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The Chief Executive
Environmental Protection Authority
366 Lambton Quay
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Dear Dr Freeth

Fast-Track Approval Act 2024 – Matakanui Gold Limited – Substantive Application for the Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project

1. Accompanying this letter is the substantive application from Matakanui Gold Limited (**MGL**), the authorised person under Schedule 2 of the Fast-Track Approvals Act 2024 (**FTA**) for the Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project (**BOGP**). MGL seeks all necessary approvals to establish, operate, rehabilitate and ultimately close the BOGP, a gold mining operation that will consist of underground and open pit extraction.
2. Mitchell Daysh has uploaded the substantive application documentation to the FTA portal. The substantive application package consists of:
 - (a) Part A – Substantive Application Document.
 - (b) Part B – Technical Reports.
 - (c) Part C – Project Maps.
 - (d) Part D – Proposed Approvals and Conditions.
 - (e) Part E – Existing Approvals and Authorisations.
 - (f) Part F – Consultation and Engagement.
 - (g) Part G – Management Plans.
 - (h) Part H – Resource Management Act 1991 Objectives, Policies and Rules Assessment.
 - (i) Part I – Landowner Ownership and Records of Title.
 - (j) Part J – Early Works Documents.
3. MGL and our consultant team are available to assist the Environmental Protection Authority in navigating any aspects of the BOGP and this substantive application.
4. MGL looks forward to working with the Environmental Protection Authority to progress approval of the BOGP.

Kind regards

Damian Spring

Executive Director and CEO