

The Waihi North Project

The Waihi North Project will bring significant employment and economic benefits to the district through 2037 and beyond. A broad range of detailed reports, consultation, project design, and technical studies are required to fully assess the proposed project. We continue to work through this process and expect to have a hearing next year after we have lodged the application.

The project will integrate with already consented mining activities and has five main components:

- A new underground mine at Wharekirauponga, just north of Waihi, and associated infrastructure at a portal entrance on private land at the end of Willows Road, Waihi.
- A new open pit directly to the west of the OceanaGold Waihi Processing Plant.
- Increasing tailings storage capacity by constructing a third tailings storage facility (TSF3) immediately east of the current facilities and adding tailings storage within the Gladstone Open Pit on completion of mining.
- A rock storage facility to the north of the current tailings storage facilities (Northern Rock Stack).
- Increasing throughput capacity at our existing Processing Plant.

The Martha Open Pit Project

Extending the life of mining in Waihi was a key commitment OceanaGold made to the New Zealand Government when the company acquired the Waihi Operation in 2015. Since then we have undertaken further technical and exploration studies, which have confirmed the viability of an underground mine at Wharekirauponga. As a result, it may be some time before we resume working on a resource consent application for the proposed Martha Open Pit Project.

After the Waihi North Project resource consent is submitted and contingent on a change to the Martha Mineral Zone, we will then be able to look at developing a consent application for the Martha Open Pit Project. Any updates regarding the proposed Martha Open Pit Project will be communicated through our regular channels.

The proposed Martha Open Pit Project comprises the following:

- An expansion of the existing Martha Pit, including:
 - A number of road stoppages and realignments.
 - Relocation of the Cornish Pumphouse.
 - Removal of a portion of the PYE building and some Company-owned houses.
- Moving the eastern noise bund (and a subsequent Eastern Stream realignment) to the vicinity of Grey Street, as well as the construction of noise screens around other sections of the pit perimeter to mitigate the impact of noise on residents.
- A lift on the proposed Tailings Storage Facility (TSF3).
- An increase in volume for the proposed Northern Rock Stack (NRS).

The lift on TSF3 and increase in the volume of the NRS will provide the increased capacity required to support the tailings and rock storage from the Martha Pit.

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WE ARE NOT CURRENTLY BLASTING IN THE MARTHA OPEN PIT. ANY CHANGES TO THIS WILL BE NOTIFIED.