

Response Letters

27th February 2025

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Kia ora Kyle,

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

Thank you for your letter dated 17th February 2025 notifying the Waikato Regional Council that OceanaGold will be applying for all necessary approvals under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA) for the construction, operation, maintenance, and closure of the Waihi North Project.

Your letter has requested the Waikato Regional Council (WRC) confirms by written notice to OceanaGold that in accordance with section 30(3) of the FTAA, there are no existing consents to which sections 124C(1)(c) or 165ZI of the Resource Management Act 1991 (“the RMA”) would apply if the Waihi North Project were to be applied for as a resource consent under the RMA.

OceanaGold has an application before the Council for this project that is currently subject to a further information request. WRC staff understand that the Waihi North Project to be applied for via the Fast Track Approvals Act consists of largely the same project with some changes removing the Services Trench aspect but may include some other aspects not currently included in the application before Council.

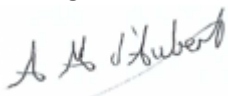
Based on the application that is currently before the Council WRC staff can advise that as of the date of this letter there are no existing consents to which section 124C(1)(c) of the RMA would apply if the Waihi North Project were to be applied for as a resource consent under the RMA.

Further, WRC can confirm that 165ZI of the RMA does not apply as the proposed project is not located in common marine and coastal area in accordance with the Waikato Regional Coastal Plan (proposed or operative).

Thank you for advising that the application currently lodged with WRC will be withdrawn upon acceptance of the project under the Fast Track Approvals Act.

Should you require any further information with regard to the above, please contact Sheryl Roa – Principal Consents Advisor via email at sheryl.roa@waikatoregion.govt.nz

Kind regards



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Manager – Regional Consents
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26 February 2025

Kyle Welten
Manager – External Affairs and Social Performance
OceanaGold Corporation
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Sent via email

Dear Kyle,

Response to Letter: Waihi North Project Application; Section 30(3) of Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

I am writing in response to your letter dated 17 February 2025 titled 'OceanaGold – Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 – Waihi North Application' in which you ask for Council confirmation that there are no existing consents to which sections 124C(1)(c) or 165ZI of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) would apply if the Waihi North Project were to be applied for as a resource consent under the RMA.

In terms of background and context, you will already be aware that the Hauraki District Council and the Waikato Regional Council have been processing resource consent applications, under the RMA, for the Waihi North Project that were lodged with the Councils on 23 June 2022. The RMA applications cover 5 main components including: a new underground mine at Wharekirauponga and related surface facilities area; a new tailings storage facility (TSF3); a new open pit (the Gladstone Open Pit); a rock storage facility (the Northern Rock Stack); a significant upgrade of the current processing plant; and an access tunnel to connect the new mine with the current processing plant.

Hauraki District Council understands that the Waihi North Project Fast-track application covers largely the same area/activities as the Waihi North Project as lodged under the RMA (see Areas 1-3 and 5-7 in the attached Figure 1) and that if the substantive Fast-track application is determined to be complete and within scope, then the RMA application will be withdrawn by OceanaGold. The one exception to the above is that Area 4 (Services Trench) is expected to have been withdrawn from the Waihi North Fast-track application as this has subsequently been applied for as a separate resource consent under the RMA.

Hauraki District Council maintains a register of mine related consents for both the Waihi Surface Facilities processing area (for operation of the processing plant, tailings storage facilities, rehabilitation, etc.) and the Wharekirauponga area (to undertake vegetation clearance, exploration works, monitoring and rehabilitation activities, etc.).

In terms of section 124C(1)(c) of the RMA, I can advise that the only resource consents that the Hauraki District Council has issued in the area of the proposed Waihi North

Project Application (as far as we understand the location of the area/s) relate to activities already authorised and undertaken by OceanaGold.

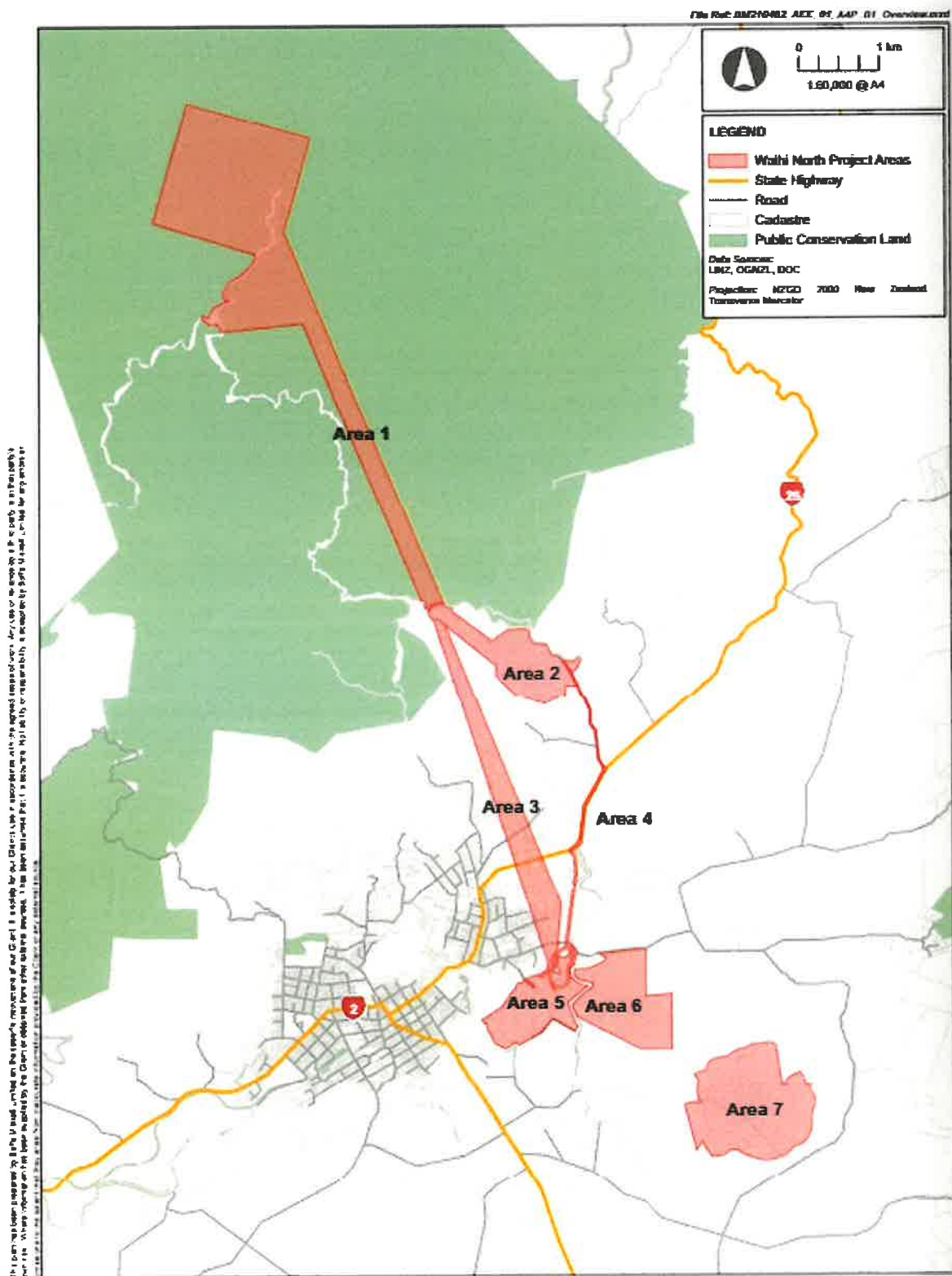
Also, the Hauraki District Council confirms that section 165ZI of the RMA does not apply to the Waihi North Project area (that is subject to the current RMA application before Hauraki District Council) as the application area does not relate to space in the common marine and coastal area used for aquaculture activities.

Please be back in touch if clarification or additional information is required.

Yours sincerely



David Speirs
Chief Executive



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3 March 2025

Kyle Welten
Oceana Gold Limited
Via email

Dear Kyle

FAST-TRACK APPROVALS ACT 2024 – WAIHI NORTH PROJECT – THAMES-COROMANDEL DISTRICT COUNCIL WRITTEN NOTICE

Thank you for your letters dated 19th February 2025 providing formal notification to the Council under s 30(2) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA) that Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited will be applying for all approvals necessary for the construction, operation, maintenance, and closure of the Waihi North Mine.

The information provided shows that elements of this project, such as environmental monitoring and biodiversity enhancement, will extend into land which is within the control of the Thames-Coromandel District Council. The specific properties located in our district have been identified as 490 Wentworth Valley Road, Whangamatā and 567 Tairua Road, SH25, Whangamatā.

Having received your notice under s 30(2) of the FTAA, I have reviewed the Council's records for the above properties and can confirm pursuant to s 30(3)(b) that there are no existing resource consents to which sections 124C(1)(c) or 165ZI of the Resource Management Act 1991 would apply if the approvals sought were to be applied for as a resource consent under that Act. If there are any additional properties that will be impacted by the project that are not listed in this letter, please let us know.

If you have any questions about the content contained in this written notice, please do not hesitate to contact me on 07 8680200.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katy Dimmendaal".

Katy Dimmendaal
Acting Development Planning Manager
THAMES-COROMANDEL DISTRICT COUNCIL