

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK FOR MINES RESCUE

Last Friday several staff with a variety of 'horrific injuries' from an 'explosion' were attended by Mines Rescue personnel, site medics, St John staff and two ambulances during a training exercise which completed a week of PHEC training – Pre Hospital

Emergency Care. There was much moaning from the 'patients' who had been expertly provided with very realistic-looking injuries by Peak Safety and Emergency Management who were running the course. As anyone who has done First Aid training will know, it's not the screamers or moaners who are necessarily the worst injured. You also have to pay close attention to those who may be unconscious, or so badly injured they are unable to call for help.

Mines Rescue Coordinator Dave Oliver thanked St



John staff for their involvement in the exercise. He said that the Mines Rescue Team works closely with the local St John organisation and also Waihi Volunteer Fire Brigade. 'The more we can work together and understand each other's systems, processes, capabilities and equipment, the better we will all be to support each the in case of an actual emergency on site or in the wider community.'

Advanced First Aid is just one of the many skills

that Mines Rescue team members acquire. They are also skilled in vertical rescue and rope work, confined space access, and working while wearing breathing apparatus. Team members also learn how to deal with chemical spills and how to operate in Hazmat suits, as well as learning how to deal with the various types of fire and the differing responses for each. The site has its own fire appliance appropriately called Little Flick, which is small enough to use underground if required.

MARTHA North Wall

Drill and blast activity on the Martha North Wall will end later this month. The project, officially called the North Wall Interim Remedial Cutback, has so far seen approximately 230,000 cubic metres of material being removed from the top of the slip which halted production in the open pit in April 2015. Remedial work undertaken to date has resulted in a significant reduction in ground movement. OceanaGold has been monitoring the north wall using a radar system and other devices. The radar has provided important accurate information at every stage of the project. You can see the white radar dish from the viewing area near the Cornish Pumphouse. It is pointing across the open pit towards the North Wall. The company will continue to monitor and further stabilise the north wall if required to mitigate any further issues.



Social Impact Management Plan

The Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP) is a Correnso consent condition. We are required to report on a range of indicators such as the number of staff and contractors who work at the mine, where they live, and whether they rent or own their own home. We are also required to report on 'the relationship of mine operations to any impacts on local services (education, health, vulnerable members of the community etc)' or any impacts we have had on emergency services such as fire, civil defence and ambulance. Data from previous years is also included in each report. If the SIMP identifies any significant adverse trend that is the result of mining activities, we are required to undertake appropriate mitigating actions.

When the report is completed in April it is provided to Hauraki District, and once approved is available to the public. The 2016 SIMP is now available on our website and also on council's site. It's 117 pages long and contains a huge amount of data on a wide variety of subjects.

You can find the 2016 SIMP here:
www.waihigold.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/2016-SIMP-Annual-Monitoring-Report_Final.pdf