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Chateau Lease - Chattels

Further to previous correspondence, we advise that the Department of Conservation (DOC) does not wish to purchase any of the heritage chattels.

However, the Crown would like to work with you to facilitate the sale of the Carl Kahler painting of the pink and white terraces to a public museum. Please advise me if you would like DOC to introduce you to the appropriate people to start this conversation. This could lead to discussions also about opportunities to store the painting securely in a museum setting if you are interested in this.

In any case, the chattels are not part of the improvements that have reverted to the lessor pursuant to the operation of clause 10.03 of the lease. Ownership and risk in the chattels remain with KNZ and KNZ will need to remove the chattels from the building as soon as possible. Please contact David Conley (email: dconley@doc.govt.nz) so that KNZ can be provided access to attend to the removal of the chattels.

Our inspection of the Chateau building has identified that there are some repair and maintenance issues. Some of these issues relate to the water tank in the roof space and pipework throughout the building. As a result, there is some urgency for you to attend to removal of the chattels. As noted previously, we do not agree that KNZ has yielded up the improvements in good repair and condition as required by the lease.

We note that KNZ has indicated that it is KNZ's intention to pass on a copy of the DSA report. It would be appreciated if you could provide a copy of the DSA to us as soon as possible. We are requesting this as the DSA will assist with our health and safety planning for the building.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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