

Correnso Extension Project – Community Meeting

Wednesday 14 May 2014 10.00am

The following is a record of the Correnso Extension Project Community meeting held at 10.00am on 14 May 2014. Where possible, we have tried to capture individual contributions at the meeting but these do not purport to be verbatim notes. Printed copies of these notes, and for those who would like to listen to the actual discussion at the meeting, a compact disc (CD) is available from the Waihi Visitor Information Centre, HDC Service Centre, and NWG admin office. An attendance list is appended to these notes.

Introduction

Tim welcomed all to the meeting then asked Andrea Durie (External Affairs Manager NWG), Kerry Watson (Environment Manager NWG) and Siobhan MacCarthy to say hello/introduce themselves. Siobhan explained that she works for Banarra, a firm of social sustainability consultants based in Sydney and Auckland, who are helping to fulfil the social impact requirements of the consent conditions. Siobhan is working with the community to complete the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) for the Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP).

When those present were asked if they had received a copy of the notes of the last meeting, all present confirmed that they had received them. When those who attended the previous meeting were asked if they were happy with the content and format of the notes of the meeting, all who attended the meeting, and were present at this meeting, confirmed that they were.

Copies of the agenda for the meeting were handed out. Tim apologised for the fact that, while the agenda was on the website and paper copies were also available from the Newmont office and the HDC Service Centre, the undertaking to email the agenda was overlooked.

For the benefit of those that had not attended the previous meeting, Tim introduced himself and Sharon as the independent meeting facilitators. Tim explained that the meeting process would be slightly different from the previous meeting in that questions would be asked and answered at the time they arose.

Kerry Watson Environment Manager

1. Project Overview

Exploration development drive – drive completed with indicative timeline on drilling and testing of core samples.

Slide 2: Recap of Consent

- RMA Hearing: December 2012 (adjourned) & March 2013
- RMA decision appealed to Environment Court
- Agreement on conditions reached in mediation:
 - 5x appellants
 - 3x 274 parties
 - discussions held in confidence and without prejudice
- Conditions approved by Environment Court (minor amendments)
 - 18th Oct 2013
 - conditions on HDC and NWG websites (NWG includes summary)
- Significant work for Newmont (not more of the same)

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What I want to do is just to first go through the a couple of slides from the last meeting, for those of you that might not have been there, and to set the context of where we've come from and why we're here today. We had the RMA hearings at the end of 2012 and beginning of 2013. The decision came out, was appealed to the Environment Court and we had mediation with a number of groups. There were 5 appellants and 3 what they call 274 parties, which are basically people who have an interest and have joined in these proceedings.

We agreed the set of conditions that we've now got through mediation with those groups. The conditions were finally approved by the Environment Court on 18 October 2013. The conditions are on the HDC website and on our (www.waihigold.co.nz) website. Kerry offered to provide a copy of the conditions for anyone who asks.

(The consent conditions) were a reasonably large step-change from how we have operated previously and there has been a lot more work required to make the [environmental monitoring] results more transparent and readily available. We have used the internet to put those [results] up.

Slide 3: Recap of key mediation outcomes

- CEPA versus GLPA (halved in size)
- 12 years versus 20 years
- Greater restrictions
- Greater monitoring, reporting & access to information

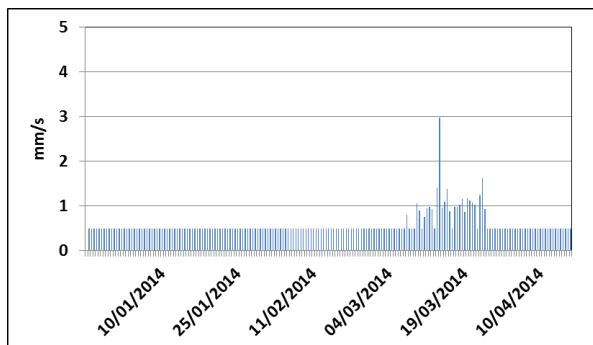


The main things, you will all remember are, we originally had the Golden Legacy Project Area (GLPA) which was a lot bigger and we reduced it to the Correnso Extension Project Area (see map on slide). That was agreed through mediation. The term of the consent was dropped from 12 to 20 years and there were greater restrictions imposed. For example, we went from 8 blast windows down to 3 per day, and the maximum vibration went from 6mm/s down to 5mm/s with increased monitoring, reporting and access to information requirements. One of the conditions imposed is for us to have these regular meetings to give people an understanding of how we've progressed.

Slide 4: Item 1 – Project Overview Exploration Development Drive

Exploration Development Drive

- completed Drive on 22 April
- 163 blast events (involving 177 blasts)
- average vibration: 0.60mm/s
- maximum vibration: 2.9mm/s
- drilling ongoing



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Exploration Development Drive Mining Plan
Published at the start of each month as required by Condition 22a of the
Correnso Underground Mining Conditions of Consent
0800 NEWMONT

To give you a run-through of how we've performed since we met last time. We started the drive at the end of last year and it was completed on 22 April 2014. The drive is basically the underground road, 5 metres x 5 metres, that starts here from the existing Correnso mine and comes up to Dobson Street (demonstrating on map on slide 4 above). These little bits that stick out to the sides are called cuddies. The drive goes along then turns at a right angle and the cuddie is an area where we can place a drill [which we use] to probe into the ore body to refine the location of that ore body so we can get a much tighter final mine design. So that's the process [probing the ore body from the cuddies] that's underway at the moment.

We had 163 vibration or blast events and 177 individual blasts. You will remember that a blast event can be 2 blasts going off at the same time in different locations and that accounts for the difference between the 166 and the 177. In some instances two of these little cuddies were blasted at the same time. They work on 3 metre sections and these things [cuddies] can be 15 to 21 metres long so only taking 3 metres at a time [for each blast] we'll let 2 go off at the same time.

Regarding the average vibration. Under the consent conditions, for development blasts, we have to be under 2 as an average, and production blasts, which are the much bigger blasts where we are taking the ore out of the ground to actually put through the process plant, have to be under an average of 3. [Pointing to the graph on the PowerPoint slide above] so our average here was at 0.6, you can see here the plot we've got down the bottom [of slide 4] and the maximum was 2.9. That 2.9 was for a millisecond at the start of one of the blasts and it may have just been an electrical impulse that caused that. If we look here [on the graph] you'll see there's a lot that sit at 0.5. The reason for that, as was agreed through

mediation, is if a blast recorded a result less than 0.5 we would record it was 0.5 and that's just to do with sensitivity. All of these indicate blasts that were at, or below, 0.5.

[Pointing to the increase in readings on the graph on slide 4] you will see here that as we get closer to one of the monitors in the middle, we're mining up to it and going past it, so you see we've mined up to it, you get an increase and then it goes away again as you move away from that vibration monitor. As I said the drilling is on-going.

That's the process we're going through at the moment.

2. Environmental Overview

Slide 5: Item 2 – Environmental Overview – Noise Monitoring

Noise monitoring

Required to monitor noise from the underground vent for six weeks following commencement of Correnso:

- monitoring completed 13 February 2014
- 15 minute noise levels below 40dBA whenever underground **vent shaft** operation dominant. (Relevant limits: 55dBA day-time, 40dBA night-time)
- discretionary monitoring on-going at quarterly intervals

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We were required to do 6 weeks of noise monitoring at the start [of Correnso]. This was completed by mid-February. We were required to measure 15 minute noise intervals; we go out with the device, we turn it on for 15 minutes; if we get a car go past we have to stop and re-start again because we need 15 minutes where we don't have other external noises (i.e. whenever underground operation was dominant). This should read "underground vent shaft operation is dominant", the vent shaft is the only noise that we can detect on the surface. We go out into the environment at night as well, we wait for a time when all other noises have gone away and we get a 15 minute recording. In all of the instances [we measured] the noise was below the requirements of 55 dBA at daytime and 40 dBA at night.

[Now we have done the 6 weeks of testing] what we now do is we periodically go out and re-test that. We periodically go out and monitor the noise to make sure we're still under those levels.

Slide 6: Item 2 – Environmental Overview – Dewatering and Settlement

Dewatering and Settlement

Two piezometer strings installed:

- P101 Gladstone Rd: depth 78.20m
- P102 Barry Rd: depth 90.00m

Dataloggers installed



- Additional settlement markers installed in Waihi East
- Six-monthly settlement survey currently under way



The most visible stuff we've been up to is to install 2 new piezometers. A piezometer is a device that measures the water level, or the water pressure, in those areas of town and they've been put in there just to make sure that nothing is happening [with the water levels] and, if it is, we can detect it. One new piezometer was installed at Gladstone Road; that went down to 78.2 metres, and one was installed at Barry Road, which went down to 90 metres. The photograph on slide 6 above shows the setup that we had when we installed the piezometers. We placed barricades here to try to reduce the noise during those operations and we fenced them off. We drill a hole down, we then remove the material from the hole, we put piezometers down the hole attached to wires (they're put at different depths) and then we grout or cement the hole back up. Then we have a box sitting off to the side, which gathers information on a real time basis. We check those on a regular basis.

We [also] installed extra settlement markers. We already had a network in Waihi of settlement markers to check that the ground levels aren't changing, or changing outside of what is expected. As part of the Correnso consent conditions [we were required to] make the network more dense. We have put another 50 markers in between the existing ones so we've really intensified the concentration. You might see them around, they're just a survey pin hit into the ground, or drilled into the ground and cemented. [The settlement markers] provide an opportunity for the surveyors to have a fixed point that they know exactly how high it is and where it is. The current survey is happening at the moment. Every 6 months

we have surveyors go out and survey every single one of these points, they put a report together, and then we provide that to the District Council. That report will be available on the HDC and Waihi Gold websites.

Tim asked Kerry if it was ok to go back over the slides he had presented so far and check for questions. When those present were asked if there were any questions about noise monitoring:

Maggie said: Are the results of [the noise monitoring] on the website as well?

Kerry said: We'll check that. The information's been provided to the council so there's probably no reason that they shouldn't be.

Tim asked if there were any questions regarding de-watering and the settlement markers.

Kerry said: We will be reporting on those. At subsequent meetings we can bring up those results just to show people how those water levels are going. We have a network set up at the moment but these 2 [piezometers] have been specifically put in for Correnso so that's something that we can report on at the next meeting; maybe we can just put up a graph showing the water levels.

Tim asked Kerry if he meant putting something on the www.

Kerry said: Possibly, the actual reports when we submit them to council will be, but we can probably put a slide up [at the next meeting] similar to what we've got here with the blasts (slide 4 above) for the piezometers as well. I know it's an area people have an interest in.

Graham asked: On the vibration, you said that it's as you're approaching one sensor the vibration increases and decreases as you go away. Do the other sensors not pick it up at all?

Kerry said: They will be picking it up but we've chosen the most sensitive one there just to give a depiction of what it looks like. All the other 10 monitors will be reading at certain times but we've basically chosen the one right in the middle just to get the biggest effect so we can actually show it on the graph.

Slide 7: Item 2 – Environmental Overview – vibration workshops

Vibration management – community workshops

- 2x 2 hour workshops with a total of 8 participants (29 & 30 April 2014)
- followed process from monitors being triggered through to results automatically emailed and appearing on website
- discussions on pros/cons of system and potential for development

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Kerry continued with the presentation:

At the last meeting there was an interest in vibration workshops. [Since then] we have run 2 x 2-hour workshops with 8 participants coming through. Basically we went out into the field, kicked one of the monitors to set it off and followed that process right through to it being logged back onto the website, so that people could have an understanding of how that works, followed by discussion. Russell (present at the meeting) was running those. There was quite a bit of discussion on AEP, it's better to sit round a table and actually pull it up on the screen and go through it.

We are open to having another one of those if it is beneficial so I'd be interested in feedback on that process after this meeting.

Tim asked if there were people present at the meeting who went to the vibration workshops and 3 people put up their hands. Graham said he found it beneficial and will talk to Kerry after the meeting.

Kerry said: We might do what we did last time and people can leave their names behind and their interest and we'll try and set something up. I just volunteered Russell without asking him but that's okay.

Tim noted that Brenda and Roger are interested in attending a vibration workshop.

Slide 8: Item 2 – Environmental Overview – Blast Notification Trial and AEP

Vibration management - Blast Notification Trial

- 22 homes participated (Correnso development drive & Trio coverage)
- methodology & evaluation developed with psychologist
- 16 homes retained device
- trial successful (reliability)
- roll-out for Correnso/Trio/Martha



Vibration management - AEP

- July to December 2013 period
- payments totalled \$136,000
- 335 payments made (vibration)

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The blast notification trial was established because we know some people get a surprise when there is a blast. At the moment there is a notification system but the notification in essence is [only] a message to say 'there is a blast between 1 and 2 today' so there's a window where people can possibly expect to feel vibration. With this new device, there is a picture up there [on Slide 8] and here is an actual Tsunado device [holding up the small plastic device], we're trying to give people a 30 second warning. Waiting around for an hour can be a little distressing, so 30 seconds prior to a blast this little device starts making a ring tone to give people warning that in 30 seconds time you may experience vibration from a blast. There definitely will be a blast and you may experience that vibration.

The trial had 22 homes involved. Initially 19, now 16 wished to retain the device, they found it useful to have, which backs up the evaluation done on the trial which is that it was successful. There were a few people that found the device more alarming, and they were the people that tended to be in the Trio area so already sensitised to vibration, and felt that this actually escalated the feeling of the whole experience. We know it's not going to work for everybody, but for people particularly in the Correnso area who may be new to blasting, this may provide a warning system that gives you some surety that it is a blast and if you don't feel anything even better. Because of the success of the trial we will roll that out, and not just across Correnso. Because we know vibration isn't just felt in a project area, we are also looking at offering it to people who are affected by Trio and the Martha Pit. There are opportunities there to make life a little easier for those who wish to have this type of notification system. Are there any questions on that before I move on?

Brenda said: I had one of those monitors and it worked quite well when it worked but I found it very distressing in the fact that it would go off early in the morning like for the 7 to 8 o'clock blast and, if you were sleeping, it was like an alarm clock and for anyone that wasn't well, which at one part I wasn't well, and I used to find it more distressful. I've actually sent it back because of it going off. I was unplugging it more than it was being plugged in. Just a note for people that do have sleep problems and things that this can disrupt you.

Andrea said: Yeah, there are people who returned it, so there's a good case in point. For others it was because, 'I know when the blast is generally happening and I'm not actually that fussed with the vibration so this actually becomes more of an annoyance' which is actually good from our perspective because people are saying to us, you don't mind [vibration] so much, in terms of the effect on them personally, and whether they're getting a surprise from it. There's no obligation to have it, it's just simply a tool there if people find it useful.

It was part of the [trial] process to find out how the device worked. What we've picked up is there are soft spots in Waihi with reception. It runs through the radio waves, so Gold FM are one of the partners in this process, and we will [install] a larger transmitter. That will help support Gold FM getting a wider reach as well. We do understand that there were some reliability issues but hence the reason for a trial to figure out what bits can go wrong.

Tim asked: Brenda was it worth a shot?

Brenda said: Yeah.

Graeme asked: Are you able to switch them off in the house?

Andrea said: You can yeah, so what Brenda was saying is she ended up having it off more than on, so she sent it back.

Graeme asked: So the 16 or whatever that are still out there, you don't know whether they're on or off, whether people are switching them off while they've got them.

Andrea: That will have come back through the evaluation but, on the whole, those people are finding it beneficial having the device there.

Brian said: I've got one of those devices and we find it quite useful really. It's quite a good talking point if you've got visitors or things like that. It's actually quite good. It does sometimes go off at 7 o'clock but we're usually up at that time.

Andrea: So I'd hope if you found it annoying you pull it out at night

Brian: Oh no it is good, after they ironed things out it's quite reliable now.

Andrea: It's been a lot of work behind the scenes.

Brian: Now it seems to play twice and you feel the blast if you feel it.

Andrea: Thank you for that feedback.

Andrea said: Touching base on the AEP, since we last met we've issued the July to December 2013 AEP. Is everyone aware of the Amenity Effects Programme? If you are feeling effects from the mine, set at certain limits, then there will be a payment provided. There's a minimum payment, I think it's \$250 with vibration. If the level breaches the AEP level during that month [only] once, you still receive the minimum payment. Then you've got a fair way to catch up before you hit the \$250 [based on further exceedence] and start going beyond that [minimum payment].

In that 6 month period we had \$136,000 paid out to 335 people, or properties in effect. It is an effects based payment, so the payments that have been made recently are all based around vibration. As Kerry's already talked about, we have vibration monitors, that information automatically feeds back into the blast hub system and that blast hub system calculates the amenity effects payments. So it knows where the monitor is, what it triggered at, whether it was at or over the AEP level, therefore who receives what payment. That's done automatically, we don't influence that, and certainly people calling us doesn't influence that. I'm sure there are people out there who still believe, 'the more we call the more money we get' and that's not how it works. We want to hear from you to know whether or not you're distressed or concerned about something, but it does not impact on the AEP payments.

Tim asked: Andrea, at the last meeting there were some questions around the letters that went out to people and the historical records that were included in that and I think you said that it was too soon to have historical records included. Has that started now?

Andrea said: It had started last time, it's just there was nothing historical to add in. So we agreed with the community forum's recommendation, but we weren't going to trawl back through the x many years the AEP was in operation to try and find that information. We agreed we would do it, but from the current payment round, and so you'll find as we keep going through every 6 month payment from here, if you're the same person in that property you will receive an understanding of what you've received previously.

3. Social Overview

Slide 9: Item 3 – Social Overview – Property Programme Stage 2

Property Programme – Stage 2

- Appointed The Property Group

Indicative schedule

Over development: 15-23 May 2014

- ex-gratia offer (5% of market value of property excl mining)

Over stopes: 4-8 August 2014

- ex-gratia offer - retain ownership, can be purchased at any time during mining activities (minus ex-gratia), receive AEP
- offer to purchase – option to move or rent (reduced rate in lieu of AEP)



Andrea said: We are coming up to stage 2 of the property programme. Last meeting when we met we talked about stage 1. We explained that when we set up the exploration development drive, we were required to provide an ex gratia offer to property owners, because people were going to be sitting over development. There were 23 properties that we were [going] under, all 23 properties took the ex gratia. Now we're about to go out and do a similar thing with the development [drive] that will get us to the Correnso ore body (the tunnel where the trucks can drive down to get us to the ore body area).

The indicative timing for [stage 2 of the ex gratia payment process] is, we are hoping that any time from tomorrow onwards, probably early next week, we will be making contact with the property owners who have property that sit "over development". Because we don't [yet] have a final mine design, the ex gratia process for those "over stopes" will begin around the start of August. That's the indicative schedule at this stage. We need to secure full funding for the project by 4 August and at that point we will need to have a final mine design. That is why the timing is set the way it is.

The ex gratia offer is 5% of the market value of the property; the market value is based on a value without mining occurring in the area (the wording is in the consent conditions). With the owners whose property is over stopes, there are more options available. There's an option in effect to stay, or to sell and move on, or to sell and rent back off the company. The options will be personalised as much as we can for people when we go and speak to them at the start of August. You can read the consent conditions, they're quite extensive around this which is great, but what we want to do is provide people with an understanding of; if you choose to sell, stay and rent, what the likely rental would be and, if you wanted to receive the ex gratia, what might an AEP payment look like. For specific houses or properties we will package that up and give people a better idea so they've got information available to make an informed decision.

Brenda asked: Andrea just to reiterate, when are you thinking of having the final plan out?

Andrea said: It will be before 4 August.

Brenda asked: So it's not going to be sort of June like you said previously? You hoped it to be end of May / June?

Andrea said: Initially we thought we would be able to be in a position to go for full funding in early July, but we've had to push that out by a month. We are too stretched at the moment with the requirements from corporate office; we needed extra time.

Brenda asked: So basically you saying it's going be July to August before the final plan comes?

Andrea: It will be at the end of July / August and, when it's released, it'll be released at the same time as we approach the property owners so there are no surprises for the property owners.

Fritha asked: If you're saying that this is happening 4 August, will you definitely have the 'go ahead' from head office to go ahead with Correnso? I understand you don't actually have that go ahead yet.

Andrea said: That's correct, we don't have the go ahead or full funding, that's why we've moved the date back. Around 3 and 4 August there is a meeting that will decide whether or not this project receives a full funding. The reason we're going ahead with the [second stage] ex gratia is because no-one needs to think about whether or not they're having to choose to move or to stay. The idea behind waiting for the people over stopes is because

they've got quite a serious decision to make [once the decision about Correnso is made]. Do they wish to stay and see how it goes and then possibly sell at a later date, or would they rather sell now and get out? Do they sell so they're cashed up and then rent back because they do like the area, and they just want to see how things go, but don't want any of the risk? (As a tenant they can just pick up and move at a couple of weeks' notice). So we need to give people time; we want certainty around whether or not Correnso is happening for people first and then people have got at least a 3 month window to consider those options and see what's best for them.

Fritha asked: What's the likelihood that it doesn't go ahead?

Andrea said: We don't really know. We're pretty confident at this stage, we have regular calls with the people in the [Newmont] corporate office and that feedback has been pretty positive but who knows? Things change week to week.

Tim asked: Andrea I might be getting this wrong but is the principal question, where the line's going to go on the map, in terms of who's affected and who's not affected, with the final mine design?

Andrea said: Yes, so the final mine design will show us what properties sit over stopes.

Nancy asked: Andrea, are you saying that we'll have 3 months then to decide? Are you giving that because you said it is such a big decision for those that are over stopes, will they have at least 3 months to mull it over?

Andrea said: Yes, and potentially longer, but consent requirements mean that we have to make an offer 3 months prior.

Nancy asked: Are you putting a time limit for that decision to come back to you then? Once you make the offer?

Andrea said: The requirement is for us to make the offer, how that plays out after that can be at the whim of the people involved in the process.

Nancy asked: You also said you would personalise it. I didn't understand that part about taking the ex gratia - why would you be personalising the AEP part of it?

Andrea said: AEP is probably not a great example because everyone in that area is potentially going to receive similar payments. We just want to provide as much information to people as possible. [For example people might be thinking] "If I was to take ex gratia and not sell, what would a likely AEP payment be?" We [could say] this is what we believe the window would be, the highest, lowest, this is what you could be looking at. Or [people might want to know] "if I decide to sell and I wanted to stay what would you be charging me in rent?" So I don't think people can make informed decisions without having an understanding of what the dollars are if those factors come into play and I imagine they probably would be a significant element in their decision.

Brenda asked: On that same question when, you make the offer to people, at that stage, it was my understanding from previous meetings that you would then continue your mining once you've made the offer. So if the people are taking the time to think about it, in the meantime you're under their property mining. Is that correct?

Andrea said: Correct.

Tim asked: But there's a 3 month window between when you give people the option and when you start mining, have I heard that correctly?

Andrea said: That is correct. We have to make an offer 3 months prior to mining for those who are over the stopes, there's a 3-month window in essence and that potentially could be longer just depending on how quickly we move. People who are further away from the Trio end; it will take longer to get there.

Tim asked: Andrea, you said "we'll be going out and meeting with people face to face so that you can talk through the options". Who will people meet with? Who's the face that they will see?

Andrea said: The Property Group was the party that we used for the ex gratia process for the exploration development drive that was kicked off last year. They were received very well. They were a group that we knew nothing about; it was actually at the recommendation of WERGI that we consider them. They are very competent and very personable and very knowledgeable about what they do so we were quite impressed when we met with them and have been impressed with the work that they've done since.

We will rock up to someone's house, with an appointment, with The Property Group representative to introduce the representative. You will at least potentially know the Newmont person who will say, "this is the process and now we'll leave you with The Property Group to basically manage the property programme process". From that point any questions about the overall project would come back to Newmont but anything to do with the property would go through The Property Group. It is a requirement of the consent that we engage an independent party to do that.

Slide 10: Item 3 – Social Overview – SIMP – SIA – Cultural

SIMP

- identifies key social indicators, monitored annually throughout project
- submitted to HDC: met consent requirement (20 Feb deadline) but not yet approved
- cannot be finalised / released until after the SIA is complete

SIA

- scope to be approved by HDC (phase two)
- deadline of 20 August 2014 to submit SIA report
- consultants Banarra

Cultural

- Iwi Advisory Group established and first meeting held
- developing Cultural Awareness Training is the priority

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Andrea invited Siobhan to speak about the Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP) and the Social Impact Assessment (SIA). By way of background to Siobhan's presentation, Andrea said:

At the last meeting, I indicated that, from our perspective, this condition is putting the horse before the cart. Normally you would conduct an SIA before you identify what the social impacts are. We've been required to develop the SIMP without having an SIA. Some of the challenges for us, and Banarra, are around the timeframes that have been set and having to go back and review the SIMP [once we have the SIA] even though we have a draft in place at the moment. It's a catch 22 for us at the moment but I'll let Siobhan talk through that one.

Siobhan McCarthy from Banarra (social sustainability consultants)

Thanks Andrea. The SIMP (Social Impact Management Plan) is a longer term, on-going document, to manage the social impacts which will change over time. The SIA (Social Impact Assessment) will measure the social impact at a particular point in time, which then feeds into the longer term SIMP to be tracked over time. The SIMP and SIA are both conditions of the consent and we have done the draft SIMP based on documentation, publicly available information and internal information from Newmont. What we haven't done is gone out and actually talked to the community; that is the SIA which we are planning to do over the next couple of months. Once we have done the SIA we will be able to have a much greater level of confidence that what we've put in the SIMP is the correct information and the correct indicators to track.

We are still in the very early stages of design and planning [the SIA consultation] at this moment but there will be dribs and drabs of consultation happening over the next 6 weeks or so, and then a wider consultation probably in early July. We can't talk to everybody but we want to talk to as many people as we can and get a representative sample of views. We want to get a wide range of views from within the community to ensure that we're able to respond to that wide range of views. At the same time it is very important to us to be inclusive and to ensure that we're not missing anything that's important. Ultimately the final SIMP and SIA report will be publicly available and go up on the website.

For it to get to that point, Banarra submits it to Newmont and finalises it with them, once Banarra and Newmont are happy with it, it will go to the Hauraki District Council (HDC). That will happen on 20 August 2014. It will then go through the finalisation process [with HDC] before it becomes publicly available later in the year. If anybody wants to be involved, feel free to come and talk to me after the meeting today. I can give you my contact details or there's also the opportunity to get in touch with Newmont either directly through your interaction with them or through the 0800 line. As I say we can't talk to everybody but we want to talk to as many people as possible to ensure that we get a representative sample and to ensure that no important issues are missed.

Tim asked: What's the mechanism that you're going to use to get feedback from people?

Siobhan said: There'll be a range of mechanisms and again, as I say, we're just in the very early stages of the planning and design of it so that's something that we're going to be working out with Andrea and her team a little bit today, a little bit next week. Over time more information will become available about how that is. But absolutely, my contact details are here if anybody does want to get in touch.

Tim asked: People will know about it when it's happening?

Siobhan said: Yes.

Brenda asked: What type of questions would be asked in the impact report?

Siobhan said: It is a very open scope which means that we will be asking community members what's important to you in terms of the social impacts of the mine on your life and what do you think are the important indicators that need to be tracked over time. There will be some very general open scope questions such as 'what's important to you?', 'what's going well for you?', 'what's going badly for you?' etc. Then there will be some quite specific questions (which will be tailored for different groups to ensure that they're relevant) to make sure that we get the feedback on the draft indicators that we have developed. We will say 'we are looking at tracking this kind of information over time, does this seem to be the right kind of thing to you?' 'What's missing?' 'What could be improved or what could be different?'

Brenda asked: I notice on the letter that we have here from you, you have no [NZ] landline contact, a lot of our people don't have emails and some of them are beneficiaries and can't afford cell phone calls. Is there another contact, an 0800 or a landline number that can be used?

Siobhan said: Yes, the 0800 NEWMONT number would be the number to use in that case and, what would probably happen is, you would leave your details, and how you wanted to be contacted, and we would get in contact with you at an appropriate time.

Graham said: I see that there is a deadline of the time that HDC is to receive your report, what is the time they have to modify or go through that report?

Andrea said: They will receive it on 20 August.

Graham asked: Then what happens to it?

Andrea: The SIA, they can't really question because it is what the community has told the consultants. I'm not aware of any SIA in the past where a regulator has said, 'no we'd like to see this changed'. Because it is a consultation exercise, you can't say that's right or wrong, it's just what it is. But what will happen from there is, as Siobhan said, we've got a draft SIMP at the moment, we've got draft indicators, they will be tested through the SIA process, through the questions asked. When the SIA is submitted as a report we will go back to the SIMP and review the SIMP based on what is in that SIA. The SIMP is the document that HDC requires approval of, that's the one that they can say 'we're not that happy with it, can you go back and do some more work in this area, or can you change this'. I would expect that by the time we've gone through, reviewed the SIMP based on the SIA information, submitted a new draft SIMP to HDC we are probably looking at releasing the SIMP publicly, after HDC have approved it, definitely before the end of the year. I would hope early November, but we'll see how we go.

Tim asked: What happens then? Does that information get taken into consideration as HDC and Newmont work on whether things are going okay for the Waihi community?

Andrea said: The SIA is a snapshot in time, and that's all it ever provides; in 6 months things could look completely different. It is not to be ignored, because there are recommendations that could come out of that, but the more important document is actually the SIMP and that is reviewed annually. It will be reported back to the HDC and the community how we are going against the indicators [in the SIMP]. That's why it's so important we get the indicators right.

Brenda asked: I think Andrea probably will answer this more than Siobhan, do these impact reports have any significance in holding up, or have to be in prior to, mining any ore?

Andrea said: Are you asking do these need to be in place prior to mining beginning? No, the deadlines that were set, there was 20 February for the [draft] SIMP and obviously the 20 August for the SIA, so I am assuming that they were set because people thought they were reasonable periods of time to get those pieces of work done, it's not related to mining as such. I think the consent conditions said for the SIA, it [needs to be done] within 9 months of notifying that we will begin mining. Our 9 months started ticking when we notified to say we're going to be starting the exploration development drive on 20 December 2013.

Brenda said: You're 5 months into it, so you've only got a few months left in which to do that? You are going to be doing this report, but it's going to take quite a few months before it's publicised, like you said it's going to be towards the end of the year?

Andrea: No, the SIA is a standalone document because that is a snapshot in time, that is the consultation, the feedback from the community. That will be an independent report that can be released once it goes to HDC. What we can't release until we've reviewed the draft, is the SIMP, because we still need the SIA, the community consultation process, to provide baseline numbers and figures or qualitative information that we will then track on an annual basis. That's the reason the SIMP is going to take a little bit longer, because we need to go back to [and review] the framework that was initially developed [once we have done the SIA]. We had to do it that way because we were told we had to have a SIMP in place by 20 February. There is a skeleton there, but the indicators [by which] how we measure success or any difference aren't in the SIMP at the moment until we get the community feedback.

Brenda asked: So when would you be bringing that out to the public?

Andrea said: The SIMP, November, definitely before the end of 2014

Maggie asked: I'm just a little concerned that the SIA could end up sort of being an afterthought, with it actually not going in to be formalised into the SIMP?

Andrea said: No, in the perfect world, people who understand this sort of process would have said to us, 'do a social impact assessment, go and talk to the community about what their concerns are, what's working well for them, what they like about the mining, what they hate about the mining, what sits in between'. Based on that feedback we would pull out the key themes. You would expect there would be things like [concern about] property values or damage for this project, so those things might become SIMP indicators because we'd want to track them on an annual basis because they are of concern to the community. That's how in theory it would work, but because of the way the consent is written we've had to flip it around. Don't worry, the SIA is certainly seen as being an integral piece of what we're doing, it's just we're not able to do it when it should have been done, because we had to work to the deadlines that have been given in the consent conditions set by HDC.

The SIA is a snapshot; it's where the community has input at that particular point in time. We want to be able to take that information, ensure that we've got the right indicators that we're going to be tracking annually for the life of the project. Those indicators then sit within the SIMP.

Siobhan said: Yes, it was designed a little bit backwards in what we were asked to do, and it's fiddly and it's a little bit of a pain, but ultimately that's just logistics really. It's not going to compromise the quality of the work that is done in terms of ensuring that what we're delivering meets the needs of the community, and the HDC and Newmont, and making sure that it's a document that will last and be useful over a period of time. We are looking to do something that is global best practice, there will be something ready by the end of this year, but we are also seeing it as a living document that is hopefully going to be useful for a few years down the track as well.

Andrea said: I guess the silver lining, if we're looking for a positive in having to do this backwards, is that with preparing the draft SIMP, a lot of the desktop research, [Banarra] going through every bit of media, every submission, has been done and so it allows Banarra, when you to talk to the community, to focus just on the field work, getting out and spending time talking to people and getting a wider audience involved.

One of the areas that we've struggled with SIA's in the past, is in getting a broader involvement from someone who would describe themselves as just an average person, just wanting to get on and live their life here. We tend to get extremes often, in who the consultants speak to, and when we've approached people they have declined.

Andrea asked Siobhan: How does the information get portrayed in an SIA? How confidential is it? Can there be any comeback on individuals if they decide to take part in actually providing their thoughts to you?

Siobhan said: We talk to a range of people, we aim for a representative sample, we guarantee anonymity if people want that. The issues that will be discussed in the SIA, and that will end up in the SIMP, are the issues that are the most important to the widest range of people. If there's one person who's got one particular issue that's important to them, and nobody else in the community is interested, it's probably not going to make it into the SIA report. It will be a kind of a natural process whereby the most important issues will naturally find their way to the top of the list. There will be a list of participants, because of the logistics of it, and Newmont will know who we are speaking to. That will be certainly in the private report, whether or not that will go into the publicly available report, it probably wouldn't. So again, that's another way to enjoy anonymity.

Tim asked Siobhan: Therefore Newmont will know who you've spoken to you, will Newmont know who has said what?

Siobhan said: No, absolutely not, no.

Andrea said: That's the bit I wanted to stress really, is we won't be able to ... [identify who said what]. People get concerned about whoever might be wanting to have a comeback at someone for making a comment, and that's not how the process works at all.

Nancy asked: Because this is just a snapshot at this point in time, because mining hasn't even started, how is it possible for you to pick the key indicators now? It may totally be different next year once we're into it. Are the SIA's done annually? I know that SIMP is reviewed annually but are SIA's done frequently?

Andrea said: SIA's are done every 5 years unless there's a change in operation.

Nancy asked: But don't you think our views may change?

Andrea said: Oh certainly, and I would imagine through the annual review you'd start getting a feel for whether or not an indicator actually nails it or not, and whether something needs to change. Part of the report process back to the regulator is to identify recommendations for changes in the SIMP.

Nancy asked: But how will you know that unless you interview people?

Siobhan said: The formal SIA will be done by independent consultants every 5 years but, over time, Andrea and her team and all the other mine staff are going to be operating within the community, other lines of communication and the 0800 number etc. will all still be open, so I imagine that there will still be ways for issues to come to the attention of Newmont. If

there are any concerns that are particularly important that people have, then that information will be fed into the review of the management plan annually.

Fritha asked: Correnso's not the first mine to happen in Waihi. Have there not been other social impact studies done with the other mines?

Andrea said: Yes, absolutely, SIA's happen for us fairly frequently. Absolutely every 5 years but, because there are changes in operation and we have to consent new projects, we generate SIA's on a fairly regular basis. The last SIA was released in 2013, which is a general SIA, and the previous one was 2009.

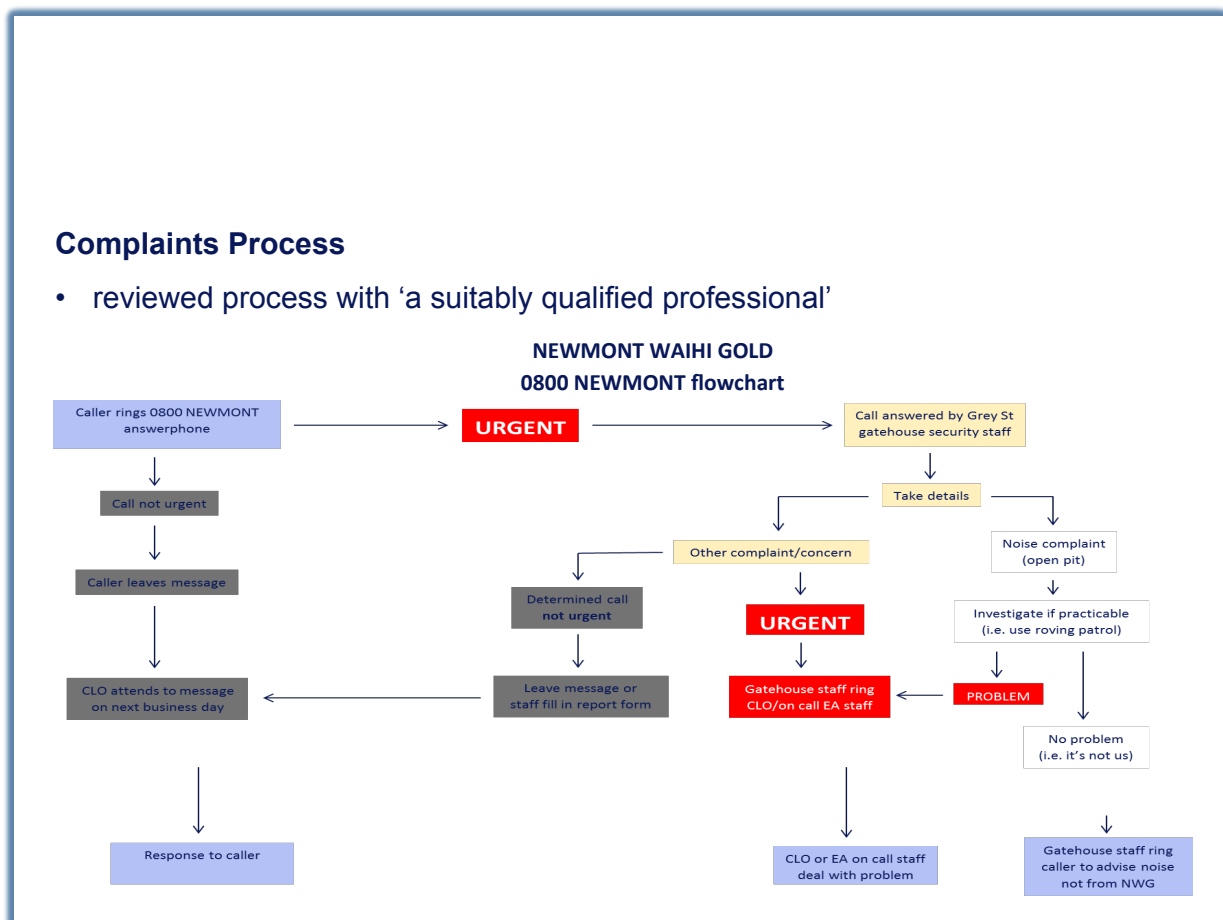
Tim asked: Are they on the Waihi Gold website?

Andrea said: Yes, they are on our website, I believe they are on the HDC website as well.

Andrea Durie External Affairs Manager

Referring back to slide 10, Andrea said: The iwi advisory group has met, so that's fantastic. In that meeting it was agreed that cultural awareness training, which is one of the requirements under the consent, will be the first priority so that's what we will be focusing on in the coming meetings. That cultural awareness training is for our staff and for our contractors. The emphasis is really about sharing what's important within Waihi from an iwi perspective so it's not so much about the Treaty of Waitangi and teaching people about that, it's more about what local iwi see to be important and how that interacts within mining in the area.

Slide 11: Item 3 – Social Overview – Complaints Process



Andrea said: The complaints process (above) is the last item, and was deliberately left as the last area, because I would really like your feedback on this. In the consent conditions, we're required to consult on changes to the complaints process. I flag up front that there isn't a change in the process as such, but there are changes to the mechanics, so we thought it would be worth getting some feedback. There's a hand-out that hopefully you picked up as you came in. The flowchart on the front shows the current process. Has everyone called 0800 NEWMONT, for whatever reason, at some point in the last 10 years? I think the process has probably been the same for quite a period of time.

At the moment you dial 0800 NEWMONT (639 6667), get an external affairs member at the end of the phone at any time of the day and night, and the response rolls accordingly, depending on what the issue, or the comment, or the query is.

What is proposed (shown on page 2 of the hand-out) is that you call 0800 NEWMONT (639 6667), you log your concern/complaint, or ask your question in the same way as previously, but who you speak to might differ. In the evenings or overnight, the phone will be answered by our security people who are trained to deal with issues at site. They are the people we use most if someone rings at night. Often it could be about noise, and they deploy the security team to go and find out if there is actually a noise issue being generated by the mine or get to the source of the problem so we can report that back. Often it's something else going on in the community, so their patrol car can head off into the neighbourhood, and actually see if they can locate the source of the noise, and report that back to whoever's called. That [noise] tends to be why we receive complaints at that time of the evening or night. The best people to take those calls are the gatehouse because they can actually

enact that [checking process] immediately, rather than getting one of our team on the 0800 number who then needs to contact the gatehouse and ask them to check it out. It's a slight change in mechanics to freshen the [process] up and get calls going to the group that can respond in a far quicker manner. We're just cutting out the middleman. If there is a noise issue that the mine is generating, one of the External Affairs (EA) team have the ability to make changes to the way the mine's operating so, if the noise is from the mine, then the gatehouse would call our external affairs team member Donna Fisher and she can then deal with that noise issue at the time. Often however, those issues are not mine issues, they are just general community or neighbourhood issues.

That's the change to the process. I'll just pick one possible track on this flowchart and work through what will happen if someone calls during the evening or at night. They will get someone at the gatehouse and their details will be taken in the same way as now. If it's not urgent (and by terming it that, we don't mean to demean the call, it's just that if it's not something that we can change immediately) e.g. if it's about a blast vibration, we can't turn the clock back and stop the blast because it has happened. Therefore it would be deemed not urgent as such. The gatehouse will take details and the next working day (if they take a call at 2am that will pass to us that day at 8am or so) it will be passed to us and we will get back to the caller. You will still hear back from someone within the external affairs team, even if it's just to make sure that the gatehouse did follow up as they said they did. We will be ensuring that there are backup mechanisms so we don't have people falling through the cracks. When you've got different groups dealing with the same thing, that can happen and we do not want that to occur. So, who you speak to changes, the process doesn't.

All you need to know is dial 0800 NEWMONT if you want to speak to us for whatever reason; it can be a query, it can be a complaint or a concern. You can leave a message, which you can do at the moment, and that is actually necessary sometimes just because we have a number of people trying to call in at once. People leave a message and we get back to them as soon as we're able to clear that message. Why am I telling you all this? We want your feedback:

- If you have called 0800 NEWMONT before (while we're reviewing the mechanics of the process) we'd like to understand what went well for you and what didn't go so well; and
- If you've never called 0800 NEWMONT but had thought you'd like to, we'd like to know why you didn't. Is there something about calling 0800 NEWMONT that makes you reluctant to call?

Nancy asked: I've never called but just when you have the word "urgent", are the people who are on the line, are they being asked is your query urgent or not urgent?

Andrea said: The urgency is based around the issue at hand. If there's something that we can change for people, like noise, then that becomes an "urgent".

Nancy said: It's quite an emotive term for the person and I just thought, maybe a different word?

Andrea said: Yeah, we could do that.

Nancy asked: I'm just saying, to me, if someone said 'is it urgent?' and you would think 'well like life or death, no not really' but you just would be put off. If there was a different way to say it?

Andrea said: Yes, good feedback, we can find another term, another word.

Tim said: So something like 'immediate'?

Andrea said: Yeah.

Brenda asked: I also note in the process, if somebody rang urgently and it became a noise issue or something to that effect, the gatehouse would ring them back? Could the gatehouse not ask 'would you like to be rung back tonight or tomorrow'? People might be disturbed during the night with what happened and end up going back to sleep, by the time security have sorted the process out and got back to them, people may have gone back to sleep.

Andrea said: Yes, sorry, we haven't put every detail in that, so that's just logical, good relations. And usually, if people ring at 2a.m. they'll say, 'don't bother telling me, don't bother ringing back'. Yes, that's a question that we certainly ask people.

Tim asked: That is what happens already?

Andrea said: Yes.

Tim said: Andrea's questions up there [on PowerPoint Slide 12]:

- If you *have* called 0800 NEWMONT before what worked well / not so well?
- If you *have not* called 0800 NEWMONT before but wanted to, what stopped you from calling?

Has anybody else got feedback that would be useful for Newmont, in terms of refining its complaints process?

Maggie said: I agree with Nancy that 'urgent' sounds like your house is falling in a big hole. We've come across this with getting the Police because they say dial 111. Because we are the people we are, if someone's just breaking in and no-one's being murdered, we don't dial 111, we aren't that sort of people. We just want to say, 'hey do something'.

Tim said: The distinction between whether it's something that needs to be fixed immediately, or could be sorted out and rung back about in the morning, is a good distinction to make; it's just not "urgent"?

Trevor said: Every time I've rung Newmont, I've had more than good service, quite happy thank you.

Andrea said: Thank you for that feedback. (Updated complaints process attached to these minutes.)

Tim asked: Are there other thoughts about whether calls have worked well, worked not so well? What about the other question up there? If you've not called 0800 NEWMONT but wanted to, what stopped you from calling? Maggie you have partly answered this by saying, 'we are not fuss-makers as people in general'.

Maggie said: I'm comparing it with what the Police said 'dial 111'. I won't because it sounds like someone has a gun to their head or something, and that's just not what we do.

Andrea said: We get all sorts of calls. We get people who say, 'I heard x or 'I felt y, can you just log that for me please', so it's a logging exercise. We'll get people who are irate with us, and then we'll get others who are just asking a question to clarify a point, or asking when the AEP payments are coming out, so we get a variety of things. But you're right, we will certainly look at that [urgent] wording.

Tim asked: From Newmont's perspective would you rather receive calls or rather not receive calls?

Andrea said: If you're unsure we'd rather receive the call. We are particularly interested in people who are feeling concerned about what they just heard, or what they just felt, and to be honest, it's better to call us and find out whether it was us, or why that was different. Sometimes a vibration can feel different from what might have happened a week ago. If people have got queries, please give us a call. That's what that line is there for, and we would rather it came directly to us, so we can give you the right answer rather than speculation around the neighbourhood about why that might have been different [because if that happens] then rumours starting.

Graham asked: I'm going back to the SIA. Over a 5 year period, if a lot of production is going on underground, an SIA could go out of date. I could have an opinion now, in 2 years it could change completely. What bothers me about that is you are saying there is a 5 year period between an SIA and another SIA. I feel it seems to be an excessive time when production is going on underneath continuously.

Andrea said: Don't believe what I say, just watch this space. We've never operated with SIMP before. The SIMP is designed to track those social issues. For example, if you have got a view at the moment about property values or property damage or property generally, it probably will change in 6 months or 2 years, you are absolutely right. The indicators [being developed through the SIA now] are to understand how we're going to track that [change in view] effectively. The SIMP becomes really critical for us in understanding how the effects are impacting on the community and that's ultimately what you are going to have a view on [through the SIA].

Tim asked: Can I pick up on Graham's point the other way? If it's the case that there are a series of complaints, and they start to form a trend that perhaps wasn't anticipated, or a change in the reaction from the Waihi community, who gets to know about that? Is it just Newmont that knows about it or is it HDC as well? What happens in response to that trend if it develops?

Andrea said: There are a few things that happen here and I'll probably miss some of the steps that we follow.

- Internally we present all information that comes through the 0800 line to the management team each morning, so they get a feel for what's being said, what the areas are that are being picked up by members in the community, so that's done daily.
- There's a weekly summary that's provided to a slightly wider group but not too much wider than the management team.
- Then I report quarterly as part of our management review and that is where we do a trends analysis. The rest of it [above] is raw data that is then extrapolated to look at what the trends are that are coming through. This is an internal process.
- Then every 6 months Donna is required to provide a 6 month report to HDC on the complaints. HDC receives those and put them up on their website, with personal details removed so people can't be identified. There is information in that report that will give you an idea of what the issues are that people are raising.
- Then through the SIMP we will be picking up those trends and the complaints process will be one of those avenues that will be part of the annual review, along with other methods, to get a feel for what's going on the community.

Tim asked: If there was something and Newmont became aware, or Hauraki District Council became aware over that 6 month period, then that would initiate a response anyway, even if the SIA was still only being done on its 5 yearly rotation?

Andrea said: Yes, 6 monthly HDC receives reports and they will receive the annual report on progress against the SIMP, that goes onto the HDC website and ours as well. There will be opportunity for feedback and there are sufficient steps in there to allow us to capture any trend that might be evolving.

Nancy asked: It goes back to the 5 year thing. Mr Wilson on the radio indicated Correnso would be done by 2017 so in 5 years whatever we thought about all this would be irrelevant. Is the 2017 thing still viable?

Andrea said: That's what we understand at the moment. We're really careful about putting a date on anything because whenever we go underground or wherever we are, we are exploring. New mine exploration is happening all the time. If [we find] something, we will be looking at whether it's viable to mine it and so that extends the life [of the mine].

Nancy said: I'm just thinking 5 years from now is past 2017, so Correnso would be done and dusted, so you really aren't getting a true picture of what we might be actually experiencing.

Andrea said: The whole issue then changes to closure. It is no longer about active mining and [for example] what is happening to property values because of Correnso. It will be about what is happening to property values because all these people are going to leave the town because they're no longer employed by the mine.

Nancy said: But it can't be just about property value. I mean there'll be all sorts of other ...

Andrea said: I understand, I'm just using that as an example.

Nancy said: But as this gentleman said, our views will certainly change.

Andrea said: So when we move onto closure, then we do an SIA on closure, which is what occurred back in 2009.

Tim asked: So that would be like a sort of a post-operation review, when people could feed back on what it's been like to have Correnso operating?

Andrea said: And HDC have come back to us and said, 'we'd like to see a bit more work in this area'. They want to see topics that are not so much Correnso, but are more about closure, captured in the SIMP, so we start tracking some of the economic aspects, particularly about what will happen to the town post-mining. We will need to be tracking these on a regular basis so, if circumstances change, then we will have some data to be able to use immediately rather than relying on a [closure] SIA.

Siobhan said: To respond to any concerns about the SIA being only every 5 years, the SIMP, which is the on-going framework, is designed to be reviewed annually. It has got a bunch of indicators in it, some of them will be more technical indicators or quantitative data (hard numbers), some of them will also be community perception indicators and those will be taken from the various different sources that Newmont has of getting feedback from the community, whether it's the 0800 NEWMONT line and the complaints line, from media, from all the other touch points that they have. So, if any concerns have been raised, or there are prevailing views about any particular issues, which will change over the course of the years, that change will be picked up by the SIMP. It is designed to be responding to those changes over time, otherwise it would be pretty useless if it was just fixed on what's happening at this

point in time. The SIA is the 'this point in time' piece. The SIMP will be designed to pick up changes in what's happening in the community over the course of the years. It is not the case that it will be only looking at what's happening every 5 years, that's not the case at all.

Graham asked: Siobhan you said it's a living document. That means there will be amendments made over the operational period of 5 years or whatever it is?

Siobhan said: Yes, absolutely.

Graham asked: And they will be released publicly?

Andrea said: Yes, that's part of the consent requirement, so when that annual review goes in, it's expected that there are recommendations on changes to the SIMP based on the feedback that's been received.

Graham said: Fine, thank you.

Tim asked: Andrea, with the complaints process, you are looking for feedback to make sure that the complaints process is as effective as it can be for people, what's going to happen next?

Andrea said: Based on feedback today, we will implement the change to the mechanics. We will look to speak with our gatehouse security staff, and make sure that they're comfortable before we hand over the reins after-hours, and make sure we monitor and keep providing some support to them. If things are falling through the cracks, which we are planning our best not to have happen, please call us during the day and have a chat about any concerns. Keep us honest. We think it should work better for people generally, they get a faster response, but, if it's going to cause more issues, then clearly we'll need to re-look at that.

Maggie asked: Going back to Siobhan talking to people in the district, I'm wondering if people could sort of have cottage meetings to gather in the people who would prefer to remain anonymous and who have lots of concerns that may not, you know they're based more on neighbourhood myth. You know, getting your neighbours in who have concerns but don't actually talk to Newmont or anyone else about them.

Andrea said: Yes, we certainly want that to happen. As Siobhan said, they are working through the different ways that will happen. I guess we call it a focus group, if you wanted a term, but where it happens it really doesn't matter and the more comfortable people are the better.

Siobhan said: Just to say yep that's great and any suggestions that you can make about how we can make that work would be really useful.

Andrea said: We would really like to get as much input as we can through the fieldwork that these guys will be doing. As I said, a lot of people in the past have not wanted to be a part of it and we would really like to see that turned around this time because some of the feedback that we've been getting is from people who don't believe they have a voice at the moment. We want to make sure that this process is friendly and open to those who are actually prepared to step out and actually voice what they want to say.

Siobhan said: Just to address any concerns, in the consultation process there'll be no-one from Newmont present, unless you particularly want there to be somebody and that is particularly requested. Otherwise it's all done through us and we are independent.

Brenda said: Yes, I can certainly understand what the lady at the end there says about a little cottage group. I've got several neighbours that use me as their bat and ball because they

have concerns but they don't voice them to where they should voice them. I say, 'oh ring Newmont up' but they say, 'oh no I couldn't do that'. When I come to the meetings, I tend to ask questions that they have brought up on their behalf so I can get the answers for them.

Andrea said: That's fantastic. Through this process, Siobhan will set me straight if I've got this wrong, it will be about an individual's perspective or a family's perspective, rather than people speaking for others, because we want to hear from the individuals and not someone's interpretation of what someone else has told them. If you believe that they would come to a common space and, because you've invited them along, they'd be willing to have a chat to Siobhan or one of the other Banarra team members, that would be great.

Anne-Marie said: We also have the Waihi Community Forum as well, and we've got 5 community members on that forum and we have an administrator, so we could perhaps organise a couple of workshops for people to come along and talk and have minutes taken so that we present an objective, a neutral response, back to Newmont as well, there's another option there. Potentially it's not something we do, but something we could discuss.

Andrea asked: Do you mean outside of the SIA process?

Anne-Marie said: Outside of the SIA process, to feed back to Newmont on a regular basis if people feel they need it to.

Tim invited attendees to ask general questions before the meeting closed

Roger asked: Andrea, I was originally over the stopes, now I don't know where I am, so in August, you feel you'll have an answer for us?

Andrea said: Yes.

Roger asked: So we will know whether we're over the stopes, or not over the stopes, so we can act from there?

Andrea said: That's right.

Roger asked: Okay that's good, we'll expect to hear from you guys in August?

Andrea said: Yes.

Roger asked: What is the size of the stopes when you guys are mining? You're mining under a house, you've got the house up here, and you've got the mine under there, what is the area of the stope? It would be fairly big I should imagine.

Kerry drew a picture on the flipchart and said: What I've drawn here is just two of the drives, these are basically underground roads, they are 5 metres [high] x 5 metres [wide]. We put those in first [the drawing showed one above the other] and then we take out the block of ore in between. If you look [side] on, we put the drives in, then we start to take sections of ore out at a time. From [one drive down to the next one below it] is up to around 18 metres [we cut out a section of ore between one drive and the next one above it]. [We work from the bottom up so] as we take the section of ore out, we will backfill, because the next block of ore we want to take is above [the section we have just done. If we don't backfill] we can't actually get this [next level] out because we can't drive trucks over a hole. So basically we take a section out, we backfill [the hole] and we use that as our platform to take the next level out.

Roger asked: If it is 18m high how wide is it?

Kerry: We will come back to you on that. I'll need to talk to one of the engineers. It does differ and it depends on the way in which they're mining, but it's not a huge long distance because again, we need to be able to get in to backfill before we move on.

Tim asked Kerry to show the distance between the stope that you've just talked about and the surface and somebody's house.

Kerry: [drawing] It's a minimum of 130m depending on where the andesite layer is, which is the thicker stronger rock, but as a minimum it's 130 metres. [Pointing at the drawing] So your drive could be 5 metres [high], then that total [height, drive and stope,] would be 18 meters [high]. Now all the [design] work was done, and has been peer reviewed by independent experts, who do this all over the world, who said it is fine. If we were up that high [130m from the surface] we probably would have a different mining method, we wouldn't be using the bigger stopes. So up in those top levels, we probably would mine by putting development drives through to 5 metres. And, as we get further down in the mine, then we would go to the bigger spaces.

Roger asked: So what would be the biggest open area at any given time?

Kerry said: As I say, that's one I will talk to one of the engineers about and get an actual number.

Roger said: Hmm, pretty important that.

Kerry said: Yes it is, but that's all been considered, again via independent experts and has gone through that rigorous process, and that's what the conditions are there to protect against. And what they worked out is that, even if you had a failure in one of those stopes i.e. it started to cave in from the top, it would never reach the surface.

Roger asked: Are you relying on the andesite area to hold it up?

Kerry said: It gets a bit technical, I'll catch up with you after, but what it effectively is [drawing] if you have a cubic metre of rock and that is broken, which it would have to do to fall into the spaces, it occupies much more room than a cubic metre.

Roger said: You'll get your bulking.

Kerry said: Because it bulks up so effectively, that's the way in which they work it, so [drawing] you get lots of these stacked on top of each other with a bit of space in between, so 1 cubic metre of solid rock, if it breaks, occupies a lot more room, it's about 1 to 1.4.

Tim asked: So as it worked its way up, it would just fill up and there'd be no more space any more?

Kerry said: Yeah, they call it choking itself off so effectively, it would get to a point where there's no more room for it to fall into.

Tim asked: Kerry, so if we note that as a question then you could bring more information back to the next meeting on that?

Kerry said: Definitely yep.

Andrea said: I think just the other point to note while you're getting the next question is, we've got guys working down there. So this needs to be safe.

A question was asked: It's probably a Kerry question, how do you backfill the piece when you've gone above the drive?

Kerry said: We don't go above the drive we fill from the next drive up.

A question was asked: So there is nothing being taken out above the top drive?

Kerry pointed to his drawing and said: Correct, this [above the top drive] is all solid rock from here up. You take this out [the rock between the top drive and the next one 18 meters below it] and then you come back [along the top drive] and basically tip back over the edge [to fill up the slope].

A question was asked: So there'll be multiple layers of the drives?

Kerry said: Yes, there are some exceptions to that, you can have multiple layers going at one time, but it just means you have to have a much bigger competent solid space in between those levels.

A question was asked: It's an Andrea question, a property question. I have a house property which is in close proximity to the exploration drive, it's not clipped by it, and in close proximity to the stopes but, as far as I understand, is not above them. What's the plan or process for those properties?

Andrea: So for the properties that don't qualify for ex gratia and don't qualify for property purchase. In the project area we have the IRP property purchase option for people, that's run through the Waihi Community Forum and Anne-Marie might want to comment more about that if you've got more questions on it. That allows people the opportunity to apply to the independent review panel (IRP) to put a case forward to say that for these reasons I need to leave the area and can the company purchase my house, and the IRP make a recommendation to Newmont. Newmont don't get any more information than the name and the address and contact details for the recommended party, and we aren't in a position to argue the point. We can question the process but we really pretty much take on [accept] the IRP recommendation. I stress that it is independent and confidential.

There's also the top-up opportunity so, if you want to put your house on the market and the IRP process isn't available [to you] or for whatever reason you don't wish to apply for IRP property purchase, then there's the opportunity to get a top-up. That property support initiative will continue for a period of time as well. Have you heard of the top-up and the IRP property purchase? You have? Yep. Okay.

Tim thanked everyone for their attendance and Andrea, Kerry and Siobhan for the presentation of information. He then checked that all attendees had put their name on the attendance register, provided an address or an email address and noted whether authorisation was given to have each attendees name registered in the minutes. Jeannine had taken care of all of that as people entered the room. The names of those who authorised publication in the attendance register are recorded below.

Tim closed with the comment that the questions and participation in the meeting reflected a growing understanding of the mining process.

The next meetings will take place on 13 August 2014

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