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To Whom It May Concern

I have been involved with Mt Cook Alpine Salmon Ltd (and its predecessor company Mt Cook Salmon Ltd) since 2003 providing export disease sampling and surveillance services (sampling and inspections) on an annual basis. I am not officially retained by the company and provide veterinary services on my own account.

As part of the annual site inspection and disease testing programme I hold discussions with the site managers, examine the rearing facilities and undertake detailed dissections of 60 fish. I have never encountered any visual evidence of parasitic infection, either external or internal, in any of these fish. In addition to the visual dissections, samples are taken from all 60 fish and analysed at the National Centre for Disease Investigation (New Zealand Government Laboratory) for the causative agent of whirling disease *Myxobolus cerebralis*. No samples have returned positive results during the period of my association with the company.



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