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Tēnā koe

Request for reports and advice under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited has lodged a substantive application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) on 10 April 2025. The Waihi North application relates to the expansion of the existing gold and silver mining operations in Waihi, establishing new open pit and underground mines, and extending the life of the mine from expiry in 2030 to 2040.

The EPA has decided that the application is complete and in scope under section 46 of the Act and provided the application to the panel convener. The substantive application seeks an approval for an archaeological authority as described in section 42(4)(i) of the Act.

Under section 51 of the Act, the panel convener has now directed the EPA to obtain from Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and the Māori Heritage Council reports prepared in accordance with clause 3 of Schedule 8.

The panel convener has also directed the EPA to obtain advice from Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and/or the Māori Heritage Council **in respect of the matters that are outlined in the attached Minutes.**

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and the Māori Heritage Council must provide the reports [and advice] requested to the EPA **within 10 working days after the panel invites comments under section 53 of the Act.**

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If you have any questions, please contact Alex Mickleson, Application Lead by email at info@fasttrack.govt.nz.

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