

Memorandum

To: Shay Macdonald (Otago Regional Council)

From: Mitchell Daysh (on behalf of Matakanui Gold Limited)

Date: 11 February 2026

Re: Further Information Response Part 2 – Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project Fast-track Application

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide responses on behalf of Matakanui Gold Limited (“**MGL**”) to the request for further information requested by Otago Regional Council (“**ORC**”) on 8 January 2026¹ in relation to the fast-track application for the Bendigo Ophir Gold Project (“**BOGP**” or “**Project**”) which was submitted to the Environmental Protection Authority on 31 October 2025.

This response relates to further information related to planning and general matters and provides a response to Question 8 from ORC. MGL has already provided responses to Questions 1 to 7 in an earlier memorandum titled ‘*Further Information Response Part 1*’ which was sent to ORC on 5 February 2026.

For completeness, each of the further information requests being responded to are provided in full (in italics) below and are followed by our responses.

QUESTIONS

With respect to planning and general matters, the request for further information seeks the following:

8. *Please confirm if the gold smelting furnace will be diesel or electric powered. Report A.15 (p. 403) states that the National Policy Statement for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Industrial Process Heat 2023 and the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Industrial Process Heat) Regulations 2023 are not relevant on the basis that the smelting furnace will be electric powered. However, Report A.10 (p. 159) and Report H.01 (p. 65) state that the smelting furnace will be diesel powered. If diesel powered, please explain whether a restricted*

¹ ORC reference: RMFT25.007.

discretionary resource consent is required under regulation 10 of the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Industrial Process Heat) Regulations 2023.

MGL confirms that the gold smelting furnace will be electric powered.

The commentary provided in *A.15 Section 8 – Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 Requirements* with respect to the National Policy Statement for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Industrial Process Heat 2023 and the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Industrial Process Heat) Regulations 2023 is correct and any references to a diesel-powered furnace in the substantive application is an error that should be disregarded. This is limited to the identified references to diesel within *A.10 Section 3 – Project Description* (page 159) and *H.01 RMA Rules Assessment* (page 65).