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Christchurch City Holdings Limited donates \$100,000 to the Pike River Miners' Relief Fund

Bob Parker, Mayor of Christchurch will present Tony Kokshoorn, Grey District Mayor with a Christchurch City Holdings Limited (CCHL) cheque for \$100,000 when he attends the national memorial service for the 29 men killed in the Pike River mining disaster.

The CCHL donation, along with \$50,000 already given by CCHL subsidiary Lyttelton Port Company (LPC), will go into the funds set up to support the Pike River Miners.

"Our hearts go out to the 29 families who have lost someone in this horrible accident and to the whole West Coast community as it tries to come to terms with what has happened," says Mayor Parker.

"The Pike River mining disaster is a tragedy that has rocked the whole country, and Christchurch in particular with our strong affiliation with the people of the West Coast."

Nearly 20,000 people who live in Christchurch originate from the West Coast and a much greater number regularly visit the Coast or do business with Coasters.

As the investment arm of Christchurch City Council, a large South Island employer and the owner of significant trade-related infrastructure assets (LPC and Christchurch International Airport), CCHL has a deep understanding of the connections between Christchurch and the West Coast.

"Pike River Mine is an important LPC customer and many other West Coast businesses export goods through the port or airport. There are also many staff working for CCHL companies who are from the Coast or have close ties to it," says Bob Lineham, Chief Executive, CCHL.

Mayor Parker makes the point that, despite being a year that has truly tested the resilience of South Island people, 2010 has also brought the communities and districts across the island closer together.

"Following the Canterbury Earthquake we were touched by the generosity and support shown by our friends on the West Coast, and now we have a chance to support them in their time of need. We hope these two donations, from CCHL and LPC, can go some way to supporting the families of the 29 men as they cope with their tremendous loss."

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