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Committee Council
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Proposed overseas travel: Council Chair

1. Purpose

For the Council to note that the Council Chair, in her capacity as Chair of Greater Wellington Rail Limited (GWRL), will be travelling to South Korea in June 2010 to undertake discussions with Hyundai-Rotem / Mitsui regarding the Matangi project.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Comment

The Matangi project is now at a key stage, with the first production units being assembled. It is proposed that the GWRL Chair will meet with senior representatives of Hyundai- Rotem / Mitsui to discuss relevant matters.

The trip and associated high level meetings are part of a strategy employed by the Matangi Project Management Team to maintain the profile of the Matangi project at executive levels of Hyundai-Rotem. The Matangi project is being delivered in an environment of a very busy factory with ongoing pressure from other projects and clients. High level delegations provide a keen focus for performance and will help to ensure committed delivery timeframes are adhered to.

The former President and CEO of Hyundai-Rotem, Y.H. Lee, who was present for the contract signing in New Zealand, has recently retired so the Chair's trip will also provide an opportunity to develop a relationship with the new President and CEO, M.H. Lee.

The timing is now confirmed and the GWRL Chair will depart New Zealand on 21 June and return on 25 June. The estimated costs of the trip are:

	\$
Airfares to Korea and return (Business Class):	6,293
Land travel (train and bus) in Korea:	120
Accommodation: two nights at \$200 per night (<i>two nights in flight</i>)	400
Incidentals (meals, insurance, etc.)	500
TOTAL:	<hr/> 7,313 <hr/>

The cost of the GWRL Chair's travel will be met by GWRL.

4. Communication

No communication is required in relation to this report.

5. Recommendations

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Notes that the Council Chair, in her capacity as Chair of Greater Wellington Rail Limited, will be travelling to South Korea from 21 June to 25 June 2010 to meet with representatives of Hyundai - Rotem / Mitsui regarding the Matangi project.*
- 4. Notes that the cost of the travel, estimated at \$7,313, will be a charge to Greater Wellington Rail Limited.*

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