

9 September 2026

The Chief Executive
Environmental Protection Agency
Stewart Dawson's Corner
366 Lambton Quay
Wellington 6011

Dear Lian,

RE: Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 – Substantive Application for the Macraes Phase 4 Project by Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited

Please find attached a substantive application from Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited (OceanaGold), the authorised person for the Macraes Phase Four Project (“MP4”). MP4 is listed in Schedule 2 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (Act). OceanaGold seeks all necessary approvals for the construction, operation, maintenance, and ultimately the closure of MP4.

The application will seek approval for mining and mining related activities at the existing Macraes Operation to extend the current life of the operation (operating since 1990) until at least 2039. These activities include (but are not restricted to):

- Extensions to existing open pits at Coronation, Coronation North, Innes Mills, and Golden Bar;
- Extension of the existing Golden Point Underground Mine;
- Relocation and expansion of in-pit tailings storage and extension of existing waste rock stacks;
- Associated ancillary infrastructure including roading, workshops and water management facilities; and
- Rehabilitation and closure activities.

OceanaGold has engaged a wide range of technical experts to assist with the design of MP4 and the assessment of its actual and potential effects on the environment. These technical assessments and management plans have informed the proposed conditions of the substantive application.

In addition to this, OceanaGold has undertaken extensive engagement and will continue to actively engage with relevant administering agencies, consent authorities, Kā Rūnaka, other stakeholders and members of the community as the project progresses.

OceanaGold has uploaded the application documentation to the fasttrack.govt.nz portal. Due to file size restrictions, many of the lodged documents have had to be

split. It is recognised that the process to recombine all of these documents for sharing with the various parties involved with the processing of this application will be time and resource consuming. As such, we will send a link to a document folder that contains complete (non-split) versions of the lodged documents in clearly identified and easy to navigate folders in a follow-up email after lodgement.

For completeness I confirm that the application documents have been compiled as follows:

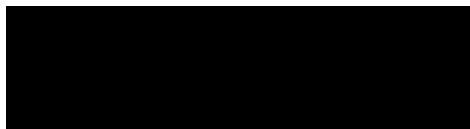
- Part A – Substantive Application
- Part B – Technical Reports
- Part C – Management Plans
- Part D – Proposed Conditions
- Part E – Project Maps and Plans
- Part F – Authorisation of Existing Mining Activities
- Part G – Consultation and Engagement
- Part H – Consultant Statements
- Part I – Assessment of RMA Approvals Required
- Part J – Land Ownership and Records of Title
- Part K – FTAA Listed Project Information

OceanaGold has paid the levy and application fee and provide the remittance advice in Attachment 1.

OceanaGold considers that this application will require the maximum time-frame of 90 working days from the date comments are received under section 53 of the Act.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide any further assistance as the EPA works through the statutory steps that have been assigned to it.

Yours sincerely



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Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited

Attachment 1: Remittance Advice

