

## Appendix H: Archaeological Authority

### WAIHI NORTH PROJECT –ARCHAEOLOGICAL AUTHORITY

**Authority Number:** [TBC]

**File Reference:** [TBC]

**Determination Date:** 18 December 2025

**Expiry Date:** 18 December 2055

**Authority Holder:** OceanaGold New Zealand Limited

**Postal Address:** PO Box 5442 Dunedin 9054

#### Archaeological Sites:

The Waihi North Project will have known effects on:

- > T13/821 – Gladstone gold mining complex;
- > T13/820 – Winner Hill gold mining complex - partial removal; and
- > T13/817 – Lower Level Water Race - partial removal.

Works will take place in proximity to:

- > T12/681– The Royal Standard Battery and Gold Mining Area; and
- > T12/1290 – The Royal Standard Gold Mining Tramway.

**Location:** In and around Waihi and the Coromandel Forest Park, Waikato, in the Areas marked 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7 in Attachment 1.

**Section 45 Approved Person:** Kim Tatton or any other person approved under section 45.

#### DETERMINATION

This Archaeological Authority is granted pursuant to section 44(a) of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga 2014 to enable the Waihi North Project, subject to the following conditions.

#### CONDITIONS OF AUTHORITY

1. The Authority holder must ensure that all contractors working on the project are briefed on site by the s45 approved person, who may appoint a person to carry out the briefing on their behalf, prior to any works commencing on the possibility of encountering archaeological evidence, how to identify possible archaeological sites during works, the archaeological work required by the conditions of this Authority, and contractors' responsibilities with regard to notification of the discovery of archaeological evidence to ensure that the Authority conditions are complied with.
2. Prior to the start of any on-site archaeological work, the Authority holder must ensure that Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga is advised of the date when work will begin. This advice must be provided at least 2 working days before work starts. The Authority holder must also

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ensure that Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga is advised of the completion of the on-site archaeological work, within 5 working days of completion.

3. The Authority must be exercised in accordance with the management plan (Tatton, K. and R. Clough Feb 2025. Archaeological Management Plan: Waihi North Project Fast Track Project. Prepared for Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Ltd). Any changes to the plan require the prior written agreement of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.
4. Any earthworks that may affect any archaeological sites must be monitored by the s45 approved person who may appoint a person to carry out the monitoring on their behalf.
5. Any archaeological evidence encountered during the exercise of this Authority must be investigated, recorded and analysed in accordance with current archaeological practice.
6. In addition to any tikanga agreed to between the Authority holder and Ngaati Whanaunga, Ngāti Hako, Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Porou ki Hauraki, Ngāti Pū, Ngāti Tamaterā and Ngāti Tara Tokanui / Ngāti Koi provided with the Authority application, the following shall apply:
  - a. Access for Ngaati Whanaunga, Ngāti Hako, Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Porou ki Hauraki, Ngāti Pū, Ngāti Tamaterā and Ngāti Tara Tokanui / Ngāti Koi shall be enabled in order to undertake tikanga consistent with any requirements of site safety.
  - b. Ngaati Whanaunga, Ngāti Hako, Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Porou ki Hauraki, Ngāti Pū, Ngāti Tamaterā and Ngāti Tara Tokanui / Ngāti Koi must be informed 48 hours before the start and finish of the archaeological work.
  - c. If any kōiwi (human remains) are encountered, all work must cease within 5 metres of the discovery. The Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Senior Archaeologist, New Zealand Police and Ngaati Whanaunga, Ngāti Hako, Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Porou ki Hauraki, Ngāti Pū, Ngāti Tamaterā and Ngāti Tara Tokanui / Ngāti Koi must be advised immediately in accordance with Guidelines for Kōiwi Tangata/Human Remains (AGS8 2010) and no further work in the area may take place until future actions have been agreed by all parties.
  - d. Ngaati Whanaunga, Ngāti Hako, Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Porou ki Hauraki, Ngāti Pū, Ngāti Tamaterā and Ngāti Tara Tokanui / Ngāti Koi must be informed if any possible taonga or Māori artefacts are identified to enable appropriate tikanga to be undertaken, so long as all statutory requirements under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 and the Protected Objects Act 1975 are met.
  - e. Ngaati Whanaunga, Ngāti Hako, Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Porou ki Hauraki, Ngāti Pū, Ngāti Tamaterā and Ngāti Tara Tokanui / Ngāti Koi must be provided with a copy of any reports completed as a result of the archaeological work associated with this Authority and be given an opportunity to discuss it with the s45 approved person if required.

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7. That within 20 working days of the completion of the on-site archaeological work associated with this Authority, the Authority holder must ensure that:
  - a. An interim report following the Archaeological Report Guideline (AGS12 2023) is submitted to the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Senior Archaeologist for inclusion in the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Archaeological Reports Digital Library.
  - b. Site record forms are updated or submitted to the NZAA Site Recording Scheme.
8. That within 12 months of the completion of the on-site archaeological work, the Authority holder must ensure that a final report, completed following the Archaeological Report Guideline (AGS12 2023), is submitted to the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Senior Archaeologist for inclusion in the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Archaeological Reports Digital Library.
  - a. One hard copy and one digital copy of the final report are to be sent to the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Senior Archaeologist.
  - b. Digital copies of the final report must also be sent to the NZAA Central Filekeeper, Hauraki District Council, Waihi Arts Centre and Museum, Ngaati Whanaunga, Ngāti Hako, Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Porou ki Hauraki, Ngāti Pū, Ngāti Tamaterā and Ngāti Tara Tokanui / Ngati Koi.

Attachment 1 – Location and Areas Covered by this Authority

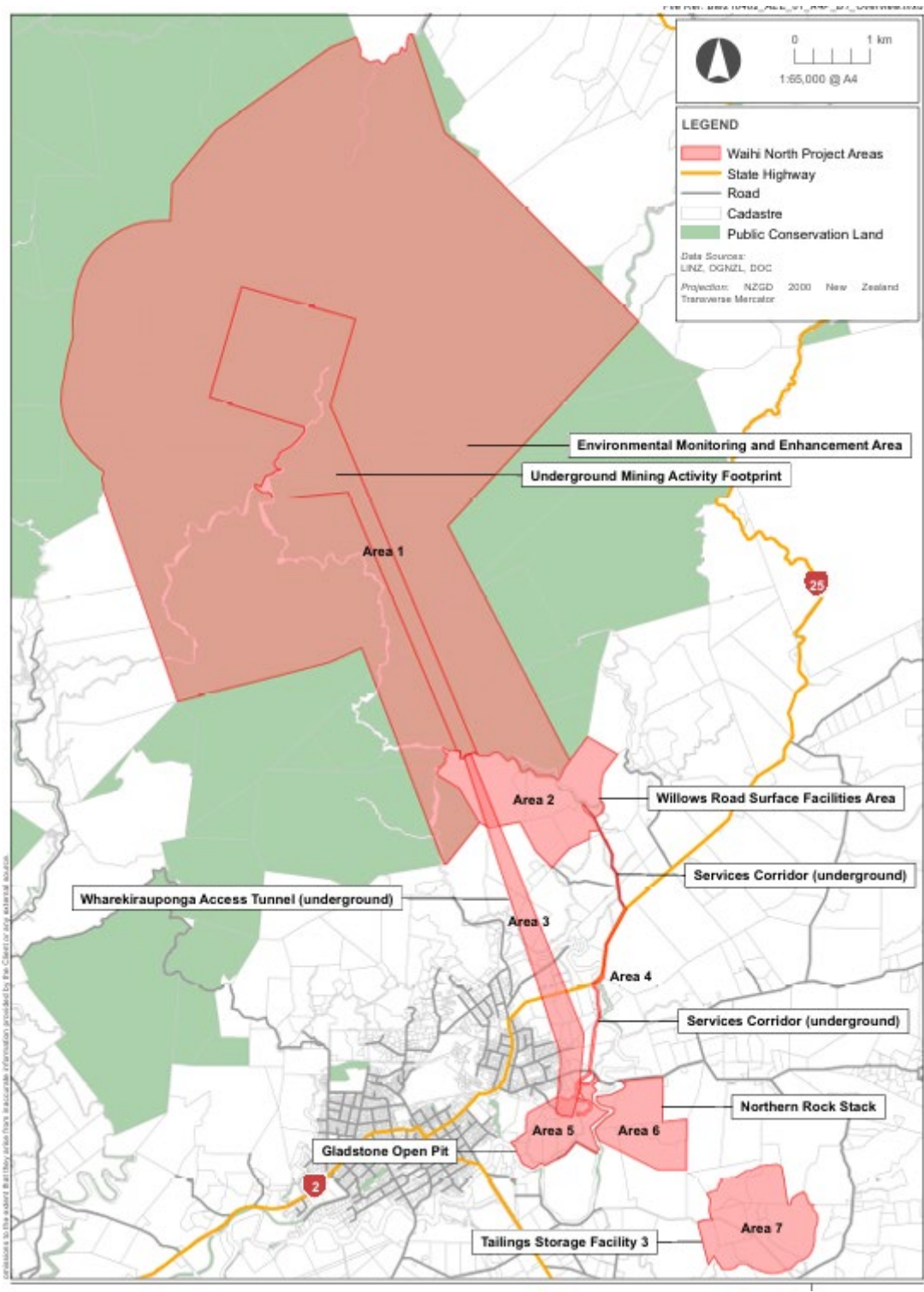


Figure 1: Location of activities. This Authority applies to activities in Areas 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7.