

Waihi North Project

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

OVERVIEW

Gold mining in Waihi continues to be a source of jobs and prosperity for the local, regional, and national economies. When we acquired the Waihi mining operations in 2015, OceanaGold made a commitment to the New Zealand Government to invest in extending the life of mining in Waihi, and with it all the benefits that mining brings.

THE WAIHI OPERATION

Waihi has long been a leading producer of gold and silver, supporting regional economies, contributing to New Zealand's exports, and driving innovation in mining technology and practices.

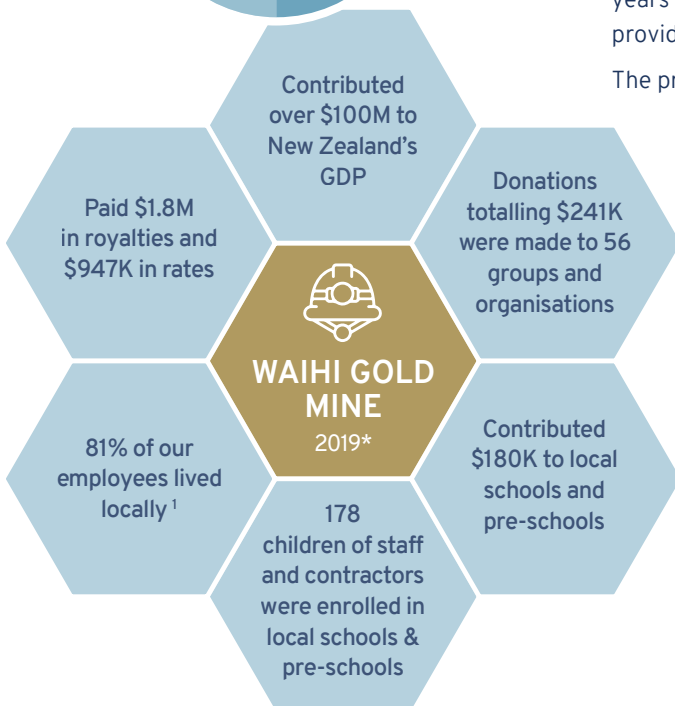
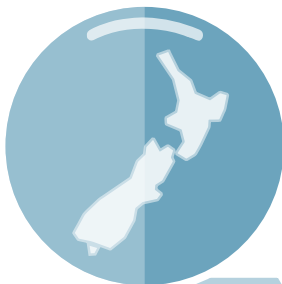
In 2019, our Waihi operation contributed over \$100 million to the country's GDP and provided employment for 387 employees or contractors.

The average income at OceanaGold Waihi is over \$100,000 a year and 81% of our employees live locally.¹

Our operations also saw purchases of over \$45 million made with suppliers; approximately 90% of which is at the national level. The remaining 10% is predominately made up of specialised plant, machinery, and equipment not available in New Zealand. These purchases from suppliers and associated economic flow-on effects are estimated to support around 1,000 jobs locally and within other parts of the New Zealand economy.



About 90% of every dollar spent stays in New Zealand



THE WAIHI NORTH PROJECT

The Waihi North Project will more than double the total annual economic contribution of our Waihi operations.

The project signifies a long-term commitment to, and investment in, the wider region. If consented, it will extend operations to 2037 and beyond, longer than any single previous outlook.

Our existing workforce of around 380 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees would benefit from an operational extension of at least an additional six years past the predicted life of current works, providing surety and stability through to 2037.

The project would also require an increase in local staffing, with a further 300 FTE jobs added throughout the life of the project and planned employment peaks occurring during key construction periods.

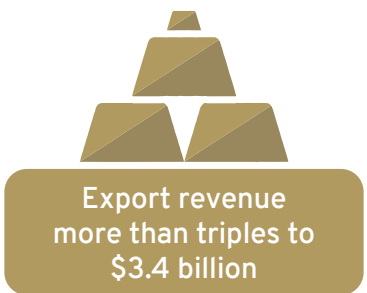
Indirectly supported jobs would grow as well, with over 1,300 additional jobs within other areas of the New Zealand economy predicted to be created over the life of the project.

Initial capital investment in the project is expected to be more than \$600 million, spread over several years. Much like our operations to date, a significant proportion of this spend is predicted to be with local and national suppliers.

The Waihi North Project has the potential to produce over 1.6 million ounces of gold and over 2.2 million ounces of silver over a 13-year period².

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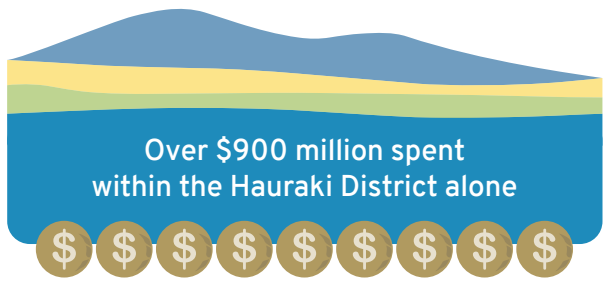
¹ 2019 is used for a baseline comparison due to impacts from the COVID pandemic occurring from 2020 onwards.



EXPORT EARNINGS



LIFE OF MINE



ECONOMIC GROWTH



DIRECT EMPLOYMENT



INDIRECT EMPLOYMENT

THE EXPANDED WAIHI OPERATION

Once underway, the expanded Waihi Operation’s contribution to the New Zealand economy would grow significantly; the current contribution of over \$100 million per annum in GDP would increase to \$269 million per annum.

This increase in GDP contribution is very significant for local communities. Within the Hauraki District specifically, an increased average expenditure of \$69 million is predicted each year during the operational phase of the project. This would total over \$900 million spent within the Hauraki District alone.

The expanded operation would also result in a total royalties payment of over \$100 million dollars to the New Zealand Government.

Another important economic impact of the Waihi Operation is the increase to export dollars. These export dollars help New Zealand as a country to grow, and are one of the key ways of increasing the standard of living for citizens.


The expanded Waihi Operations would see total export revenue more than triple, to approximately \$265 million per annum.

Within the New Zealand context, that equates to approximately 81% of crayfish exports, 72% of wool exports, and 38% of apple exports³.

In total, the expanded Waihi Operations would see its revenue increase to become larger than well-known companies like OfficeMax, Envirowaste, or Skellerup.

When people think about gold mining, they often think of historic “gold rushes” and other practices that no longer reflect the way the industry operates. Gold mining today is a long-term investment, from prospecting and exploration through to mining and processing (if a discovery is made) over what can be many decades. This means modern operators like OceanaGold take a long-term view and are vitally connected to the communities in which they operate.

1. 'Local' is defined as within 30 km or 30 minutes' drive of Waihi.
 2. For New Zealand consenting purposes only. Forward looking information must not be relied on for investment purposes.
 3. All export figures refer to March 2022 year.



SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Gold mining in Waihi continues to be a source of jobs and prosperity for the local, regional, and national economies. Extending the life of mining in Waihi will also continue the Waihi Gold Mine's tradition of being an important supporter of the local community.

THE POST-MINING ERA

The increased production and additional economic activity from the Waihi North Project will also have the added benefit of allowing local business further time to plan for the mine's eventual closure. More time and effort directed to a post-mining transition strategy will ensure the community continues to benefit from a well-functioning economy.

IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA, CONCERN OR QUESTION, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

You can contact us via our website; www.waihinorth.info or visit our Project Information Office; **86 Seddon Street, Waihi.**

Our Free Community Engagement Line **0800 924 444** is available 7 days.