

Affected Party Agreements

05 February 2025

[REDACTED]
111 Willows Road,
Waihi 3681

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Waihi North Project – Application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

In 2022, Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited (“**OceanaGold**”) consulted with you prior to lodging resource consent applications with Hauraki District Council and Waikato Regional Council for the Waihi North Project. At that time, you kindly agreed to provide your written approval for the proposal.

This letter is to advise you that OceanaGold now intends to lodge an application under the new Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 to authorise the Waihi North Project.

The Fast-track Approvals Act was enacted by the Government in December 2024 and provides a “one stop shop” whereby all approvals, such as Resource Management Act (“**RMA**”) resource consents, Wildlife Act concessions and access arrangements, and Heritage Pouhere Taonga Act authorities can be considered and decided at the same time. This has advantages in terms of expediting procedures, particularly for a large project such as the Waihi North Project, where approvals under the usual procedures can take several years to reach a conclusion. Applications under the Fast-track Approvals Act will be administered by the Environmental Protection Authority (“**EPA**”) rather than local authorities.

The scope of activities for the Waihi North Project applied for in the Fast-track application will be largely the same as the currently lodged applications, details of which can be found on the project website - <https://www.waihinorth.info/>, but with some refinements and modifications.

Key changes from the 2022 applications in the Willows Road area are:

- > **Tunnel portal site and decline alignment (Willows Surface Facilities):** A new tunnel portal site is proposed. The new location is in the valley immediately north of the valley in which the Willows waste rock stack is to be sited, approximately 250m northwest of the originally proposed location. The new site is located further from Willows Road, which will reduce the potential for noise and overpressure effects. The revised layout is shown on Figure 1, attached at the end of this letter.
- > **New helipad (Willows Surface Facilities):** A new helipad is proposed towards the north-western end of OceanaGold’s Willows site (refer Figure 1). Increasing from the current two helipads (at the Baxter Road process plant and Golden Cross sites) to three will provide operational efficiency and flexibility for OceanaGold as well as distributing potential noise effects on residents in proximity to the helipads. The

proposed site is approximately 1km away from the closest residences in Willows Road. There is no direct line of sight between the helipad and any of these residences, and there are two elevated hilltops between the helipad and Willows Road. The helipad will be approximately 25 m x 35 m in area. Across the project as a whole, it is proposed increase helicopter flights from the current maximum of 100 flight hours per month to a new limit of 200 flight hours per month. Noise modelling has been undertaken and shows that no private residences will experience noise in excess of 50 dBA (which is the district plan standard for the area). The modelled noise contours for the proposed Willows helipad are shown in Figure 2.¹

A number of refinements have been made in other areas of the project. These include:

- > **Vent shaft locations:** Four vent shafts were originally proposed to be located on the legal road within the Coromandel Forest Park. To allow flexibility in tunnel alignment (in response to geotechnical conditions encountered), these shafts (still four in number) are now proposed to be located within a wider area as shown in Figure 3 (boundary of the area shown in white lining). The vent shaft clearings will also be used in the first instance for hydrogeological investigation drilling (prior to vent shaft installation) and will be larger in size (30m x 30m instead of 12m x 12m).
- > **Exploration and geotechnical investigation drilling:** In order to gain the most accurate data regarding hydrogeological conditions and the nature of the ore deposit at Wharekirauponga, a further 20 drill sites are proposed within the Coromandel Forest Park (refer Figure 4). These sites will be the same size as those existing (i.e. max 150 m² per site).
- > **Tailings Storage Facility 3 Construction:** It is anticipated that the construction of the third tailings storage facility (“TSF3”) will precede mining of the Gladstone open pit and implementation of the Stage 4 Martha cut-back (as consented in 2019). TSF3 would be constructed adjacent to the existing TSFs in Waihi. Rock to construct the TSF3 embankment will initially be sourced from material borrowed from within the TSF3 footprint (the “Central Borrow Area” and “Eastern Borrow Area”) and on the eastern side of Northern Rock Stack (the “Western Borrow Area”). Figure 5 illustrates the proposed locations of these borrow areas.

Other Authorisations

As noted earlier, the Fast-track Approvals Act enables applicants for major projects that have been accepted by the government as providing significant regional or national benefits to apply at one time for a variety of approvals that would ordinarily require separate applications under several statutes. The

¹ Note that Figure 2 presents noise from helicopters accessing the existing Southern Helipad site in the Forest Park from the proposed helipad at the Willows SFA, but the assessment and conclusions would be valid for any remote sites associated with the project which may be accessed by helicopters flying from Willows.

application for the Waihi North Project will seek to obtain the following approvals under the respective acts:

- > Resource consents under the RMA: to undertake exploration, mining and related activities within the regulatory boundaries of the Waikato Regional Council, the Hauraki District Council, and the Thames Coromandel District Council;
- > A concession under the Conservation Act 1987: to undertake exploration, mining and related activities in the Coromandel Forest Park (outside the Mining Permit area);
- > An access arrangement under the Crown Minerals Act 1991: to undertake exploration, mining and related activities in the Coromandel Forest Park (inside the Mining Permit area);
- > Authorities under the Wildlife Act 1953: to handle, salvage and relocate wildlife protected under the Wildlife Act, undertake ecological monitoring and undertake ecological enhancement and pest control activities;
- > Authorities under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014: to disturb ground which may contain heritage artifacts; and
- > Authorisation under the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983: to establish culverts and dam and divert water, whilst ensuring fish passage is provided.

Fast-track Procedure

Unlike the RMA consenting process, the fast-track consenting process does not include provision for notification or formal affected party approval of an application. Nor is there any mandatory requirement to consult beyond a narrow range of statutory consultees, which include local authorities, government administering bodies (such as the Department of Conservation) and relevant iwi authorities.

Once accepted for processing by the EPA, the application will be considered by an expert panel appointed by an independent panel convenor. The Panel will invite comments from the parties listed above, as well as from owners and occupiers of land on and adjacent to where proposed activities are to be undertaken. The panel may invite comment from any other person the panel considers appropriate (although there is no legal requirement to do so beyond the statutory parties). The Panel may elect to conduct a hearing but is under no obligation to do so.

Given the lack of a formal affected parties approval process under the Fast-track Approvals Act, it would be useful if you could confirm your ongoing acceptance of the Waihi North Project. Accordingly, we would be grateful if you could sign the acceptance statement below and return this letter to us (by email or post) at the address given at the end of this letter. Your confirmation will be included with our application.

In the meantime, if you require any further information or have any other queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



Kyle Welten

Manager – External Affairs and Social Performance

OceanaGold (New Zealand) Ltd

Kyle.welten@oceanagold.com

PO Box 190,
Waihi 3641
New Zealand

.....

I, [name]

of [address]

111 Willows Road RD.1 Waihi

Hereby confirm that I have authority to respond on behalf of all the other owners/occupiers of the property and am in agreement that the application made under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 by OceanaGold NZ for the Waihi North Project should be determined without regard to effects on owners/occupiers of this property.

Signed

Date

20/02/2025

ATTACHMENT 1: FIGURES

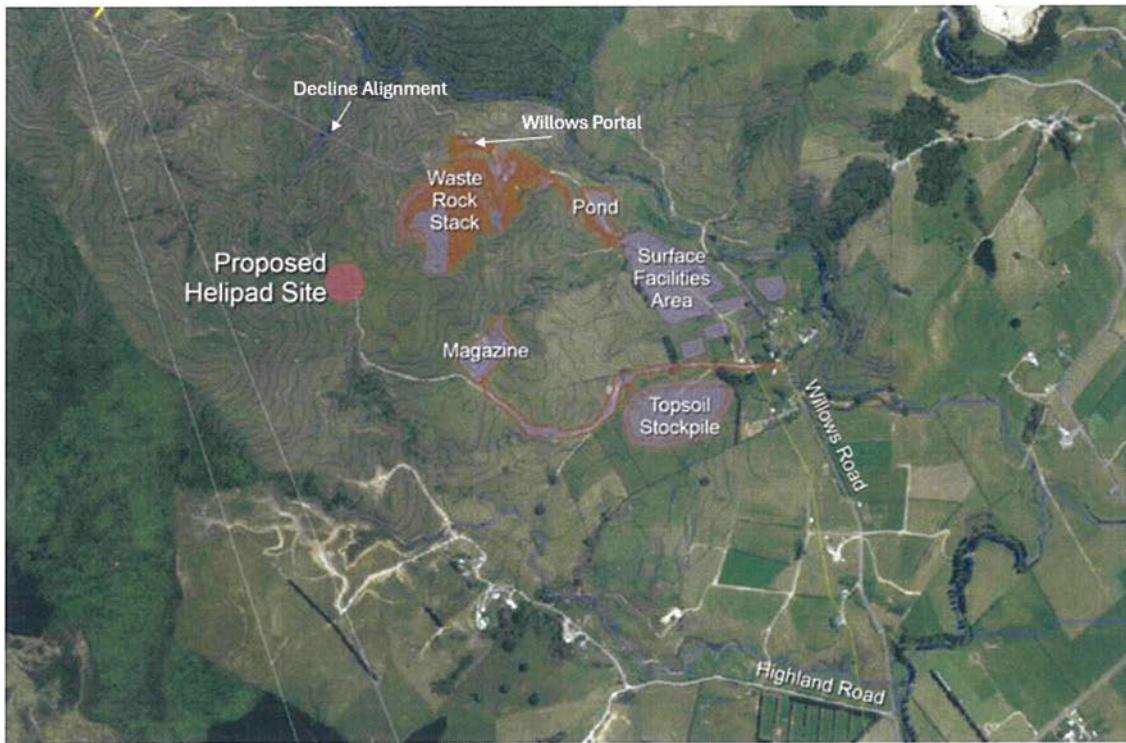


Figure 1 Proposed Willows site plan



Figure 2 Calculated Helicopter Noise Levels Associated with Proposed Willows Helipad

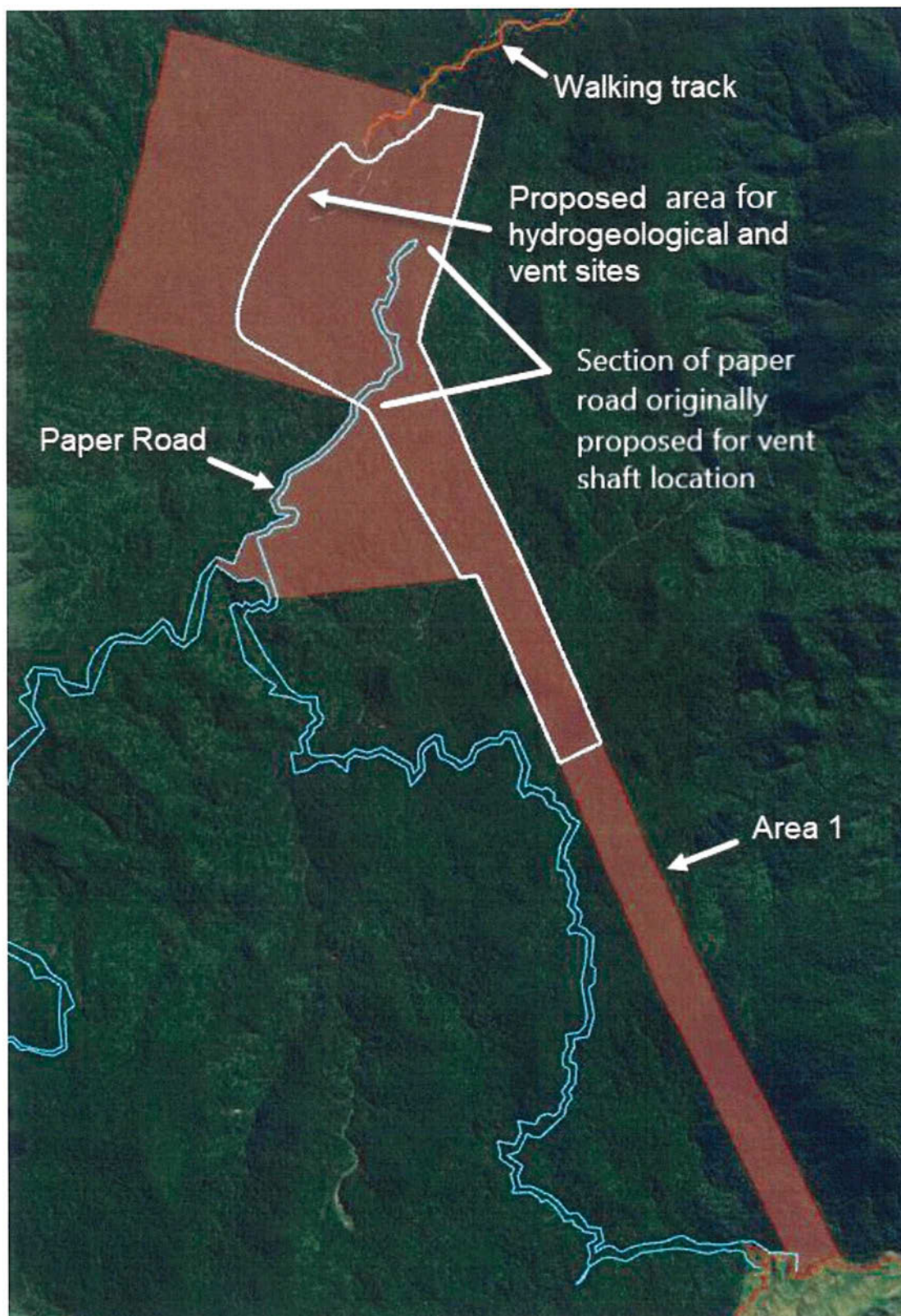


Figure 3 Proposed area within which vent shafts would be located

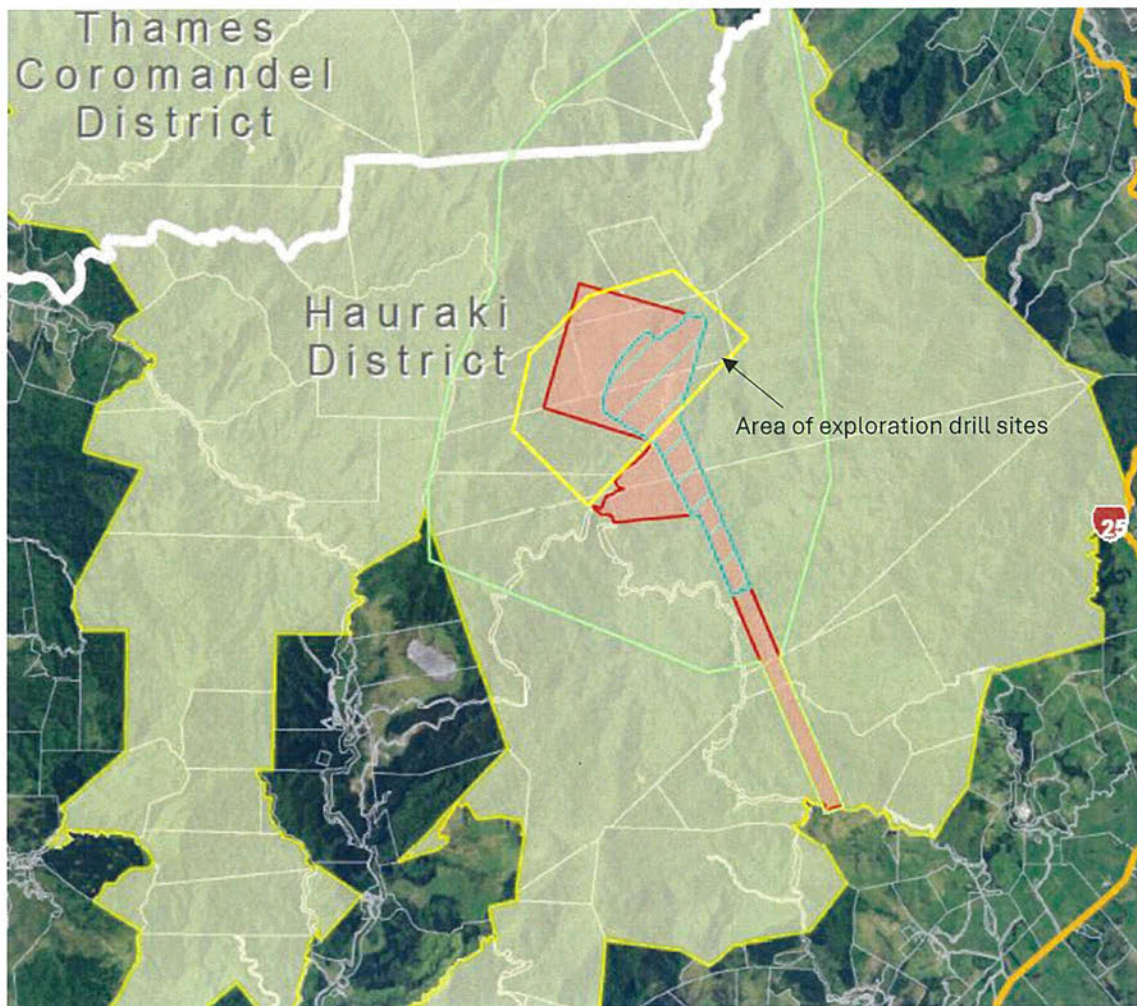


Figure 4 Proposed area within which exploration drill sites would be located – outlined in yellow

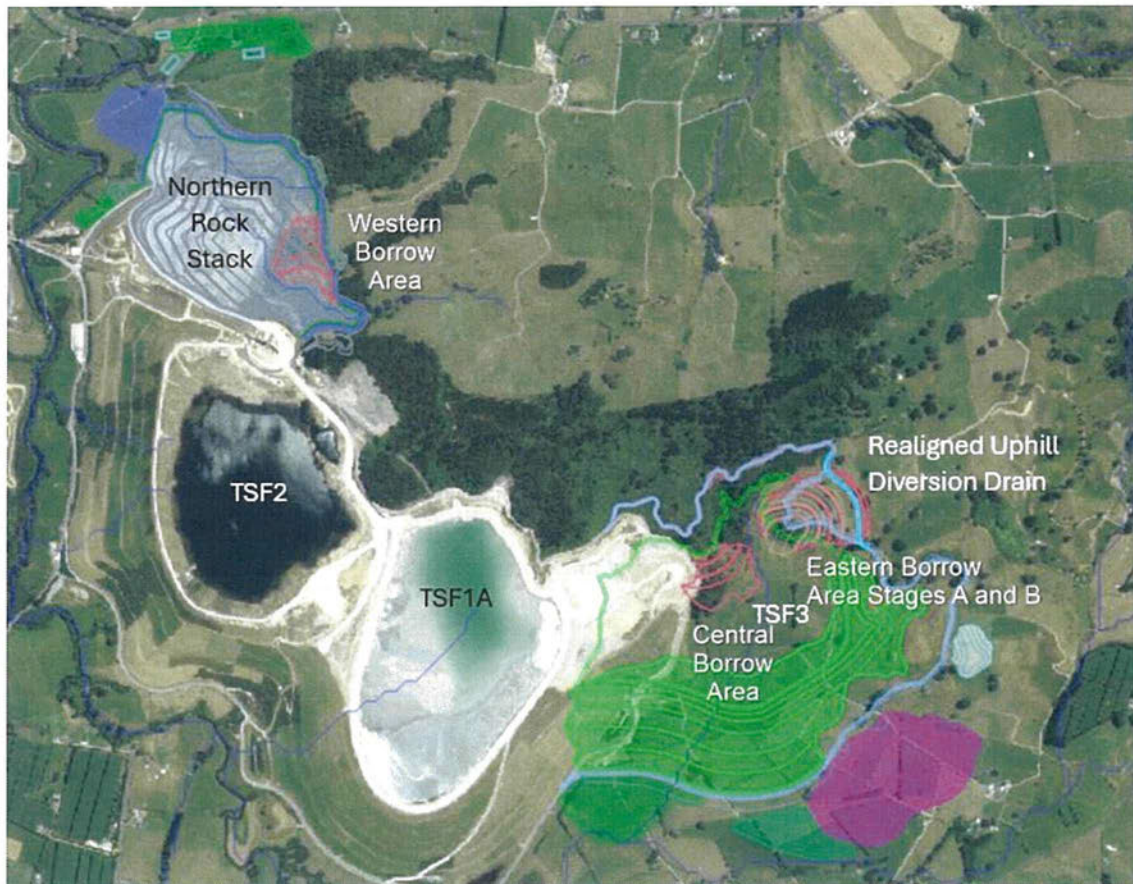


Figure 5 Borrow areas for TSF3 construction material – shown in pink

05 February 2025

[REDACTED]
112 Willows Road,
Waihi 3681

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Waihi North Project – Application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

In 2022, Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited (“OceanaGold”) consulted with you prior to lodging resource consent applications with Hauraki District Council and Waikato Regional Council for the Waihi North Project. At that time, you kindly agreed to provide your written approval for the proposal.

This letter is to advise you that OceanaGold now intends to lodge an application under the new Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 to authorise the Waihi North Project.

The Fast-track Approvals Act was enacted by the Government in December 2024 and provides a “one stop shop” whereby all approvals, such as Resource Management Act (“RMA”) resource consents, Wildlife Act concessions and access arrangements, and Heritage Pouhere Taonga Act authorities can be considered and decided at the same time. This has advantages in terms of expediting procedures, particularly for a large project such as the Waihi North Project, where approvals under the usual procedures can take several years to reach a conclusion. Applications under the Fast-track Approvals Act will be administered by the Environmental Protection Authority (“EPA”) rather than local authorities.

The scope of activities for the Waihi North Project applied for in the Fast-track application will be largely the same as the currently lodged applications, details of which can be found on the project website - <https://www.waihinorth.info/>, but with some refinements and modifications.

Key changes from the 2022 applications in the Willows Road area are:

- **Tunnel portal site and decline alignment (Willows Surface Facilities):** A new tunnel portal site is proposed. The new location is in the valley immediately north of the valley in which the Willows waste rock stack is to be sited, approximately 250m northwest of the originally proposed location. The new site is located further from Willows Road, which will reduce the potential for noise and overpressure effects. The revised layout is shown on Figure 1, attached at the end of this letter.
- **New helipad (Willows Surface Facilities):** A new helipad is proposed towards the north-western end of OceanaGold’s Willows site (refer Figure 1). Increasing from the current two helipads (at the Baxter Road process plant and Golden Cross sites) to three will provide operational efficiency and flexibility for OceanaGold as well as distributing potential noise effects on residents in proximity to the helipads. The proposed site is approximately 1km away from the closest residences in Willows Road. There is no direct line of sight between the helipad and any of these residences, and there are two elevated hilltops between the

helipad and Willows Road. The helipad will be approximately 25 m x 35 m in area. Across the project as a whole, it is proposed increase helicopter flights from the current maximum of 100 flight hours per month to a new limit of 200 flight hours per month. Noise modelling has been undertaken and shows that no private residences will experience noise in excess of 50 dBA (which is the district plan standard for the area). The modelled noise contours for the proposed Willows helipad are shown in Figure 2.¹

A number of refinements have been made in other areas of the project. These include:

- **Vent shaft locations:** Four vent shafts were originally proposed to be located on the legal road within the Coromandel Forest Park. To allow flexibility in tunnel alignment (in response to geotechnical conditions encountered), these shafts (still four in number) are now proposed to be located within a wider area as shown in Figure 3 (boundary of the area shown in white lining). The vent shaft clearings will also be used in the first instance for hydrogeological investigation drilling (prior to vent shaft installation) and will be larger in size (30m x 30m instead of 12m x 12m).
- **Exploration and geotechnical investigation drilling:** In order to gain the most accurate data regarding hydrogeological conditions and the nature of the ore deposit at Wharekirauponga, a further 20 drill sites are proposed within the Coromandel Forest Park (refer Figure 4). These sites will be the same size as those existing (i.e. max 150 m² per site).
- **Tailings Storage Facility 3 Construction:** It is anticipated that the construction of the third tailings storage facility ("TSF3") will precede mining of the Gladstone open pit and implementation of the Stage 4 Martha cut-back (as consented in 2019). TSF3 would be constructed adjacent to the existing TSFs in Waihi. Rock to construct the TSF3 embankment will initially be sourced from material borrowed from within the TSF3 footprint (the "Central Borrow Area" and "Eastern Borrow Area") and on the eastern side of Northern Rock Stack (the "Western Borrow Area"). Figure 5 illustrates the proposed locations of these borrow areas.

Other Authorisations

As noted earlier, the Fast-track Approvals Act enables applicants for major projects that have been accepted by the government as providing significant regional or national benefits to apply at one time for a variety of approvals that would ordinarily require separate applications under several statutes. The

application for the Waihi North Project will seek to obtain the following approvals under the respective acts:

¹ Note that Figure 2 presents noise from helicopters accessing the existing Southern Helipad site in the Forest Park from the proposed helipad at the Willows SFA, but the assessment and conclusions would be valid for any remote sites associated with the project which may be accessed by helicopters flying from Willows.

- ❑ Resource consents under the RMA: to undertake exploration, mining and related activities within the regulatory boundaries of the Waikato Regional Council, the Hauraki District Council, and the Thames Coromandel District Council;
- ❑ A concession under the Conservation Act 1987: to undertake exploration, mining and related activities in the Coromandel Forest Park (outside the Mining Permit area);
- ❑ An access arrangement under the Crown Minerals Act 1991: to undertake exploration, mining and related activities in the Coromandel Forest Park (inside the Mining Permit area);
- ❑ Authorities under the Wildlife Act 1953: to handle, salvage and relocate wildlife protected under the Wildlife Act, undertake ecological monitoring and undertake ecological enhancement and pest control activities;
- ❑ Authorities under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014: to disturb ground which may contain heritage artifacts; and
- ❑ Authorisation under the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983: to establish culverts and dam and divert water, whilst ensuring fish passage is provided.

Fast-track Procedure

Unlike the RMA consenting process, the fast-track consenting process does not include provision for notification or formal affected party approval of an application. Nor is there any mandatory requirement to consult beyond a narrow range of statutory consultees, which include local authorities, government administering bodies (such as the Department of Conservation) and relevant iwi authorities.

Once accepted for processing by the EPA, the application will be considered by an expert panel appointed by an independent panel convenor. The Panel will invite comments from the parties listed above, as well as from owners and occupiers of land on and adjacent to where proposed activities are to be undertaken. The panel may invite comment from any other person the panel considers appropriate (although there is no legal requirement to do so beyond the statutory parties). The Panel may elect to conduct a hearing but is under no obligation to do so.

Given the lack of a formal affected parties approval process under the Fast-track Approvals Act, it would be useful if you could confirm your ongoing acceptance of the Waihi North Project. Accordingly, we would be grateful if you could sign the acceptance statement below and return this letter to us (by email or post) at the address given at the end of this letter. Your confirmation will be included with our application.

In the meantime, if you require any further information or have any other queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



Kyle Welten

Manager – External Affairs and Social Performance

OceanaGold (New Zealand) Ltd

Kyle.welten@oceanaGold.com

PO Box 190,
Waihi 3641
New Zealand

I, [name]

of [address] 112 Willows Road, Waihi

Hereby confirm that I have authority to respond on behalf of all the other owners/occupiers of the property and am in agreement that the application made under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 by OceanaGold NZ for the Waihi North Project should be determined without regard to effects on owners/occupiers of this property.

Signed

Date

19/2/25

19/2/25

05 February 2025

[REDACTED]
122 Willows Road,
Waihi 3681

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Waihi North Project – Application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

In 2022, OceanaGold (New Zealand) Limited (“**OceanaGold**”) consulted with you prior to lodging resource consent applications with Hauraki District Council and Waikato Regional Council for the Waihi North Project. At that time, you kindly agreed to provide your written approval for the proposal.

This letter is to advise you that OceanaGold now intends to lodge an application under the new Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 to authorise the Waihi North Project.

The Fast-track Approvals Act was enacted by the Government in December 2024 and provides a “one stop shop” whereby all approvals, such as Resource Management Act (“**RMA**”) resource consents, Wildlife Act concessions and access arrangements, and Heritage Pouhere Taonga Act authorities can be considered and decided at the same time. This has advantages in terms of expediting procedures, particularly for a large project such as the Waihi North Project, where approvals under the usual procedures can take several years to reach a conclusion. Applications under the Fast-track Approvals Act will be administered by the Environmental Protection Authority (“**EPA**”) rather than local authorities.

The scope of activities for the Waihi North Project applied for in the Fast-track application will be largely the same as the currently lodged applications, details of which can be found on the project website - <https://www.waihinorth.info/>, but with some refinements and modifications.

Key changes from the 2022 applications in the Willows Road area are:

- > **Tunnel portal site and decline alignment (Willows Surface Facilities):** A new tunnel portal site is proposed. The new location is in the valley immediately north of the valley in which the Willows waste rock stack is to be sited, approximately 250m northwest of the originally proposed location. The new site is located further from Willows Road, which will reduce the potential for noise and overpressure effects. The revised layout is shown on Figure 1, attached at the end of this letter.
- > **New helipad (Willows Surface Facilities):** A new helipad is proposed towards the north-western end of OceanaGold’s Willows site (refer Figure 1). Increasing from the current two helipads (at the Baxter Road process plant and Golden Cross sites) to three will provide operational efficiency and flexibility for

aQ. 

OceanaGold as well as distributing potential noise effects on residents in proximity to the helipads. The proposed site is approximately 1km away from the closest residences in Willows Road. There is no direct line of sight between the helipad and any of these residences, and there are two elevated hilltops between the helipad and Willows Road. The helipad will be approximately 25 m x 35 m in area. Across the project as a whole, it is proposed increase helicopter flights from the current maximum of 100 flight hours per month to a new limit of 200 flight hours per month. Noise modelling has been undertaken and shows that no private residences will experience noise in excess of 50 dBA (which is the district plan standard for the area). The modelled noise contours for the proposed Willows helipad are shown in Figure 2.¹

A number of refinements have been made in other areas of the project. These include:

- > **Vent shaft locations:** Four vent shafts were originally proposed to be located on the legal road within the Coromandel Forest Park. To allow flexibility in tunnel alignment (in response to geotechnical conditions encountered), these shafts (still four in number) are now proposed to be located within a wider area as shown in Figure 3 (boundary of the area shown in white lining). The vent shaft clearings will also be used in the first instance for hydrogeological investigation drilling (prior to vent shaft installation) and will be larger in size (30m x 30m instead of 12m x 12m).
- > **Exploration and geotechnical investigation drilling:** In order to gain the most accurate data regarding hydrogeological conditions and the nature of the ore deposit at Wharekirauponga, a further 20 drill sites are proposed within the Coromandel Forest Park (refer Figure 4). These sites will be the same size as those existing (i.e. max 150 m² per site).
- > **Tailings Storage Facility 3 Construction:** It is anticipated that the construction of the third tailings storage facility ("TSF3") will precede mining of the Gladstone open pit and implementation of the Stage 4 Martha cut-back (as consented in 2019). TSF3 would be constructed adjacent to the existing TSFs in Waihi. Rock to construct the TSF3 embankment will initially be sourced from material borrowed from within the TSF3 footprint (the "Central Borrow Area" and "Eastern Borrow Area") and on the eastern side of Northern Rock Stack (the "Western Borrow Area"). Figure 5 illustrates the proposed locations of these borrow areas.

Other Authorisations

As noted earlier, the Fast-track Approvals Act enables applicants for major projects that have been accepted by the government as providing significant regional or national benefits to apply at one time for a variety of approvals that would ordinarily require separate applications under several statutes. The

¹ Note that Figure 2 presents noise from helicopters accessing the existing Southern Helipad site in the Forest Park from the proposed helipad at the Willows SFA, but the assessment and conclusions would be valid for any remote sites associated with the project which may be accessed by helicopters flying from Willows.

al.
2

application for the Waihi North Project will seek to obtain the following approvals under the respective acts:

- > Resource consents under the RMA: to undertake exploration, mining and related activities within the regulatory boundaries of the Waikato Regional Council, the Hauraki District Council, and the Thames Coromandel District Council;
- > A concession under the Conservation Act 1987: to undertake exploration, mining and related activities in the Coromandel Forest Park (outside the Mining Permit area);
- > An access arrangement under the Crown Minerals Act 1991: to undertake exploration, mining and related activities in the Coromandel Forest Park (inside the Mining Permit area);
- > Authorities under the Wildlife Act 1953: to handle, salvage and relocate wildlife protected under the Wildlife Act, undertake ecological monitoring and undertake ecological enhancement and pest control activities;
- > Authorities under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014: to disturb ground which may contain heritage artifacts; and
- > Authorisation under the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983: to establish culverts and dam and divert water, whilst ensuring fish passage is provided.



Fast-track Procedure

Unlike the RMA consenting process, the fast-track consenting process does not include provision for notification or formal affected party approval of an application. Nor is there any mandatory requirement to consult beyond a narrow range of statutory consultees, which include local authorities, government administering bodies (such as the Department of Conservation) and relevant iwi authorities.

Once accepted for processing by the EPA, the application will be considered by an expert panel appointed by an independent panel convenor. The Panel will invite comments from the parties listed above, as well as from owners and occupiers of land on and adjacent to where proposed activities are to be undertaken. The panel may invite comment from any other person the panel considers appropriate (although there is no legal requirement to do so beyond the statutory parties). The Panel may elect to conduct a hearing but is under no obligation to do so.

Given the lack of a formal affected parties approval process under the Fast-track Approvals Act, it would be useful if you could confirm your ongoing acceptance of the Waihi North Project. Accordingly, we would be grateful if you could sign the acceptance statement below and return this letter to us (by email or post) at the address given at the end of this letter. Your confirmation will be included with our application.

In the meantime, if you require any further information or have any other queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

 ³  a2.

Yours sincerely,



Kyle Welten

Manager – External Affairs and Social Performance

OceanaGold (New Zealand) Ltd

Kyle.welten@oceanagold.com

PO Box 190,
Waihi 3641
New Zealand

I, [name]

of [address] 122 Willows Road, RD1, Waihi.

Hereby confirm that I have authority to respond on behalf of all the other owners/occupiers of the property and am in agreement that the application made under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 by OceanaGold NZ for the Waihi North Project should be determined without regard to effects on owners/occupiers of this property.

Signed

Date

19/2/2025

19/2/2025.

ATTACHMENT 1: FIGURES

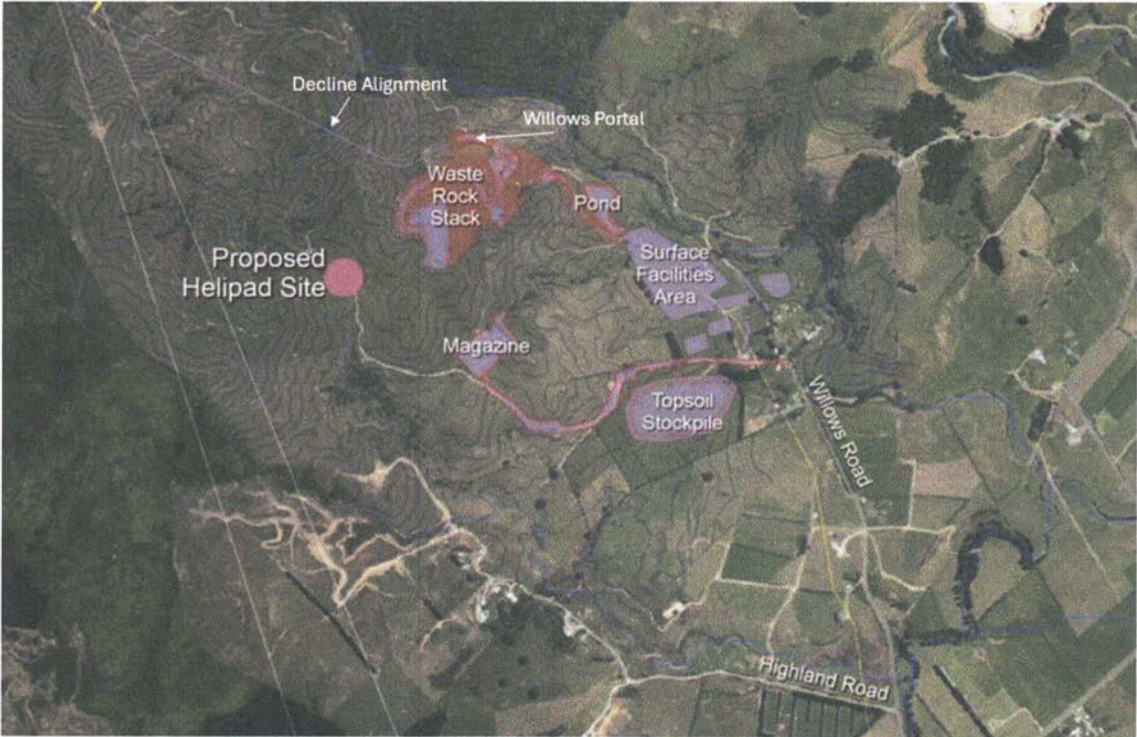


Figure 1 Proposed Willows site plan



Figure 2 Calculated Helicopter Noise Levels Associated with Proposed Willows Helipad

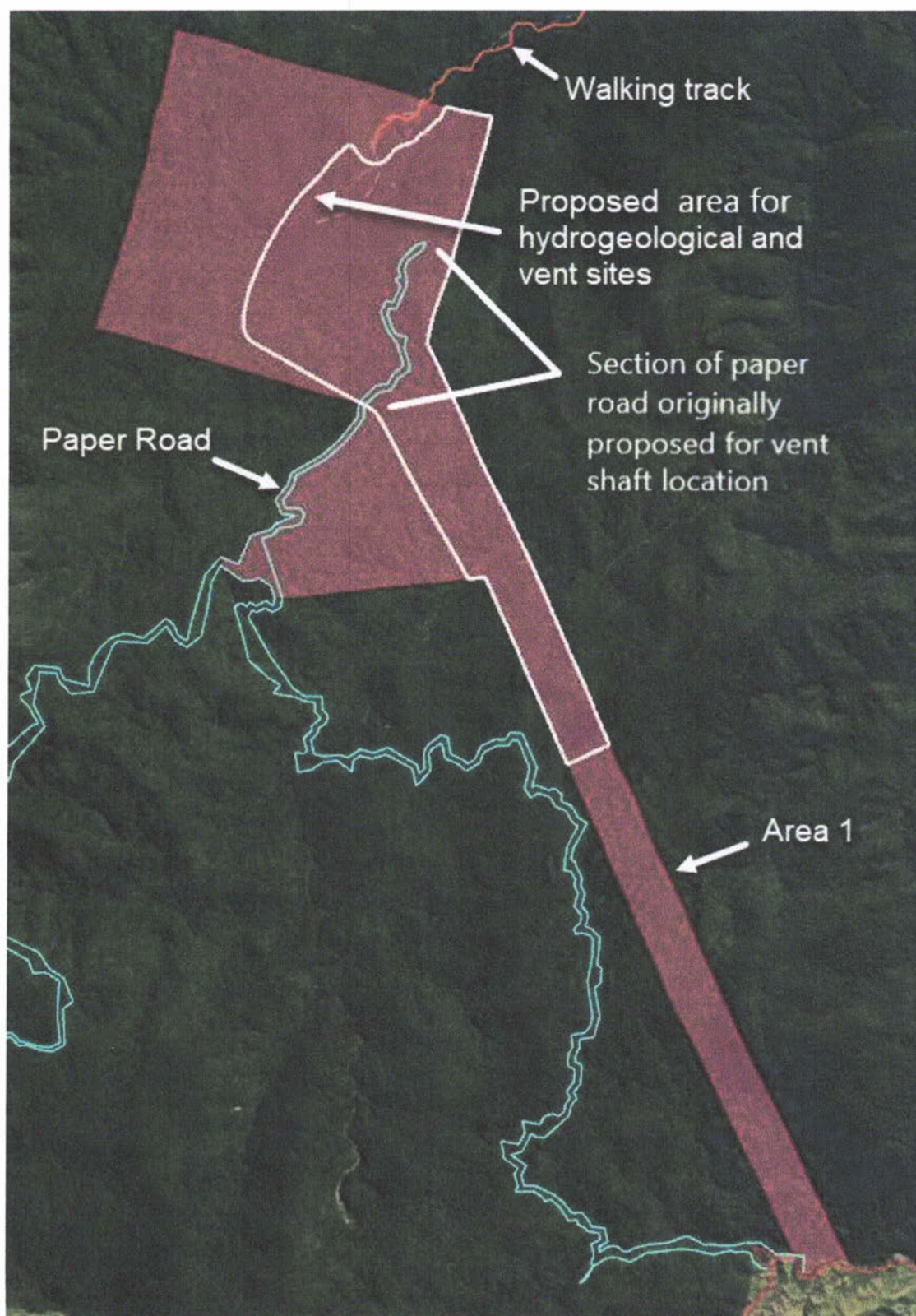


Figure 3 Proposed area within which vent shafts would be located

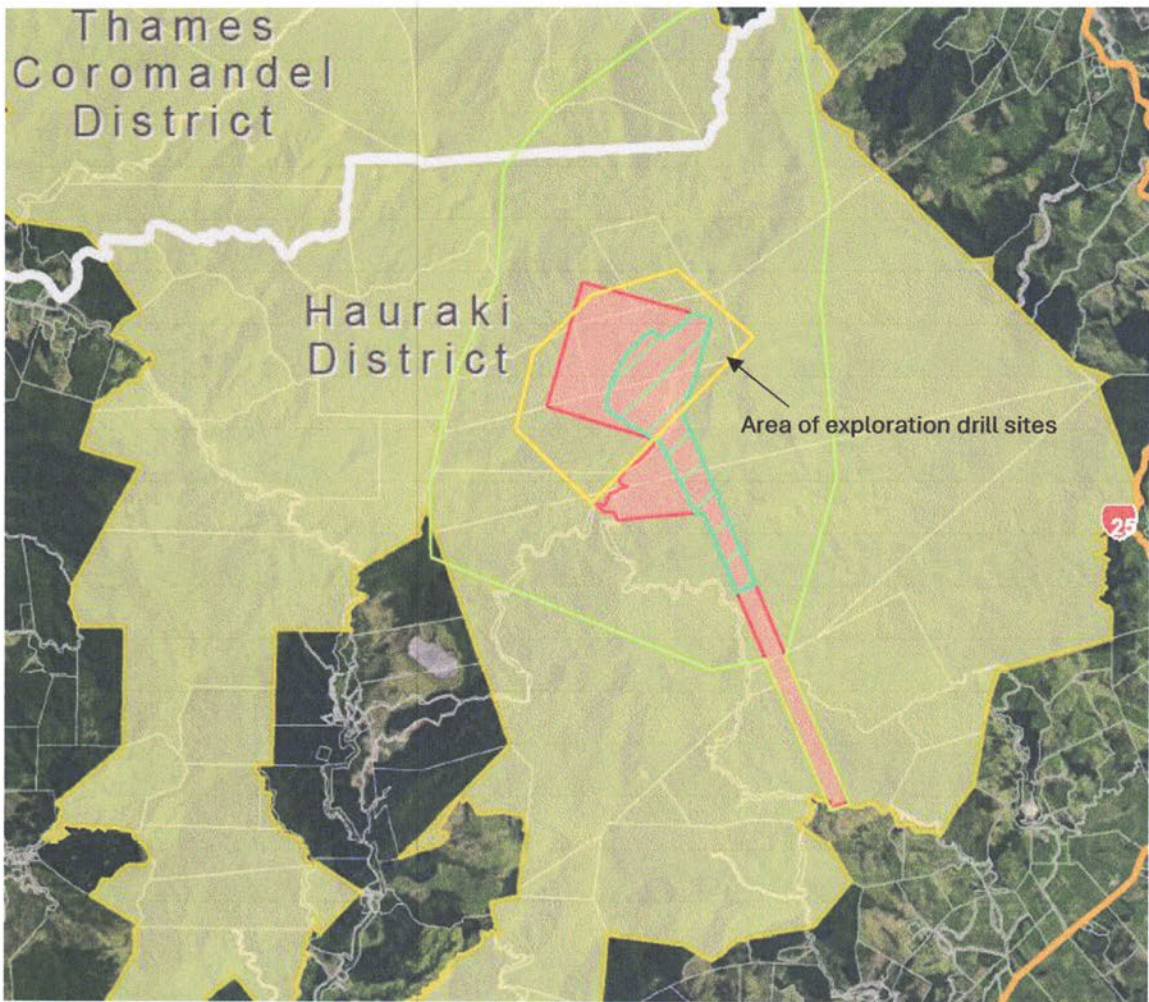


Figure 4 Proposed area within which exploration drill sites would be located – outlined in yellow

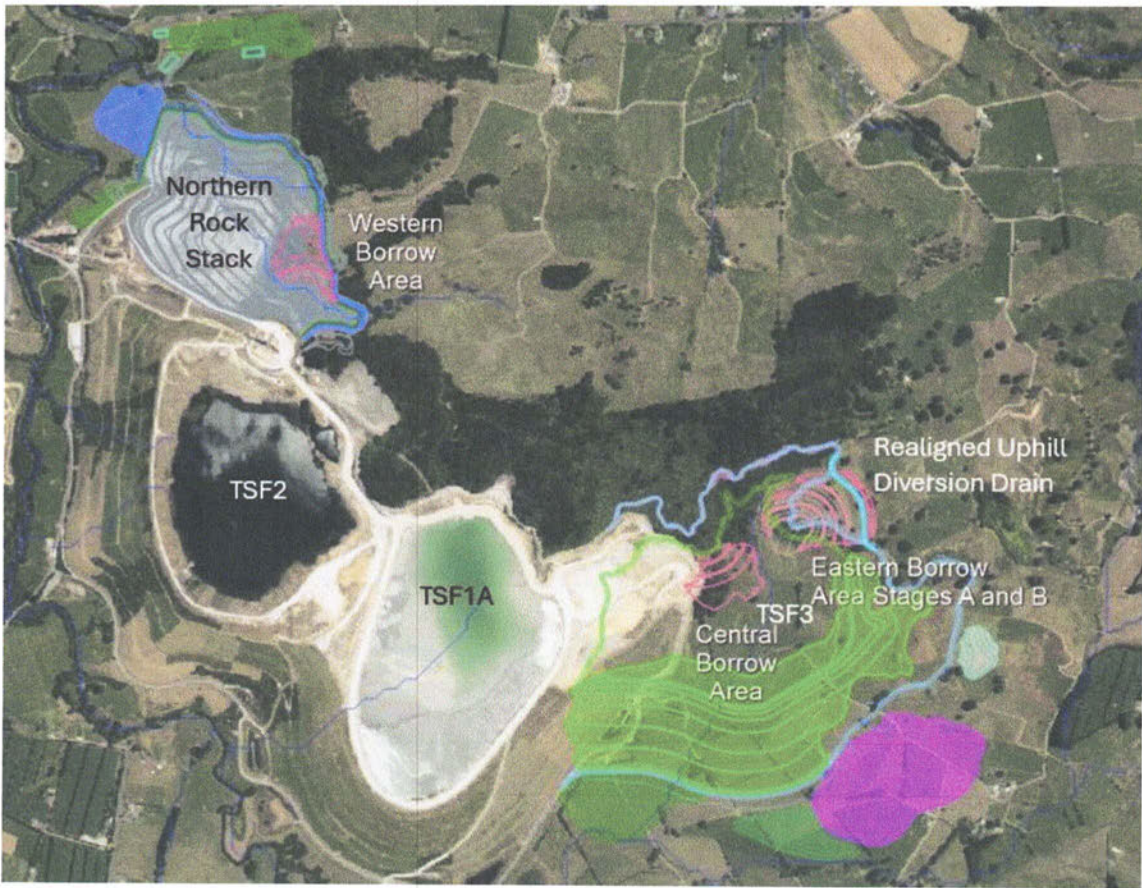


Figure 5 Borrow areas for TSF3 construction material – shown in pink

05 February 2025

[REDACTED]
131 Trig Road North,
Waihi 3681

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Waihi North Project – Application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

In 2022, Oceana Gold NZ Limited (“**OceanaGold**”) consulted with you prior to lodging resource consent applications with Hauraki District Council and Waikato Regional Council for the Waihi North Project. At that time, you kindly agreed to provide your written approval for the proposal.

This letter is to advise you that OceanaGold now intends to lodge an application under the new Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 to authorise the Waihi North Project.

The Fast-track Approvals Act was enacted by the Government in December 2024 and provides a “one stop shop” whereby all approvals, such as Resource Management Act (“**RMA**”) resource consents, Wildlife Act concessions and access arrangements, and Heritage Pouhere Taonga Act authorities can be considered and decided at the same time. This has advantages in terms of expediting procedures, particularly for a large project such as the Waihi North Project, where approvals under the usual procedures can take several years to reach a conclusion. Applications under the Fast-track Approvals Act will be administered by the Environmental Protection Authority (“**EPA**”) rather than local authorities.

The scope of activities for the Waihi North Project applied for in the Fast-track application will be largely the same as the currently lodged applications, details of which can be found on the project website - <https://www.waihinorth.info/>, but with some refinements and modifications.

The key change from the 2022 applications in the Trig Road area is:

- > **Tailings Storage Facility 3 Construction:** It is anticipated that the construction of the third tailings storage facility (“**TSF3**”) will precede mining of the Gladstone open pit and implementation of the Stage 4 Martha cut-back (as consented in 2019). TSF3 would be constructed adjacent to the existing TSFs in Waihi. Rock to construct the TSF3 embankment will initially be sourced from material borrowed from within the TSF3 footprint (the “Central Borrow Area” and “Eastern Borrow Area”) and on the eastern side of Northern Rock Stack (the “Western Borrow Area”). Figure 1 illustrates the proposed locations of these borrow areas.

A number of refinements have been made in other areas of the project. These include:

*Waihi
Road*

- > **Tunnel portal site and decline alignment (Willows Surface Facilities):** A new tunnel portal site is proposed. The new location is in the valley immediately north of the valley in which the Willows waste rock stack is to be sited, approximately 250m northwest of the originally proposed location. The new site is located further from Willows Road, which will reduce the potential for noise and overpressure effects. The revised layout is shown on Figure 2, attached at the end of this letter.
- > **New helipad (Willows Surface Facilities):** A new helipad is proposed towards the north-western end of OceanaGold's Willows site (refer Figure 2). Increasing from the current two helipads (at the Baxter Road process plant and Golden Cross sites) to three will provide operational efficiency and flexibility for OceanaGold as well as distributing potential noise effects on residents in proximity to the helipads. The proposed site is approximately 1km away from the closest residences in Willows Road. There is no direct line of sight between the helipad and any of these residences, and there are two elevated hilltops between the helipad and Willows Road. The helipad will be approximately 25 m x 35 m in area. Across the project as a whole, it is proposed increase helicopter flights from the current maximum of 100 flight hours per month to a new limit of 200 flight hours per month. Noise modelling has been undertaken and shows that no private residences will experience noise in excess of 50 dBA (which is the district plan standard for the area). The modelled noise contours for the proposed Willows helipad are shown in Figure 3.¹
- > **Vent shaft locations:** Four vent shafts were originally proposed to be located on the legal road within the Coromandel Forest Park. To allow flexibility in tunnel alignment (in response to geotechnical conditions encountered), these shafts (still four in number) are now proposed to be located within a wider area as shown in Figure 4 (boundary of the area shown in white lining). The vent shaft clearings will also be used in the first instance for hydrogeological investigation drilling (prior to vent shaft installation) and will be larger in size (30m x 30m instead of 12m x 12m).
- > **Exploration and geotechnical investigation drilling:** In order to gain the most accurate data regarding hydrogeological conditions and the nature of the ore deposit at Wharekirauponga, a further 20 drill sites are proposed within the Coromandel Forest Park (refer Figure 5). These sites will be the same size as those existing (i.e. max 150 m² per site).

Other Authorisations

As noted earlier, the Fast-track Approvals Act enables applicants for major projects that have been accepted by the government as providing significant regional or national benefits to apply at one time for a variety of approvals that would ordinarily require separate applications under several statutes. The

¹ Note that Figure 2 presents noise from helicopters accessing the existing Southern Helipad site in the Forest Park from the proposed helipad at the Willows SFA, but the assessment and conclusions would be valid for any remote sites associated with the project which may be accessed by helicopters flying from Willows.

WGN ROK

application for the Waihi North Project will seek to obtain the following approvals under the respective acts:

- > Resource consents under the RMA: to undertake exploration, mining and related activities within the regulatory boundaries of the Waikato Regional Council, the Hauraki District Council, and the Thames Coromandel District Council;
- > A concession under the Conservation Act 1987: to undertake exploration, mining and related activities in the Coromandel Forest Park (outside the Mining Permit area);
- > An access arrangement under the Crown Minerals Act 1991: to undertake exploration, mining and related activities in the Coromandel Forest Park (inside the Mining Permit area);
- > Authorities under the Wildlife Act 1953: to handle, salvage and relocate wildlife protected under the Wildlife Act, undertake ecological monitoring and undertake ecological enhancement and pest control activities;
- > Authorities under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014: to disturb ground which may contain heritage artifacts; and
- > Authorisation under the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983: to establish culverts and dam and divert water, whilst ensuring fish passage is provided.

Fast-track Procedure

Unlike the RMA consenting process, the fast-track consenting process does not include provision for notification or formal affected party approval of an application. Nor is there any mandatory requirement to consult beyond a narrow range of statutory consultees, which include local authorities, government administering bodies (such as the Department of Conservation) and relevant iwi authorities.

Once accepted for processing by the EPA, the application will be considered by an expert panel appointed by an independent panel convenor. The Panel will invite comments from the parties listed above, as well as from owners and occupiers of land on and adjacent to where proposed activities are to be undertaken. The panel may invite comment from any other person the panel considers appropriate (although there is no legal requirement to do so beyond the statutory parties). The Panel may elect to conduct a hearing but is under no obligation to do so.

Given the lack of a formal affected parties approval process under the Fast-track Approvals Act, it would be useful if you could confirm your ongoing acceptance of the Waihi North Project. Accordingly, we would be grateful if you could sign the acceptance statement below and return this letter to us (by email or post) at the address given at the end of this letter. Your confirmation will be included with our application.

In the meantime, if you require any further information or have any other queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

WAIH
RASH 3

Yours sincerely,



Kyle Welten

Manager – External Affairs and Social Performance
OceanaGold (New Zealand) Ltd

Kyle.welten@oceanagold.com

PO Box 190,
Waihi 3641
New Zealand

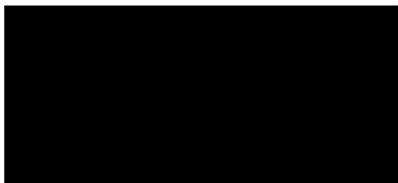
Attachments: 1 – Figures

.....
I, [name] 

of [address] 131 TRIG ROAD NORTH WAIHI

Hereby confirm that I have authority to respond on behalf of all the other owners/occupiers of the property and am in agreement that the application made under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 by OceanaGold NZ for the Waihi North Project should be determined without regard to effects on owners/occupiers of this property.

Signed



Date

27/2/25

ATTACHMENT 1: FIGURES

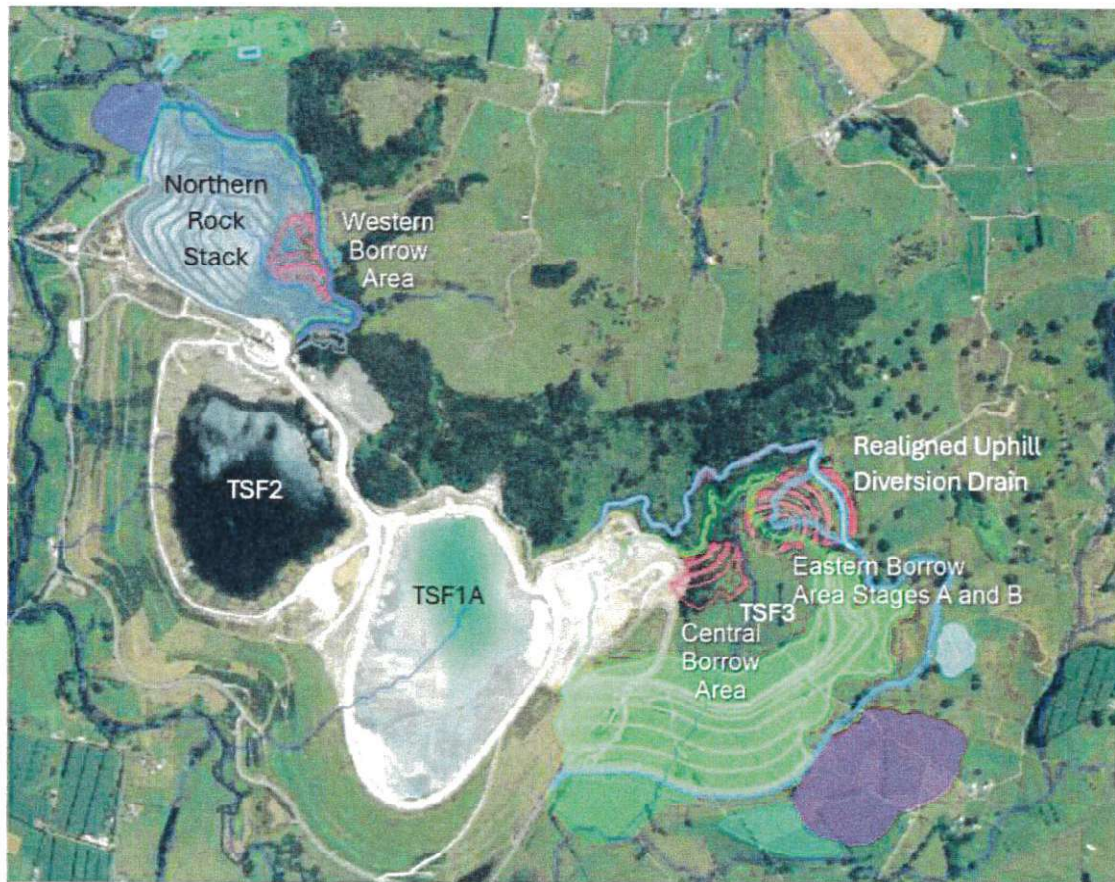


Figure 1 Borrow areas for TSF3 construction material – shown in pink

WQ41
rock

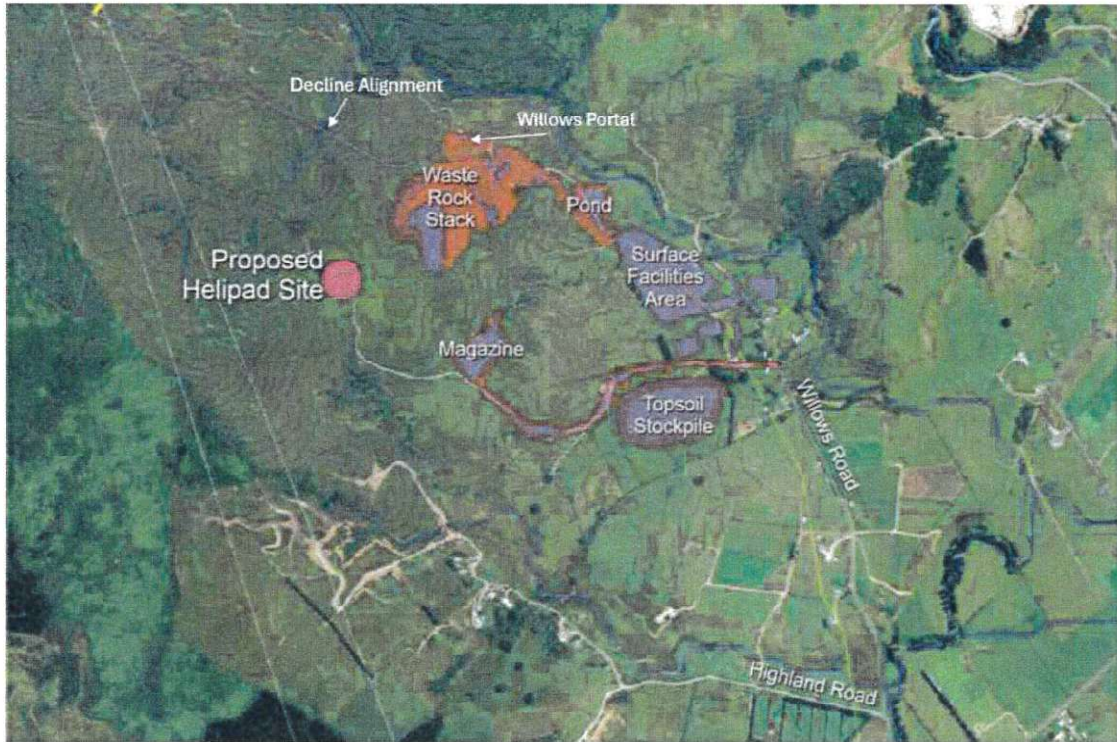


Figure 2 Proposed Willows site plan

WD4
Rosh

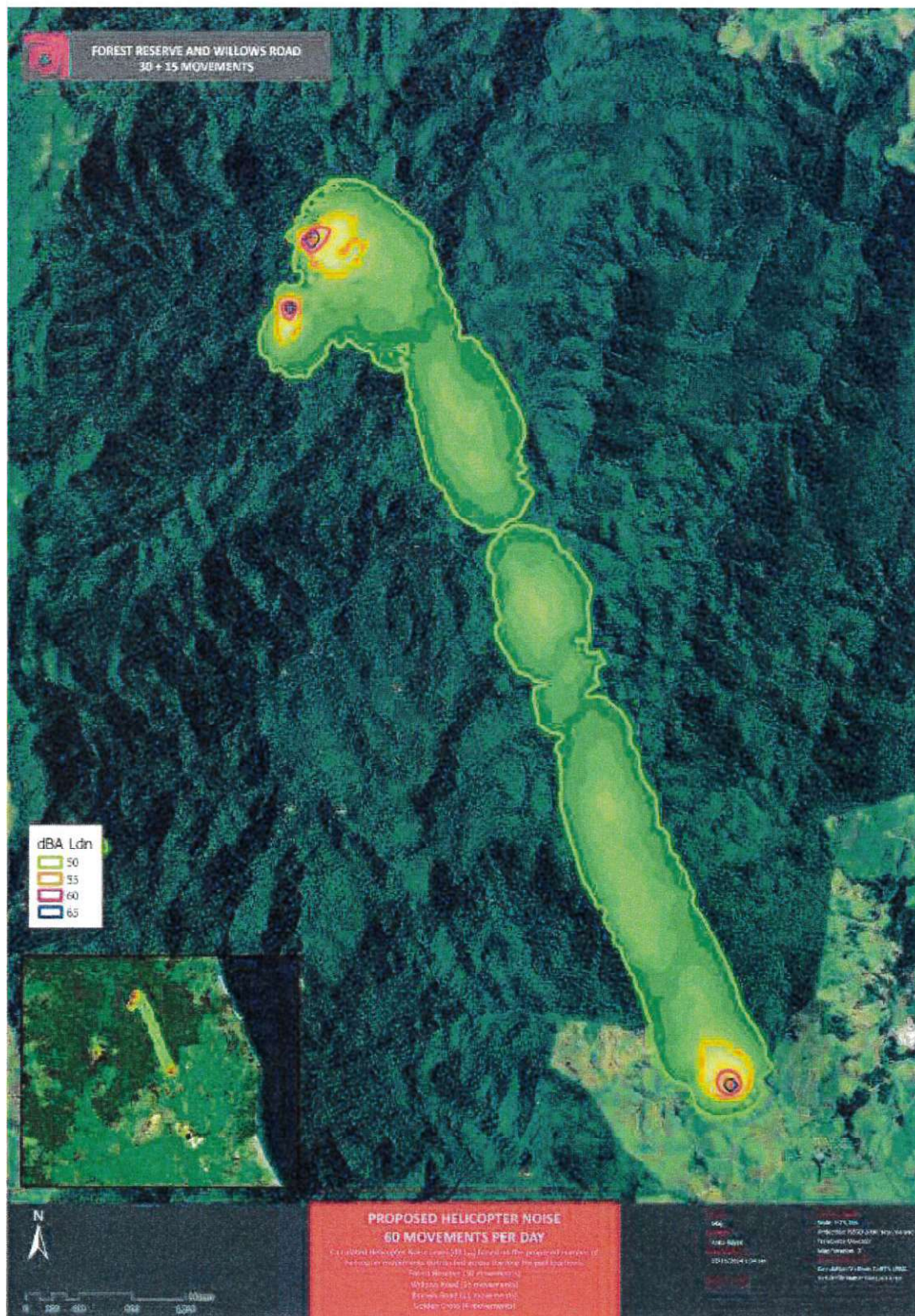


Figure 13 Calculated Helicopter Noise Levels Associated with Proposed Willows Helipad

WASH
ROSE

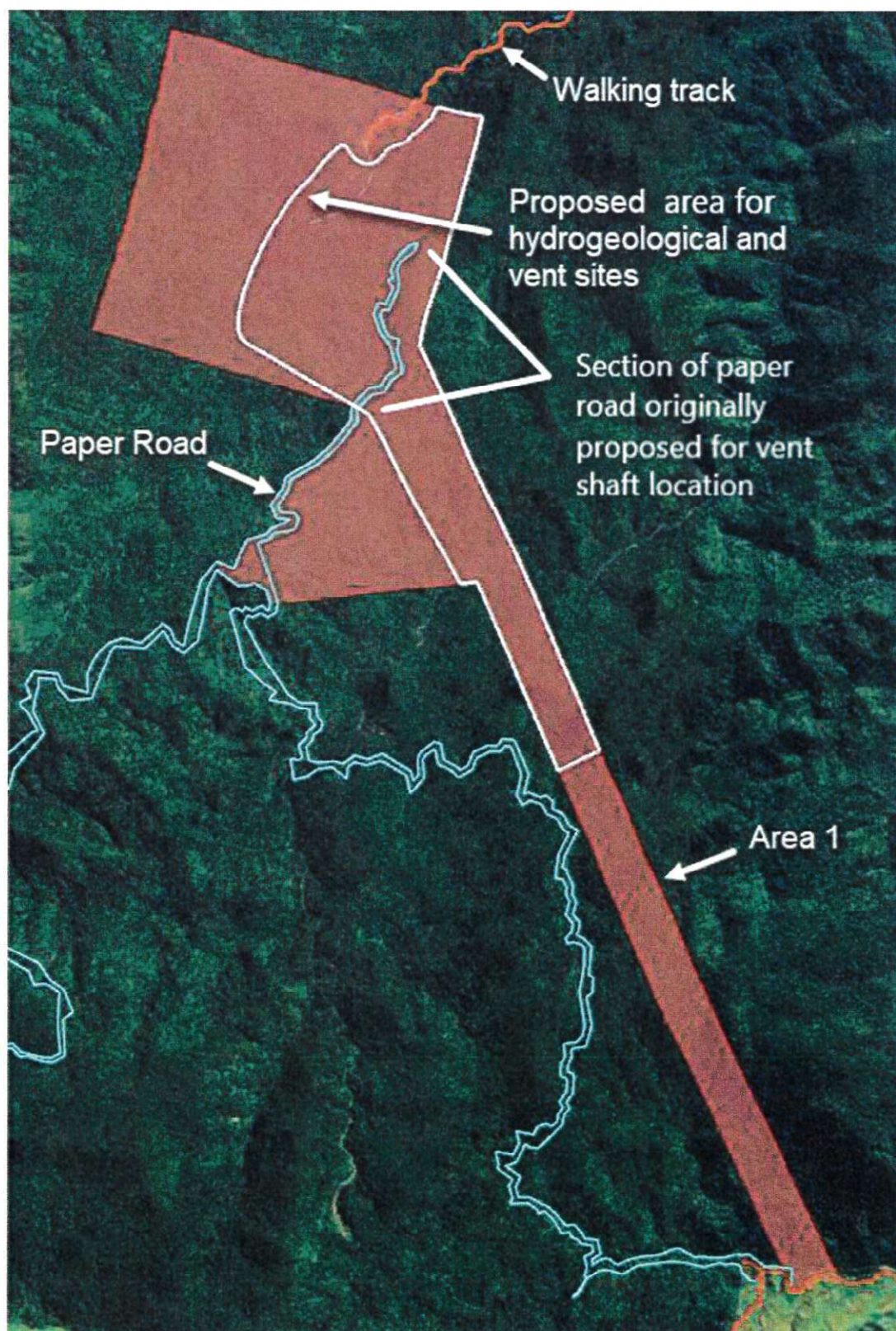


Figure 4 Proposed area within which vent shafts would be located

WGN
RAB

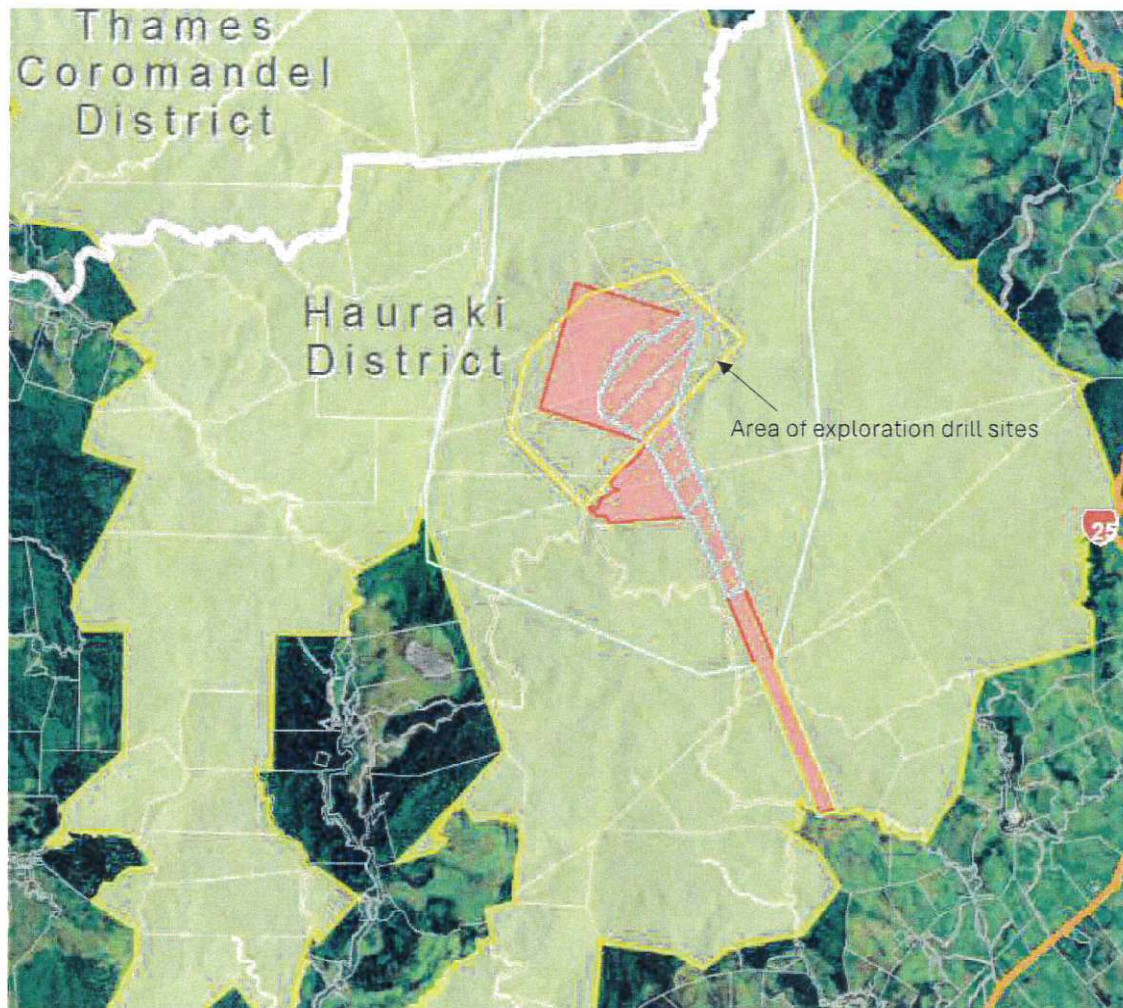


Figure 5 Proposed area within which exploration drill sites would be located – outlined in yellow

WD41
R056