record TA has of Optimus being advised about the mandatory requirements of being an authorised IO. Pls include reference to where Optimus was advised re where the forms note "This means you're*
9. *NOT AUTHORISED TO INSPECT VEHICLES until your organisation has been appointed as an inspecting organisation and has its own inspecting authority number*

The Transport Agency does not have a relationship with Optimus and as such, have not communicated any mandatory requirements. Optimus is not an IO, nor has it applied to be an IO.

Please note that we will also be publishing the response to this request on our website:
<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/about-us/news-and-media/official-information-act/official-informationact-oia-responses/>

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Andrew Knackstedt, Senior Manager Media, by email to Andrew.Knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 04 894 6285.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brett Aldridge', written in a cursive style.

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