

OceanaGold delists from NZX

On 28 November OceanaGold announced that the company would be delisting from the New Zealand Stock Exchange (NZX) effective from 30 December.

In making this announcement

Mick Wilkes, President and CEO of OceanaGold, stressed that this was to simplify listing structures. He commented that the company is proud of its 26-year track record in New Zealand and that the New Zealand operations would continue to play a vital part in the company's future.

'Our operations in New Zealand are an important component of our overall global business and our valued New Zealand workforce represent some of the most talented employees in the mining sector anywhere in the world. The breadth of experience we have from our New Zealand workforce has laid the foundation for the company's technical, social, and environmental achievements.'

SUPA Community Meeting

As required by the consent conditions, the first SUPA Community Meeting was held on November 21. Three members of the public attended. As there was no mining to report on, and no environmental results, the meeting was quite short. The consent conditions and complaints procedure were explained. The next meeting is planned for March and will be held as part of the Correnso Community Meeting.

Moresby Avenue OFFICE HOURS over the holiday period

Our Moresby Avenue Administration Office will be closed at the end of the day on Friday 23 December and will reopen on Wednesday 4 January. The Community Engagement Line **0800 WAIHIGOLD** will be available 24 hours a day throughout the holiday period.

Blast Vibration WORKSHOP

Eighteen members of the public attended the Blast Vibration Workshop held on Monday 21 November. The workshops featured the same presenters from the events in March and July last year.

Two independent experts provided information on vibration. Jon Styles from the Styles Group in Auckland presented information on what vibration is, how it is measured and how people perceive it. He also addressed the issue of how we can be sure that levels of vibration generated by Correnso and SUPA will not damage residential property. Jon also discussed the differences between blast vibration and an earthquake, particularly topical given recent events further south.

Consulting engineer John Crabtree explained the various loads on structures such as residential properties. He detailed the effects of factors such as wind, temperature and ground movement due to seasonal moisture content.

OceanaGold Waihi underground manager Charlie Gawith explained consent conditions relating to vibration and how these conditions were put into practice.

Gravity and CSAMT surveys underway

Gravity and CSAMT surveys as described in the November Update are currently underway in Waihi. These surveys will provide us with a better understanding of what is underground.

Martha North Wall

Work has begun on 'unloading' the top of the Martha North Wall. This work involves moving fences, removing trees, and building a noise bund from the existing topsoil. Once constructed, the bund will be grassed and planted. When the underlying rock is exposed, work will begin on removing this. The noise bund is expected to take three to four weeks to complete. We are required to adhere to existing consent conditions relating to noise, dust and vibration. The intention is to work within the hours of 7.00am to 7.00pm.



Miners PICNIC

Early miners held picnics at Waihi Beach. They participated in activities such as egg and spoon races, sack races and tug o' war. OceanaGold staff had a Miners Picnic last weekend and tried their hand at the same games. Santa and his helpers were also on hand with early Christmas presents.