



14 December 2018

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Oceana Gold – Consent Applications: Project Martha
Resource Management Act 1991 – Decisions Notice**

You are advised that the Hearings Panel, comprising independent Commissioners appointed by both Hauraki District Council and Waikato Regional Council, has made its decisions on the resource consent applications by Oceana Gold New Zealand Ltd for Project Martha in Waihi.

You are being notified of the decisions in accordance with section 114(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991. The decisions on the applications have also been notified to the applicant pursuant to section 114(1) of the Act.

Hauraki District Council

The Hearings Panel decision is to approve with conditions all consents which are as follows:

Land Use – 202.2018.00000857.001 to establish the Martha Underground Mine and to enable the Martha Pit North Wall Cutback and Reopening of the Martha Pit.

Subdivision – 201. 2018.00000857.001 to undertake a subdivision to accommodate the realignment of Bulltown and Cambridge Roads.

Waikato Regional Council

The Hearings Panel decision is to approve with conditions all consents which are as follows:

APP139551	Activity Description
AUTH139551.01.01	To take groundwater including geothermal water, associated with the dewatering of the Martha Pit and Martha Underground Mine.
AUTH139551.02.01	To place ore, waste rock, topsoil and tramp material to land within and adjacent to the Martha Pit, including stockpiled material and material for the creation of noise bunds.
AUTH139551.03.01	To remove vegetation and carry out earthworks and contouring of land for mining.
AUTH139551.04.01	To place rock and Concrete Aggregate Fill into land in the Martha Underground Mine.
AUTH139551.05.01	To take water from the Ohinemuri River to flood the Martha Pit and underground mines.

AUTH139551.06.01	To discharge surface water from-the Ohinemuri River to flood the Martha Pit and underground mine.
AUTH139551.07.01	To discharge limestone to the pit lake.
AUTH139551.08.01	To discharge overflow water from the pit lake to the Mangatoetoe Stream.
AUTH139551.09.01	To construct an intake structure in the Ohinemuri River.
AUTH139551.10.01	To construct an outlet structure in the Mangatoetoe Stream.
AUTH139551.11.01	To divert water during the construction of the outlet structure in the Mangatoetoe Stream.
AUTH139551.12.01	To discharge water during the construction of the outlet structure in the Mangatoetoe Stream.
AUTH124859.01.03	Change to an existing authorisation "Discharge contaminants into the air relating to all activities within the Golden Link Project Area. This includes dust and carbon dioxide arising from mining operations, emissions from the Process Plant including waste heat and water vapour"

The decisions of the Hearings Panel on the applications are available in full on the Hauraki District Council website, at the following link: <http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/our-district/mining/project-martha/> and at the Hauraki District Council office and library at Rosemont Road, Waihi and the Waikato Regional Council office Grey Street Hamilton.

Under **Section 120** of the RMA, as a Submitter, you have the right to lodge an appeal on the decisions you submitted on. **Section 121** of the RMA notes the protocols for any actions in lodging an appeal. Under **Section 114**, the timing for any appeals shall commence **15 working days from receipt of this decision notification**, therefore we have allowed the New Zealand Post delivery guidance of **5 days** postal time, and, noting that the RMA does not count working days between 20 December and 10 January, your appeal should be lodged with the Environment Court on or by Friday **1 February 2019**.

Right of Appeal

Your attention is drawn to sections 120 and 121 of the Resource Management Act 1991 and also the Resource Management (Forms, Fees, and Procedure) Regulations 2003/153, Regulations 16 – 19. Some key provisions to note are as follows:

- i) You may appeal against the decision(s) of either the Hauraki District Council, or Waikato Regional Council by lodging a Notice of Appeal in the prescribed form with the Registrar of the Environment Court and with the respective Council within 15 working days of the receipt by you, or the person who filed the submission on your behalf, of the Council's decision. The address of the Environment Court is as follows:

The Registrar
Environment Court
P O Box 7147
Wellesley Street
AUCKLAND

- ii) The appeal must be in the form prescribed by the Resource Management (Forms, Fees, and Procedure) Regulations 2003/153 or to like effect. The regulations may be purchased from Bennetts Government Bookshop, or they (and the RMA itself) are accessible on-line at www.legislation.govt.nz. The form is identified as Form 16 in the regulations.

Form 16 is available to be printed/saved from the Environment Court website <https://www.environmentcourt.govt.nz/forms-fees/>

- iii) A filing fee of \$600.00 GST inclusive must accompany every document by which appeal proceedings are commenced.
- iv) Section 121 of the Resource Management Act 1991 sets out important information as to the persons upon whom the appeal must be served and the time when service must take place. It is essential that these provisions be adhered to. Failure to do so may result in your appeal being struck out.

A copy of any Notice of Appeal is to be sent to:

Hauraki District Council Att: M Buttimore PO Box 17 PAEROA 3640	Waikato Regional Council Att: Sheryl Roa Private Bag 3038 Waikato Mail Centre HAMILTON 3240
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Within 5 working days of any appeal being lodged you are to **serve a copy** of the Notice of Appeal on the Applicant (details below) and all other submitters (list available upon request) to this application.

The General Manager (Waihi Operations)
Att: Bernie O'Leary
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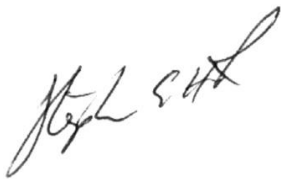
PLEASE NOTE:

Your right to appeal and procedures for appeal must relate specifically to the submission you lodged in respect of the applications.

If you are in any doubt as to the procedures to be followed it is strongly recommended that you consult a lawyer.

A list of all submitters is available for any appeal circulation purposes.

Yours faithfully



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