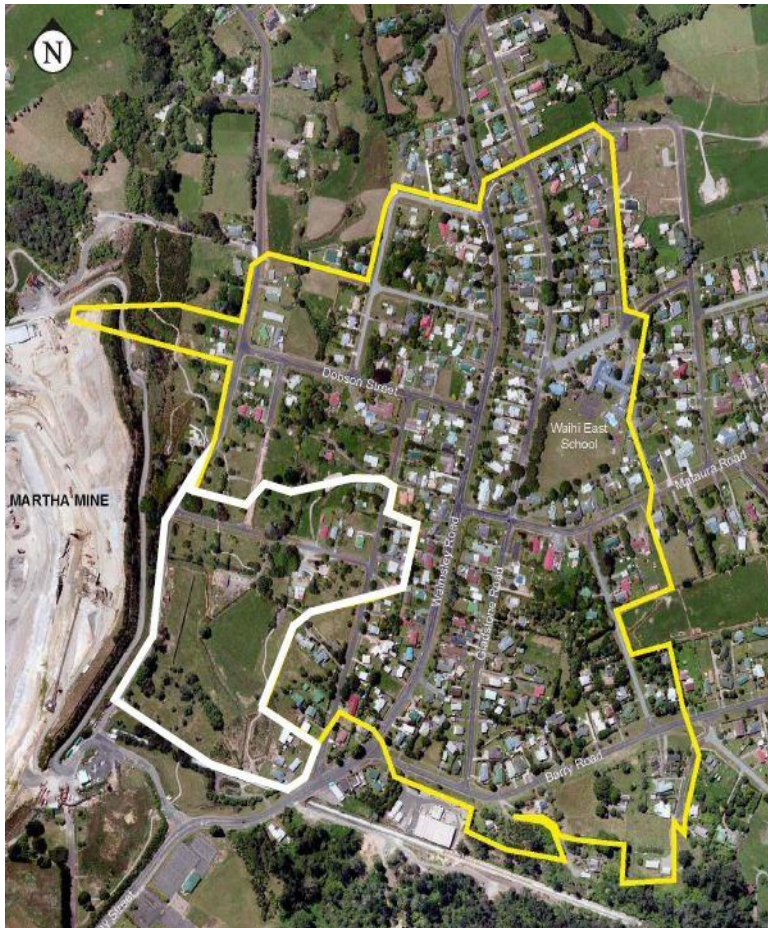


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OceanaGold is mining under residential properties in Waihi East and also has consent to mine in other areas. Here is what you need to know if you are considering purchasing a property in Waihi.



CEPA

We are mining in the area inside the yellow line in Waihi East. This area is known as CEPA, the Correnso Extended Project Area. We are allowed to mine underground anywhere in this area. The top of the Correnso mine is at least 130 metres below the surface. This is about the same distance from the Sky Tower glass observation deck to the street.

Before we tunnel under any property inside the CEPA area we must offer the property owner an *ex gratia* payment of 5% of the current market value of the property. Before we mine under a property we must offer the property owner the same *ex gratia* payment or the option of us purchasing the property at current market valuation. If the property you are considering purchasing has already received an *ex gratia* payment this should be recorded on the LIM report. In the event that we mine under the property and offer to purchase it, the *ex gratia* payment will be deducted from the amount we offer. This does not apply to a sale on the open market. We advise that you check the LIM of any property you are considering purchasing.

SUPA

The Slevin Underground Project Area (SUPA) area is indicated by the white outline. We are mining in this area. The conditions are very similar to those for CEPA. Both CEPA and SUPA are due to finish in 2020.

Mining and Exploration Licences

We have various other permits which cover areas outside CEPA and SUPA. These do not give us permission to mine. Any consent application would be considered by Hauraki District Council under the Resource Management Act. We also have a number of exploration licences around the Waihi area, along with other mining companies. An exploration permit does not give us access to private land. We must still negotiate this with the landowner.

Project Martha

We have consents to mine in and under the Martha open pit and to construct and operate an underground mine in the area to the south above the Rex vein. This work has not yet started.



Vibration

We blast underground between the hours of 7-8am, 1-2pm and 7-8pm. The blasts usually last about 10 seconds, but can sometimes be longer. Residents in Waihi East report that they feel some blasts, particularly the one in the middle of the day. If you purchase a property inside or near CEPA, SUPA or Rex, or near Martha, you will most likely feel some vibration. This can vary from very slight, to a sensation much like a big truck driving past your house. This vibration can vary depending where we are operating and at what depth.

Blast vibration limits are set by the consent conditions at a level that is determined to have as little effect on amenity as practicable. The vibration levels are well below the level at which damage to property may occur.

AEP

The Amenity Effect Programme provides for payment to residents and is part of the consent condition for both CEPA and SUPA. When Rex starts it will also be payable in this area. The AEP establishes an arrangement between the mining company and residents identified as experiencing some effect on amenity despite the mining operations being conducted within consent compliance limits. Payment is calculated based on measured effects as monitored and recorded by blast vibration monitors during the preceding six months. More detailed information is available on our website. www.waihigold.co.nz/community/amenity-effect-programme



Above left: A tunnel in the Correnso underground mine. Above right: The Martha open pit is close to the main street of Waihi.

We Break, We Pay

The consent conditions set out a specific process to be followed in the event that a property owner perceives there may have been damage to their property. This is set out in Correnso Consent Condition 21 *Property Damage*. If it is determined that the property damage is attributable to OceanaGold Waihi activities (as permitted by the consent) we will remedy the damage as soon as practicable at our cost.

Further information

You can find the full consent conditions for CEPA, SUPA, and Project Martha on our website www.waihigold.co.nz

Maps detailing each month's planned mining activity are available on our website and from Real Estate agents in Waihi, Waihi Beach, and Katikati, as well as the Waihi iSite on Seddon Street and the Hauraki District Council Service Centre at the Waihi Library on Rosemont Road. If you would like further information or have additional questions, please contact us on 0800 WAIHIGOLD (0800 924 444) or call in to see a member of our team at 43 Moresby Avenue.

Website links

There is a lot of information available on our website www.waihigold.co.nz This includes information about our activities in Waihi, reports and plans, blast times, and how to apply for a sponsorship or donation. Our regular publications the *East Ender* and the *Update* can also be found here. We also make regular posts on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/waihigold/>

The Hauraki District Council website <https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/> also includes a section on mining <https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/our-district/mining/>

Also of interest, the Waihi Community Forum website, <https://www.waihicommunityforum.co.nz/> The Waihi Community Forum was formed after the announcement of the Correnso underground mine in Waihi East. Since the announcement of Project Martha, the Forum, with support from Hauraki District Council and OceanaGold Waihi, will also represent residents in the wider Waihi area.

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