

Hauraki District Council

Project Martha

Request for Further Information – 25 July 2018

Dr Fuller has reviewed the further information submitted.

Firstly – Dr Fuller found references re amendments to the AEE in the AMC report as follows:

- RFI No 4 Page 2 – “The drawings and concept plans are now included in the AEE.....” and
- RFI No 8 Page 9. – “also now included in AEE and associated technical reports”.

Could you please advise if the AEE has been amended since the original copy lodged. If not, could you please clarify with AMC what is meant with these statements?

During his review Peter also noted in SRK’s Martha Mine Design report dated August 2017, details of the remote side ring mining method are provided in section 2.3.2. It involves ore and backfill being mined in a top-down stope block extraction sequence with each stope being mined in four steps shown in cross section (elevation) in Figure 2-5 on page 8 of the report. The sketch in step 4 shows the final step in which the stope void is filled with cemented aggregate fill (CAF) from the crosscut above. The next step after step 4 would be to mine secondary stopes either side of the stope shown before then progressing to the block below and mining primary and secondary stopes under the CAF in the stopes above.

Dr Fuller’s further information request arising from this is:

For the stopes in the block immediately below, how are they to be backfilled given that the accesses for each (as shown in step 4 of the sketch) will be blocked with CAF?

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