

## Background Information and Tentative Timeline

### Some background

In 2011 Newmont Waihi Gold applied for consent to construct and operate an underground mine in the area we called the GLPA (Golden Link Project Area). Consents were granted under the Resource Management Act by the hearings committee, however these consents were objected to by several appellants and the decision was referred to the Environment Court. Agreement was reached following court assisted mediation between the company and the appellants, and the Environment Court has now released the final consent conditions.

### What has been consented?

Newmont Waihi Gold has received consent from the Environment Court to construct and operate an underground mine in an area smaller than the GLPA area originally applied for. This reduced area is called CEPA (Correnso Extensions Project Area). Under the amended conditions Newmont Waihi Gold has consent to construct and operate an underground mine anywhere within the CEPA area provided that all consent conditions are met. A full copy of the conditions can be found on our website [www.waihigold.co.nz](http://www.waihigold.co.nz). Copies are also available from our Golden Link Information Office.

### What happens now?

The Correnso underground mine is within the CEPA area. Currently we are refining the Correnso mine design. This is the plan which details how we access the ore body and where the access tunnels (drives) will be constructed. Construction of this mine will be staged as detailed infill drilling information becomes available and we develop a better understanding of the ore body and gain the necessary corporate approval. We anticipate being able to start this drilling from an exploration development drive which we will begin to construct towards the end of the year.

### What does this mean for people living in Waihi East?

Before we do any of this we will contact residents who own or live in properties above or immediately adjacent to the underground area in which we plan to construct the exploration development drive. This will occur in early November. Later in November we will contact those who own or live in properties above the Correnso development and stopes. All Waihi East residents will be invited to a series of information sessions that will provide more information and answer any questions you may have.

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## A tentative timeline

<b>November 2013</b>	Meetings with owners of each property above Exploration Development Drive
<b>Mid November 2013</b>	Meetings with owners of each property above Correnso development and stopes Information sessions for residents (venue to be confirmed)
<b>Late December 2013</b>	Correnso Exploration Development Drive construction begins
<b>May 2014</b>	Development Drive construction completed, drilling of ore body begins
<b>August 2014</b>	Drilling of ore body completed
<b>Dec 2014/Jan 2015</b>	Correnso stope development begins