



# MINUTES

<b>MEETING OF THE:</b>	Waihi Community Forum
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	Thursday 7th March 2024
<b>VENUE:</b>	Bhaves's Offices
<b>TIME START:</b>	10:30am
<b>TIME FINISHED:</b>	11.55am
<b>MEMBERS:</b>	Belinda Burke, Bhavesh Ranchhod, Mike Hayden, Rangi Honey, Ernani de Ocampo, Anne Marie Spicer, Donna Fisher, Kyle Welten, Paul Anderson
<b>INVITED:</b>	Paula Blackman - WCF Coordinator
<b>FILE REF:</b>	WCFMOM2024-03-07

## 1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Donna Fisher, Paul Anderson

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of minutes from the meeting of 08-02-2024, ref #WCFMOM2024-02-08  
**MH and NdeO confirmed the minutes as read are accepted true and correct.**

## 3. CORRESPONDENCE

1.1 No correspondence received

## 4. MEDIA & WEBSITE

4.1 Get individual and group photos of all Forum members for website

- Photos will be taken on Monday afternoon ,8 April, at 5.15pm.
- WCF and Media – As OceanaGold's proposed projects progress, consider the Forums position on responding to media requests.

**ACTION: PB to email all members about 8 April photos at AMS's.**

**ACTION - AMS to provide PB with info to create generic media statement for adding to the website and to offer media requests. KW to review.**

4.2 Website and Facebook post ideas.

- Pit rim seats blog
- Towels for Marae blog - wait for update from Bhavesh.

**ACTION: PB to create Pit Rim seat post for Facebook and website.**

## 5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 WCF Terms of Reference

- The Forum agrees to amend map to the Waihi Ward area, and Terms of Reference wording to reflect this.
- The Forum agrees to add a sentence explaining the Streets Ahead program - “ a program for community betterment in the Waihi Ward”.

**ACTION: PB to amend ToR as advised by the Forum.**

## 5.2 OceanaGold Update

### **Full Year 2023 Operating Results**

Annual 2023 production was 49,286 oz of gold (compared to a production guidance of 50,000 – 60,000 oz) at an AISC of \$1,914 (USD) per oz.

In 2024, the operation is expected to produce 55,000 to 75,000 oz of gold, at an AISC of between \$1,350 and \$1,500 (USD) per oz. Total capital investment is expected to range between \$45 million and \$55 million (USD).

At this stage, the current operations are expected to continue through to at least 2031. Correnso works are now effectively fully complete.

### **Summary of Sponsorships and Donations for 2023**

Across 2023, OceanaGold Waihi once again partnered with many local groups and organisations and we are proud to have supported a wide range of projects and events in the area for a combined total of \$445,775.57 (NZD) for the year.

A full summary of the sponsorships and donations made in 2023 can be found here:

[https://www.waihigold.co.nz/uploads/documents/updates/2024/OGNZL-HC-Post-Jan-2024-LEFT-Print.pdf?\\_cchid=5fc87ba1d5f3c16ccbc7832d4f4a8b6b](https://www.waihigold.co.nz/uploads/documents/updates/2024/OGNZL-HC-Post-Jan-2024-LEFT-Print.pdf?_cchid=5fc87ba1d5f3c16ccbc7832d4f4a8b6b)

### **Proposed Change to the Martha Mine Mineral Zone: Move to Public Notification**

Hauraki District Council (HDC) has now announced the public notification and submission phase of OceanaGold’s proposed change to the Martha Mineral Zone.

The existing Martha Mineral Zone, as defined within the Hauraki District Plan, allows for surface mining within its boundaries (subject to obtaining the necessary resource consents).

In July 2021, OceanaGold began communicating the fact that any future proposed expansion of the Martha Pit, would first require a change to the District Plan to increase the boundary to include all the land parcels that are foreseeably necessary to support an expansion (this is inclusive of areas required for rehabilitation); And subsequently in April 2022, OceanaGold lodged an application requesting this change with HDC.

Now that HDC have publicly notified the plan change application, anyone (including members of the public, businesses, community groups, and councils) can make a submission on the plan change application.

The submission period will run from the 15th of February, until the 28th of March 2024.

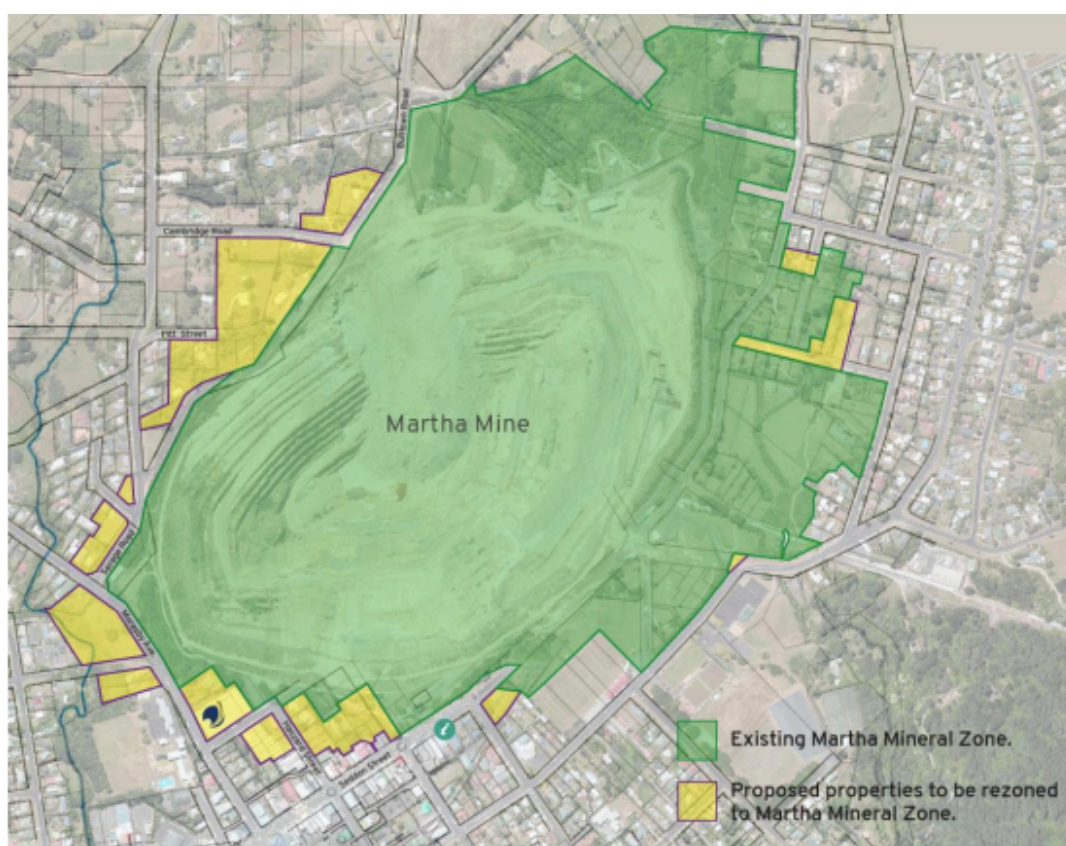
To-date, OceanaGold have had 16 enquiries about the proposed change since HDC announced the public notification. These enquiries all relate to seeking clarity as to whether or not peoples privately owned properties are proposed to be rezoned. No privately owned land will be rezoned as part of the plan change application, and a change to the Martha Mineral Zone doesn’t mean we can undertake any additional physically mining (beyond that which is already approved under our existing resource consents). Any

mining activity is controlled by the Resource Management Act and resource consents would still need to be sought should the plan change be approved.

A summary of the communications and engagement activities related to the proposed plan change, prior to the notification period, can be found here: [OceanaGold Engagement Summary: Proposed Change To The Martha Mineral Zone](#)

All the supporting documentation related to the proposed plan change is publicly available, and can be found here: <https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/council/plans-strategies/hauraki-district-plan/dp-changes-6>

Any specific questions on the submissions process should be, in the first instance, directed to either Marina van Steenberg or Leigh Robcke at Hauraki District Council (07 862 8609).



### **The Waihi North Project**

OceanaGold is continuing to progress the additional technical studies supporting our application for the Waihi North Project. A full consent documentation package was provided to both Hauraki District and Waikato Regional Councils for their consideration and review in June 2022. This application was accepted, and a Request for Information (RFI) was subsequently received.

The full suite of application documents is publicly available, and can be found here: <https://oceanagold.com/interactive-documents/>

Similarly, the RFI's received from council are available for review on HDC's website: <https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/community/mining-in-hauraki/new-mining-proposals>

The company has provided an initial response to the RFI's, covering off those relating to a number of topics including Social Impacts, Landscape and Visual Impacts, Economy,

Blasting and Vibration, and Planning matters. However, additional study work is required before we can fully close out the RFI, and this work is ongoing. Currently OceanaGold is targeting a final submission of RFI responses to the Councils toward the end of March. If this changes, and we need to request further time from the Councils, then this will be communicated publicly.

Once we have fully responded to the information request and if Councils believe it addresses their request, they will make their decision on the notification of the application.

Further information on the Waihi North Project can be found at [www.waihinorth.info](http://www.waihinorth.info), members of the public are also invited to call in to the Company's Project Office at 86 Seddon Street in Waihi.

### **Crest Raise at Tailings Storage Facility 1A**

In November 2023, works commenced on a crest raise for Tailings Storage Facility 1A. This work will make the storage facility 1.8 m higher and provide additional tailings capacity for our existing mining operations.

Construction of the crest raise requires earthworks, so you may see machinery operating on the top of the facility. There are a range of measures in place to ensure any impacts associated with the crest raise are managed in accordance with our consent conditions. The conditions of these consents require that noise and dust monitoring is carried out in line with the relevant New Zealand standards, and that representative samples are recorded.

The hours of operation are as follows:

- Between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm weekdays
- Between 7.00 am and midday on Saturdays
- There will be no work carried out on Sundays or public holidays.

We had expected to have completed these works by the end of March 2024, but the activities will now likely continue through to the end of April.

### **Underground Simulation Sessions**

Between 30 January and 2 February 2024, the OceanaGold Education Centre's underground simulation was open to the public. In total, over 200 people attended the sessions.

### **The Amenity Effects Programme (AEP)**

The H2 2023 AEP calculations have now been completed, with 122 properties qualifying for payments totalling \$55,545.35. All of the qualifying properties were in the Project Martha/ REX area, with the highest payments being in the vicinity of upper Seddon Street.

Those residents who are enrolled in the AEP, and their property has qualified for payment in the latest cycle, should by now have received a letter confirming their eligibility and the specific payment amount. For those not enrolled, OceanaGold representatives are currently visiting those properties with the necessary forms and details to sign up to the programme (should they wish to).

### **Complaints and Concerns**

OceanaGold received 11 complaints, and 4 concerns between July and December 2023. A full summary of these complaints is available in our complaints and concerns report to HDC: <https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/community/mining-in-hauraki/monitoring-reports>

### **Correnso & Project Martha Community Meeting**

Our next Correnso and Project Martha Community Meeting will be held on Thursday the 14th of March from 5:30 to 7:30PM, at the OceanaGold Education Centre on the corner of Moresby Avenue and Savage Road.

This public meeting is designed to provide an update about works in the existing Correnso and Project Martha (including Rex) mining areas undertaken since the previous meeting.

Waihi Community Forum members are encouraged to attend this meeting if available.

### **Family Whanau Open Day**

Planning is underway for a staff Whanau Open Day. This is part of the Safety Behaviour Programme currently being rolled out to site. This will be a great opportunity for staff to show their families where they work and what they do.

This day is planned to take place on Sunday 7 April, 10am – 2pm. This event is for “Staff Only” and is not open to the public.

## **6. STREETS AHEAD**

Bank balance \$214,602.37 CR

- Tagged Funding (Hub) - \$195,000
- Tagged Funding for Pit Rim Seating - \$5,000

**ACTION: BR to apply to the bank to cease deduction of resident withholding tax as per charity status.**

**ACTION: End of financial year, BR apply for return of deductions.**

### **6.1 Outdoor Recreation Hub**

- PB applied to Lottery Community Facilities Fund, round 2, \$299,583 for the pump track only. Decision is expected in June 2024.
- Ruth Vivian (HDC) will apply to Lion Foundation for funding of \$30k for the hub in April.
- Declined funding applications - DV Bryant Trust declined due to amount requested making little impact to overall costs of project. One Foundation declined due to lack of funds.
- PB researching COGS funding for stage 2 of the hub (round 2, opens 15 April, closes 20 November 2024)
- PB researching James Say funding for their May meeting.

### **6.2 Bench seats around the pit rim.**

- Sites are now chosen, seats to be fixed by bolts onto concrete supports suitable for moving in the future should they need to be (as advised by OceanaGold.)
- Deposit for seats has been paid, invoice for remainder has been received.
- The Forum will pay for the seats, and OceanaGold (email from DF) have pledged to reimburse the Forum for two seats.

**ACTION: BR to pick up seats from supplier and drop them in the hub.**

**ACTION: PB to invoice OG when seats are here and paid for in full.**

### 6.3 Towels and Laundry Costs for Waihi Community Kai and Shower night.

- OceanaGold have generously agreed to cover ongoing laundry costs direct with The Laundry in Waihi (see attached).
- Towels purchased by BB and delivered to RH.
- Forum agreed to reimburse BB for towels via Streets Ahead account.

**ACTION - RH to deliver towels to Marae.**

**ACTION: BB to set up reimbursement payment for 2 others to authorise**

### 7. Any Other Business

- Rat Traps being sold for Predator Free Waihi - \$10 each - contact [predatorfreewaihi@gmail.com](mailto:predatorfreewaihi@gmail.com) if you want one. Visit their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550897702972&mibextid=2JQ9oc>

#### **Dates for future meetings**

Next Meeting: 18 April 2024

Future Meeting: 16 May 2024

## Deposit for Pit Rim Seats



*For all your woodworking needs*

265 Duck Road  
Rotokauri  
  
Phone: +64277037533

Document **QUOTE**  
Date 13/02/2024

Customer Waihi Community Forum  
121 Barry Road  
Waihi

Description	UoM	Qty	Unit price	Total
Macrocarpa bench seat with arm rests as per design provided including stain with 2 coats of sprayed cabbots stain oin Rustic oak	ea	5	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 5,500.00
Provide galvanised brackets for each leg for bolting into concrete (anchors not supplied)	ea	20	\$ 20.00	\$ 400.00
less discount for bulk order	ea	1	-\$ 400.00	-\$ 400.00
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Total \$ 5,500.00

Total due \$ 5,500.00

Please deposit funds into 06-0983-0070869-70  
A deposit of 50% is required to confirm order rest payable on completion of work.  
Quote is valid for 30 days from date  
Please use customer number as reference for payment



29 February 2024

Paula Blackman  
Waihi Community Forum  
121 Barry Road  
WAIHI 3610

Dear Paula,

Thank you for your letter requesting a donation from OceanaGold for the costs for the laundering of towels for the Waihi Community Marae "Kai & Showers".

OceanaGold are pleased to support this project and will directly pay Waihi Laundry. This donation will be classed as Inkind.

A list of OceanaGold's community investment recipients is published annually in a local newspaper. Your sponsorship will be included in the next publication.

To provide acknowledgement and/or promotion of the company's support, an electronic version of the OceanaGold logo is available for use by contacting me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeannine Wiki", is positioned below the text "Yours sincerely,".

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## Receipt for Towels for Waihi Community Marae Kai and Showers Night

