

## Project Martha Underground Development Drives



*Left: A development drive. These drives are tunnels five metres high by five metres wide, carved out of the rock by drilling and blasting. The ceiling and walls of the drive are bolted and meshed before being sprayed with concrete. Electric power, water and compressed air lines also run inside the drive. Drives like this one provide access to the ore body.*

### Consents

OceanaGold has been granted consents to construct development drives as part of Project Martha. The Consent Conditions outline the various activities that can be undertaken by OceanaGold and require the company as the consent holder to adhere to limits for noise and vibration, monitor all activities, and produce a range of regular reports.

### Development Drives

#### What are they? What are they for?

Development drives are five metre by five metre tunnels which provide access to the ore body. We use these drives (or tunnels) to get to where the ore body is located. We construct them by drilling and blasting. This is called development blasting. We have already constructed an Exploration Development Drive under the south wall of the Martha open pit under another consent.

#### When will the drives be constructed?

We cannot begin construction of drives which are part of Project Martha until we receive consent to do so. If consent is granted, each month we will post a mine plan on our website [www.waihigold.co.nz](http://www.waihigold.co.nz) to show our progress and where we will be working during the next month. Printed copies of these mine plans would also be available.

#### What if I own property directly above a proposed development drive?

The Project Martha consent conditions are the same as those in force at Correnso. The project Martha consents require that before we start any development blasting beneath any part of a property we are required to offer a payment equal to 5% of the market value of the property. This is called an 'ex gratia' payment. Property owners above a planned development drive decide whether they wish to receive this payment. Provided we have made this offer to the owner of a property we are allowed to commence work beneath that property. We do not have any obligation to purchase properties located above Project Martha development.