

COVER SHEET

1. Manaia Forestry School Project PGF Application	For: Approval
Background & context:	Recommendation(s):
<p>Applicant Organisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train Me Quality Service LTD, trading as ManaiaSAFE Forestry School <p>Location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> East Coast/ Tairawhiti <p>Proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake a pilot programme focussing on forestry training. <p>Funding Sought:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total project value: \$ <small>Commercial Information</small> PGF Funding: \$301,209 <p>Background:</p> <p>The pilot programme will run a 20 week cable-logging course for 11 trainees. The course is piloting training undertaken in a controlled commercial environment, focusing on cable logging. A goal of this approach is to enable graduates to more safely enter the workforce.</p> <p><small>Commercial Information</small></p> <p>The applicant is seeking to offset a part of the pilot's cost via the sale of felled timber, generated during on-site training. MPI have concerns the applicant's projections for revenue generation are optimistic. Evaluation of the pilot will determine the applicant's revenue assumptions, the financial viability of the course, as well as factors associated with the pilot's efficacy in delivering a fit for purpose training programme.</p> <p>An additional concern identified by both the PDU</p>	<p>We recommend that SROs:</p> <p>a) Discuss ManaiaSAFE's PGF application to run a pilot programme focussed on forestry training</p> <p>b) Note That PDU and MPI have assessed this application and sought additional material from the applicant, and that the applicant has provided all requested material including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A detailed project plan A detailed financial breakdown <p>c) Note ManaiaSAFE has community & industry support, including funding from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <small>Commercial Information</small> <p>d) Note The PDU and MPI have asked that more funding, from the applicant's original figure of \$ <small>Commercial Information</small>, be allocated to programme evaluation. MPI has provided material to support an evaluation figure of between \$ <small>Commercial Information</small></p> <p>e) Agree to approve \$301,209 from the PGF to be allocated to ManaiaSAFE subject to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of due diligence (final due dil on any contracting entities used for the equipment hire used during the trial, not yet contracted); and Contract with agreed clauses

and MPI is project cost. The applicant's financial breakdown highlights that the course could potentially be run without PGF funding (assuming the revenue projections are correct). That said, the request by the PDU and MPI for an increased focus on external evaluation, as well as agency desire to see a reasonable contingency in the pilot to cover possible cost overrun due to this being a training programme rather than a commercial operation, mean the funding request is deemed appropriate.

including independent evaluation

The purpose of this briefing is to consider recommending PGF funds to the ManaiaSAFE Project

Alignment to PGF criteria:

Increased Economic Benefit

The pilot is seeking to provide a vehicle by which upskilled workers will enter a high risk sector. This will provide the opportunity to increase productivity in the sector through fewer incidents/accidents in the work place.

Additionality

This pilot is a new venture. The applicant and his team have significant industry experience. The applicant's hope is that independent evaluation of the pilot will confirm assumptions and provide an opportunity to roll out the programme nationally.

Alignment with regional plans/ Stakeholder support

The applicant has gained strong stakeholder support, reflected in funding allocated from, Commercial Information
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Management and Governance

The pilot will be run in association with Eastern Institute of Technology. The applicant has provided detail relating to the organisation's structure and persons allocated responsibility/position.

Risks Issues:

Significant risk must be acknowledged in relation to the training to be undertaken. The applicant has significant industry experience and is partnering with an established training provider.

Eligibility points of note:

- *Due diligence*:- Full due diligence is to be completed. It is a condition of approval that due diligence is to be to the satisfaction of the Head of PDU Investment team.
- *Conflict(s) of interest*:- Based on the information provided no conflict of interest is evident noting that full due diligence will inform this item further.
- *Illegal Activity*:- Based on the application information provided and feedback from other agencies there is no indication that the applicant or project has been involved in, or associated with illegal activity.
- *Alignment with Regional development plans*:- Project aligns with regional priorities and has

gained regional and industry support.

- *Commercial funding availability:-* Given the nature of the project which is to undertake a high risk industry pilot programme, access to commercial funding is not considered a feasible option.

Consultation undertaken or implications:

Legal	N/A	HR	N/A	Finance	N/A	MBIE policy	N/A	Other	MPI/ MSD
Supporting proposal:									
Yes									
Appendices:									
Yes - Application									
Sponsor(s):									
N/A									
Manager/Author of paper:									
ELH Investment Team									

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