IN THE MATTER of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

<u>AND</u>

IN THE MATTER of an application pursuant to section 136 of

the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 by **Sunflour Trading Limited** for Temporary Authority in respect of the premises at Suite 6, 136 Victoria Avenue, Whanganui, and currently known as 'The Blend Café and Fusion

Restaurant'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Commissioner Mr S G Hylton

DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Sunflour Trading Limited** for Temporary Authority (first) in respect of the premises situated at Suite 6, 136 Victoria Avenue, Whanganui, currently known as 'Citadel' and soon to be known as 'The Blend Café and Fusion Restaurant'.

The application comes about from a change of ownership and is required to allow the applicant to continue trading while a possible application for a new licence is processed by the Licensing Committee. This is the first Temporary Authority made by the applicant against the licence. The applicant is still considering whether to apply for a new On-licence or not and is aware the current base licence expires in two weeks' time.

2. Application

The application is made against On-licence **036/ON/008/2017** which has an expiry date of 2 October 2024.

The application was not advertised and no objection or notice of desire to be heard has been received under section 103 of the Act. Accordingly we deal with the matter on the papers in accordance with sections 136 and 202(1) of the Act.

In considering the application for temporary authority the committee had regard to the object of the Act and reports furnished by Police and Inspector.

3. Reporting Agencies

The following reports were received under the Act.

Police Report – No opposition within report dated 19 September 2024.

Licensing Inspector Report – The inspector notes that the applicant is incorporated as a Limited Company on 20 August 2024. The Directors are Kairui Huang and Annabel Francis McMahon who both hold a 50/50 shareholding. The Inspector notes the applicant is of good standing and has industry experience owning another licensed premises in Whanganui. The applicant takes possession on the 19 September 2024 and has supplied relevant documents with the application showing lease of the building.

The inspector concludes that the application is complete and meets the criteria of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. The inspector recommends that the licence be issued subject to conditions.

I concur with the inspector's assessment and conditions.

4. Decision

Accordingly the application for Temporary Licence is **Approved**, valid for 3 months from 19 September 2024 \underline{or} when the base Licence expires \underline{or} when an application for a new licence lodged by the applicant is determined, whichever is the sooner.

The Temporary Authority can be issued immediately to take effect from 19 September 2024 and with the conditions recommended in the inspectors report.

DATED at Whanganui this 19 day of September, 2024.

Secretary

Whanganui District Licensing Committee

