Abstract of Licenses for Special Claims and Licensed Holdings issued from the Warden's Office at Te Aroha, in the Hauraki Mining District, and registered on or before the 31st March, 1897, in the Books of the Mining Registrar at Te Aroha.

| Date of<br>License. | Area. |  | Locality,                | Block.            | Survey<br>District. |     | Name of Claim.     | Name of Registered Owner.         |
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| 1/0/05              | A.    | R. P.  | Water                    | 37                | A 3                 |     | N TR' - 1 N 1      | A. I. G.11 (T.11)                 |
| 1/6/95              | 26    | 2 32   | Waiorongomai             | X.                |                     | • • | New Find No. 1     | Aroha Gold-mines (Ltd.).          |
| 1/6/95              | 10    | 1 2  | "                        | "                 |                     | • • | New Find No. 2     | "                                 |
| 13/9/95             | 60    | 0 0  | "                        | , "TT             | "                   | • • | Sceptre            | "                                 |
| 13/9/95             | 99    | 0 0  | "                        | XII.              | Katikati            | ŀ   | Sceptre Extended   | ,,                                |
| 28/6/95             | 28    | 1 25   | ,,,                      | X.                |                     | ••  | Loyalty Palace     | P. Snewin.                        |
| 26/9/95             | 30    | 0 0  | "                        | ,,                |                     |     | Hot Springs        | W. Rycroft.                       |
| 26/9/95             | 30    | 0 0  | ,,,                      | XII.              | 1                   |     | Cadman             | J. Mills.                         |
| 26/9/95             | 20    | 0 0  | Te Aroha                 | IX.               | 1                   |     | Mount Morgan       | J. Williams.                      |
| 25/10/95            | 10    | 234  | Waiorongomai             | XII.              | , ,                 | i   | Welcome            | R. Burke.                         |
| 13/11/95            | 100   | 0 0  | , ,                      | ∫ X.              | "                   | )   | Empire             | Arona Gold-mines (Ltd.).          |
| 13/11/95            | 99    | 2 25   |                          | XI. XI. XI.       | Katikati<br>Aroha   | ) [ | Taranaki           | G. S. Graham.                     |
| 19/11/95            | 48    | $\frac{2}{1} \frac{25}{34}$                    | Te Aroha<br>Waiorongomai | XII.              | 1.                  | • • | 0.33               | J. Mills.                         |
| 10/1/96             | 49    | 1 20   |                          | IX.               | Į.                  | • • | * · ·              | J. Williams.                      |
| 1/2/96              | 71    | 2 0  | Te Aroha                 | X.                | 1                   | ٠٠  | 7 7                | P. Snewin.                        |
| 1/2/96              | 43    | 2 23   |                          |                   |                     | • • | Day Dawn           | J. A. Pond.                       |
| 1/2/96              | 50    | 0 0  | "                        | "                 | 1 .                 |     | Grand Junction     | E. Griffith.                      |
| 28/11/95            | 29    | 3 10   | Te Aroha                 | IX.               | 1 "                 |     | Golden Crown       | J. Williams.                      |
| 27/1/96             | 29    | 0 1  | "                        | 1.21.             |                     |     | City of Durham     | G. Robson.                        |
| 27/1/96             | 29    | 3 11   | "                        | $ {X}$ .          |                     |     | Plutus (L.H.)      | W. T. J. Bell.                    |
| 2/3/96              | 20    | 1 2  | ,                        | IX.               |                     |     | Hot Springs No. 2  | W. Rycroft.                       |
| 30/4/96             | 99    | 0 0  | Waiorongomai             | X.                |                     | .   | Gentle Annie       | W. Steele.                        |
| 30/4/96             | 46    | 0 0  | Te Aroha                 | IX.               |                     |     | Stony Creek        | W. Rycroft.                       |
| 30/4/96             | 99    | 0 30   | Waiorongomai             | X.                | 1                   |     | Great Western      | T. Gavin.                         |
| 30/4/96             | 50    | 0 0  | Tui                      | IX.               | į.                  |     | Plutus             | C. F. Bell.                       |
| 19/5/96             | 17    | 0 0  | ,,                       | X.                |                     |     | Plutus No. 2       | W. T. J. Bell.                    |
| 19/5/96             | 23    | 3 2  | Te Aroha                 | IX.               | 1                   |     | Wellington         | W. Dibsell.                       |
| 29/6/96             | 94    | 0 0  | Waiorongomai             | X.                |                     |     | New Munster        | New Munster Gold-mining Co. (Ltd. |
| L6/7/96             | 100   | 0 0  |                          | XII.              |                     |     | Trident            | Aroha Gold-mining Co. (Ltd.).     |
| 16/7/96             | 50    | 2 16   | Tui                      | X.                | 1                   |     | Silver King        | G. B. Osmond.                     |
| 6/7/96              | 50    | 0 24   | ,                        | "                 | 1                   |     | Planet             | A. E. Whittome.                   |
| 9/4/96              | 94    | 0 9  | "                        | 1X.               | 1                   |     | Waitara            | J. Wallace.                       |
| 1/7/96              | 30    | 0 0  | 1 1                      | ,,                | 1                   |     | Waihou             | G. Robson.                        |
| 6/10/96             | 100   | 0 0  | Tui                      | IX., X.           | "                   |     | Merchant of Venice | R. Kelly.                         |
| 6/10/96             | 100   | 0  0   | ,                        | ,,                | , .                 | .   | Gipsy King         | A. E. Langley.                    |
| 0/10/96             | 99    | 1 21   | ,,                       | 1X.               | ,, ,                |     | Te Archa           | R. Dovell.                        |
| 4/10/96             | 99    | 0 17   | ,,                       | X.                | "                   |     | Grand Result       | T. McIndoe.                       |
| 0/11/96             | 46    | $3 \ 32$                                       | ,,                       | V., IX.           | ,, .                | •   | Te Aroha Extended  | R. Dovell.                        |
| 0/11/96             | 99    | 0 0  | 1 1                      | $\mathbf{X}$ .    | ,, .                |     | Mount Ryan         | W. Shaw.                          |
| 1/12/96             | 27    | 2 0  |                          | "                 | ,, .                |     | Manchester         | A. A. Lockwood.                   |
| 3/1/97              | 100   | 0 0  | Tui                      | "                 | ,, .                | .   | Waitara Extended   | A. B. Millar.                     |
| 3/1/97              | 96    | 0 4  |                          | IX., X.           | ,, .                | .   | Ethel Reef         | Ethel Reefs Gold-mining Co.       |
| 3/1/97              | 93    | 3 30   |                          | IX.               | ,, .                | •   | Mayflower          | E. Cameron.                       |
| 1/1/97              | 19    | 1 0  | • • •                    | X.                | ,, .                |     | Ballarat           |                                   |
| 0/11/96             | 100   | 0 0  | m;                       | IX.               | l .                 | •   | Devereux           | J. W. Walker.                     |
| 4/2/97              | 100   | 0 0  | Te Aroha                 | $\H{\mathrm{X}}.$ | " .                 |     | Night and Morning  | "                                 |
| 2/3/97              | 98    | 0 0  | ••                       | Χ.                |                     |     | Te Aroha Queen     | "                                 |
| 2/3/97              | 94    | 2 0  | •••                      | "                 | ,, .                |     | Premier Extended   | D T14                             |
| 2/3/97              | 79    | 2 0  | ••                       | "                 | . "                 | 1   | Ajax               | R. Lhoest.                        |
| 2/3/97              | 99    | 2 16   | m:                       | "                 | " .                 | .   | Ajax Extended      | m.: 0.33 /T. /3.)                 |
| 2/3/97              | 98    | 1 6  | Tui                      | <b>у</b> ″1       | Zatileati           |     | Tui                | Tui Gold-mines (Ltd.).            |
| 24/3/97             | 93    | $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ | Waiorongomai             | XI.               | Katikati .          |     | Loyalty Extended   | W. Newsham.                       |
| 9/3/97.             | 100   | 0 0  | <i>"</i>                 | XII.              | Aroha .             | •   | Waiorongomai       | E. Edwards.                       |

## Waiorongomai District.

Aroha Gold-mines (Limited) Mine (Area, 395 acres).—This company also owns water rights and machine-sites. The property includes the greater number of claims which produced most of the bullion from this part of the goldfield when worked by companies with small capital. The minemanager reports as follows:—

The works carried on have been prospecting and development. Two winzes have been sunk, the total depth of which is 202 ft. 6 in. A distance of 763 ft. has been driven in cross-cuts, and 883 ft. has been driven on the reefs. The amount of ore treated was 708 tons, of which 308 was crushed wet with amalgamation, while 400 tons was dry crushed, and treated with cyanide. The percentage of bullion extracted by wet-crushing and amalgamation was 42 per cent., against 85 per cent. yielded by dry-crushing and cyanide. The plant consists of a ten-stamp battery, one small stone-breaker, and one kiln, and the power used is water. Each stamp crushed per day 35 cwt. of wet and 1 ton of dry quartz. The battery was working sixty days, and the average number of men employed during the year was fifty (including wages-men and contractors). The company are now driving a main low tunnel to open up their property in a systematic manner. The dimensions of the tunnel are 11 ft. high by 9 ft. wide in the clear. Its length up to the present is 300 ft. Aircompressing machinery is now on the ground, and will be used to work rock-drills in the formation of this tunnel. A water-race is in course of construction, which will give over 600 ft. of fall, and provide power for working the air-compressor. The tunnel is being driven along the main reef, which outcrops the entire length of the property, a distance of two miles and a quarter. The backs will average 1,400 ft., and the greatest depth reached will be 2,200 ft. The tunnel will not only