## **COMMUNITY OPINIONS ABOUT MINING**

From now through until the end of the year, if you live in the Waihi area you may get a phone call on your land-line or mobile phone from a survey company called Phoenix Research, asking for your opinion on a few topics relating to mining.

Each year we get an independent survey company to ask people chosen at random how they think we are doing, what we can improve on, and how things are in Waihi in general. The surveyors aim to get a representative sampling of the area, in a similar proportion to the actual demographic make-up of Waihi. This approach is to ensure the fairest possible representation of the area's opinions.

Results from the survey form part of the Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP), which is required as part of our consent conditions.

## The Survey is Anonymous

OceanaGold gets a table of the results, but any identifying details are first removed, meaning we don't know who said what. How do survey companies get in touch? They call people in and around Waihi from listings with the numbers and the area in which the person lives.

We welcome your feedback and encourage you to participate if selected. A survey like this is an important chance for you to "have your say".

## Correnso Consent Expiry & SUPA

OceanaGold currently holds Land Use Consents from Hauraki District Council (HDC) that authorise the Correnso and SUPA Underground Mines, subject to conditions. These consents are due to expire on the 20th of December this year:

Although the mining consent for these areas has expired, we will continue rehabilitation activities associated with existing and consented tunnels located within the Project Boundary.

Due to the way that the projects have evolved, underground mining within the SUPA area will not be completed by the expiry date.

For this reason, OGNZL is applying for a new consent to continue mining in the SUPA area only.

If approved, this new consent would replace the Correnso and SUPA consents insofar as it would allow underground mining to be completed beneath a small area of OceanaGold owned land.

We will share more information on the SUPA consent as it becomes available.



## **HEADS UP!**

Our fast-track application for the Waihi North Project is continuing to move through the process, with the next step being a draft decision. If the draft decision is that the project be approved, it will include proposed consent conditions. At that point, invited stakeholders will have a chance to provide their comment on these conditions. The timing for

releasing the draft decision and any comment period will be set by the Expert Panel.

In preparation, we're organising a 'Friend of the Commenter' session, where an independent consultant planner will be available to provide free, neutral support to those invited to provide comments.

Additionally, the Waihi Community Forum, which represents the interests of residents and ratepayers in the wider Waihi area, will be present to listen to feedback from those not directly invited to comment, so that these thoughts can be included in their own submission.

Stay tuned to our updates and social media channels for more details!

