

Media Release

MainPower supports victims of major quake

Mr Allan Berge, Managing Director of MainPower, North Canterbury's electricity line company, announced today that the Company would be contributing \$100,000 to help those families in Kaiapoi and surrounding settlements who are experiencing hardship following the destructive 7.1 magnitude earthquake on Saturday 4 September.

Mr Berge said that the funds being made available by MainPower would provide some immediate relief for those in MainPower's region who had been hardest hit by the earthquake.

Mr Berge said that Mr Ron Keating, Mayor of Waimakariri District Council has kindly offered the Mayoral Relief Fund as a means for those persons in the community who are genuinely experiencing hardship, to access these funds.

Mr Berge also said that power had now been fully restored to the Kaiapoi district, although approximately 350 homes were still being supplied their power from MainPower's portable generators. He said it would be some days before the damaged underground electricity network was fully repaired and operational. The portable generators would remain in place meantime.

MainPower's staff have been working day and night to get the power back on, and were extremely grateful for the support and encouragement they had received from the community and their understanding in these difficult circumstances.

The thoughts of MainPower's directors and all staff are with all of those in the community who have been affected by this devastating earthquake.

For further information, please contact Allan Berge on (03) 311 8302.