



# HDC NEWS



## Favona Underground Project



### RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991 - NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE THE FAVONA UNDERGROUND MINE

Hauraki District Council and Waikato Regional Council have received resource consent applications from Welcome Gold Mines Limited and Auag Resources Limited. ("the applicant") in relation to the proposal to establish and operate the Favona Underground Mine. An application for has been made to the Hauraki District Council for a district land use consent. Applications have been made to the Waikato Regional Council:

- To take, use, and divert water; and
- To discharge contaminants into air, water and the ground.

The applicant has been granted resource consents from the Hauraki District and Waikato Regional Councils to construct and use an exploration decline to undertake underground drilling to better define the ore body. The resource consent applications being applied for now relate to the mining and rehabilitation components of the Favona Underground Project. All these applications will be jointly heard by the Hauraki District Council and the Waikato Regional Council.

The Hauraki District Council is managing the processing and hearing of the applications. The detailed Notices relating to the applications to the Hauraki District and Waikato Regional Councils are set out below. Should you wish to make a submission on any or all of the applications, please ensure your submission is on the correct form. Separate submission forms on the applications to the District Council and the Regional Council are available (refer to the Notices for details).

In addition to the applications to the Hauraki District and Waikato Regional Councils, the following additional consents are also being sought:

- Variation of Mining Licence 32 2388 from the Hauraki District Council and the Waikato Regional Council under the transitional provisions of the Crown Minerals Act 1991 (CMA);
- Mining Permit from Crown Minerals, Ministry of Economic Development under the CMA; and
- Authority to destroy, damage or modify part of an archaeological site from the New Zealand Historic Places Trust.

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION CONCERNING RESOURCE CONSENT

Section 93(2), Resource Management Act 1991.

Hauraki District Council has received an application from Welcome Gold Mines Limited and Auag Resources Limited for a land use resource consent (discretionary activity) to establish and operate an underground mine ("the Favona Underground Project") to the east of Silverton, Gladstone and Winner Hills, Waihi (generally to the west of the existing Martha Mine Process and Water Treatment Plants).

The application includes an assessment of environmental effects.

The application may be inspected at the Hauraki District Council Office, William Street, Paeroa, the Waihi Area Office, Seddon Street, Waihi, the Waihi Library, Seddon Street, Waihi and the Waikato Regional Council Office, Grey Street, Hamilton East.

Please contact Alan Matheson, Meritec Hamilton (07 834 8980) or Marina van Steenberg (0800 734 834 within the Hauraki District Council Boundary or 07 862 8609) if you have any questions about the application.

Any person may make a submission on the application. You may do so by sending a written submission to Hauraki District Council, P O Box 17, Paeroa. The submission must be in Form 13. Copies of this form are available from Hauraki District Council.

Submissions close on 07 October 2003.

You must serve a copy of your submission on Welcome Gold Mines Ltd and Auag Resources Ltd (the applicant), whose address for service is RA Fisher, Simpson Grierson, 92-96 Albert Street, Private Bag 92 518, Auckland, as soon as reasonably practicable after serving your submission on Hauraki District Council.

L D Cavers  
GENERAL MANAGER  
9 September 2003

### RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS

Environment Waikato has received resource consent applications as follows:

#### APPLICANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS

Welcome Gold Mines Ltd & Auag Resources Ltd

Location: Hauraki District

#### NATURE OF APPLICATIONS:

**109741** – To discharge contaminants to air from the mine portal, vent shaft(s) and project area (fugitive emissions) being dust, CO<sub>2</sub>, blast fumes and exhaust fumes,

**109742** – To take groundwater and mine water for de-watering the underground mine,

**109743** – To divert and discharge ground and surface water (farm run-off and intercepted groundwater) from around the project area,

**109744** – To discharge waste rock and ore onto land in temporary surface stockpiles and to discharge seepage from the temporary stockpiles into ground,

**109745** – To discharge waste rock into land underground in the project area as backfill and to allow degraded quality groundwater to discharge from the flooded workings in the project area into the surrounding ground post closure,

**109746** – To discharge treated mine water from the Martha Mine Water Treatment Plant to ground for the purpose of flooding the underground mine on completion of the project, all in association with the Favona Underground Project, Waihi, located at or about map reference NZMS T13:636-195.

The application includes an assessment of environmental effects.

The application may be inspected at the Waikato Regional Council Office, 401 Grey Street, Hamilton East and the Hauraki District Council Office, William Street, Paeroa, the Waihi Area Office, Seddon Street, Waihi, the Waihi Library, Seddon Street, Waihi.

Please contact Brent Sinclair or Dennis Crequer (07 856 7184 or 0800 800 401), if you have any questions about the application.

Any person may make a submission on the application. You may do so by sending a written submission to the Waikato Regional Council Office, 401 Grey Street, Hamilton East. The submission must be in Form 13. Copies of this form are available from Waikato Regional Council and Hauraki District Council.

Submissions close on 07 October 2003.

You must serve a copy of your submission on Welcome Gold Mines Ltd and Auag Resources Ltd (the applicant), whose address for service is RA Fisher, Simpson Grierson, 92-96 Albert Street, Private Bag 92 518, Auckland, as soon as reasonably practicable after serving your submission on Hauraki District Council.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF TERRITORIAL AUTHORITY'S REQUIREMENT FOR DESIGNATION

Section 168A Resource Management Act 1991

Hauraki District Council gives notice of its requirement for a designation for a public work.

The site to which the requirement applies is as follows:

- Section 31 Block 1 Waitakaruru Township, on the Western side of Duffin Road, 330m north of SH 25. The nature of the proposed work is:

- The installation of a new sewerage treatment plant to serve Waitakaruru, comprising a recirculating "sand" packed bed reactor, a treated effluent tank and associated effluent and discharge pipelines (to riverbank), vehicle access, power supply and a small utility building. The plant will occupy approximately 1500m<sup>2</sup> of land. The nature of the proposed restrictions that would apply is:

- Compliance with the bulk and location rules of the Rural Zone, except distance from boundaries (to be 20m as opposed to 50m) and compliance with Environment Waikato's requirements to carry out works over land designated for soil conservation and river control purposes. The effect that the public work will have on the environment, and the ways in which any adverse effects will be mitigated, are:

- Improvement of the water quality of the Waitakaruru River when compared with the situation with the current discharge from the existing plant.
- Temporary localised effects during the construction of the plant. Alternative sites, routes, and methods have been considered to the following extent:

- A range of alternatives has been considered including: do nothing; land disposal of treated effluent; pumping raw wastewater to Ngatea for treatment; collect and treat raw wastewater at Waitakaruru. The public work and designation are reasonably necessary for achieving the objectives of the territorial authority because:

- There is a need to improve the quality of the wastewater discharged into the Waitakaruru River. The existing treatment system is unsuitable for the future needs of the community. A new treatment system is required to improve the standard of treatment.

The following resource consents are needed for the proposed activity and have been applied for:

- Discretionary activity consent from Waikato Regional Council to "discharge treated effluent from the proposed new Waitakaruru waste water treatment plant to the Waitakaruru River"

The following consultation has been undertaken with parties that are likely to be affected:

- Consultation has been undertaken with: local Iwi (Ngati Tamatera, Ngati Hako, Ngati Maru) and the Hauraki Maori Trust Board – who are represented on Council's Waste Water committee; with the local community – through a public meeting; with directly affected land owners; Environment Waikato and Transit New Zealand.

Please contact Marina van Steenberg on 0800 734 834 (from within District) or 07 862 8609 if you have any questions about the requirement.

Any person may make a submission on the requirement. You may do so by sending a written submission to Hauraki District Council P O Box 17, William Street, Paeroa or fax 07 862 8607. The submission must be in form 21. Copies of this form are available from Hauraki District Council. Submissions close on 7 October 2003.

L D Cavers  
GENERAL MANAGER  
9 SEPTEMBER 2003

### RATING INFORMATION DATABASE

The Rating Information Database for Hauraki District Council is available for public inspection during office hours of 8.00am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday at the Council offices at William Street Paeroa, Orchard Road Ngatea and Seddon Street Waihi.

The Rating Information Database is also available on Council's website [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz) under Customer Services, Rates.

The Rating Information Database records all of the information required to set and assess rates on every rating unit.

Ratepayers may object to information in the Rating Information Database where information is incorrect or has been omitted. Objections must be made in writing and posted to Rating Information Database Objections, Hauraki District Council, P O Box 17, Paeroa.

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GENERAL MANAGER

## PUBLIC NOTICES



Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is given that the following extraordinary meeting will be held in committee for the purposes of adopting the Rating Resolution.

### EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

11 September 2003, 12.30 pm

Council Chambers, William Street Paeroa

Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is hereby given that the following meetings will be held during the month of **October 2003**.

All meetings are to be held in the Council Chambers, Williams Street, Paeroa.

**MONDAY 6 October 2003 WARD COMMITTEES**

PLAINS 9.00 AM, PAEROA 1.00 PM, WAIHI 3.30 PM

**CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WATER AND WASTES**

TUESDAY 7 October 2003 10.00 AM

**HEARINGS COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY 9 October 2003 (if required) 9.00 AM

**THURSDAY 16 October 2003**

10.00 AM WORKS COMMITTEE

1.00 PM PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

**HEARINGS COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY 23 October 2003, (if required) 9.00 AM

**EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY 28 October 2003, (if required) 10.00 AM

**WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY 29 October 2003, 10.30 AM

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

THURSDAY 30 October 2003, 10.00 AM

Pursuant to Section 230 of the Local Government Act 1974, Council hereby gives notice that it intends to sell the following properties situated at Dean Crescent Waihi

- LOT 13 DP 308165
- LOT 14 DP 308165

Council will confirm that intention at an ordinary meeting of Council to be held on Thursday 25th September 2003 in the Council Chamber, William Street, Paeroa.

### TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that the Hauraki District Council, for the purpose of a one day Motor Cycle Racing event organised by Paeroa Promotions Trust Inc proposes to close the following roads to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period indicated hereunder.

During the proposed period of closure the following provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic, which would otherwise use the road: detour via Station Road, Thames Road, Arney Street, Willoughby Street and Victoria Street.

Any person objecting to the proposal is called upon to lodge notice of his objection and grounds thereof in writing before 15 October 2003 at the office of the Hauraki District Council at William Street, P.O. Box 17, PAEROA.

Road proposed to be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic: Belmont Road from Station Road through Normanby Road to Te Aroha Road (State Highway 2); Arney Street from Willoughby Street to Princes Street (State Highway 26); Princes Street; Wharf Street; Marshall Street; Hughendorn Street; Francis Street; William Street; Hall Street; Mackay Street; Corbett Street from Belmont Road to Willoughby Street, and Willoughby Street from Corbett Street through to Arney Street.

Period of proposed closure:

Sunday 22 February 2004 from 6:00am to 6:00pm.

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION CONCERNING RESOURCE CONSENT.

Section 93(2) Resource Management Act 1991

Hauraki District Council has received an application from Paeroa Promotions Trust (Inc) for a resource consent.

For a discretionary activity land use consent to run the Yamalube Battle of the Streets Motorcycle Race in the town centre of Paeroa on the Sunday of the third full weekend in February each year, for the next 5 years.

The application includes an assessment of environmental effects.

The application may be inspected at Hauraki District Council's Paeroa Office. Please contact Marina van Steenberg on 0800 734 834 (from within District) or 07 862 8609, if you have any questions about the application.

Any person may make a submission on the application. You may do so by sending a written submission to Hauraki District Council at P O Box 17 (William Street) Paeroa or fax: 07 862 8607. The submission must be in form 13. Copies of this form are available from Hauraki District Council.

Submissions close on 7 October 2003.

You must serve a copy of your submission on Paeroa Promotions Trust Inc whose address for service is P O Box 121 Paeroa, as soon as reasonably practicable after serving your submission on Hauraki District Council.

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GENERAL MANAGER  
9 September 2003