

Correnso Extension Project – Community Meeting

Wednesday 14 May 2014 5.30pm

The following is a record of the Correnso Extension Project Community meeting held at 5.30pm 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 McCarthy 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 available at the door. 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 out 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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First I want to give you a brief overview. The first 2 slides are the same slides that we had last meeting just to set the scene as to how we got here. We had the RMA hearing re Correnso in December 2012 and March 2013. The decision came out and was appealed to the Environment Court. There were 5 appellants and 3 274 parties. “274 parties” is just technical terminology for someone that has an interest in the project, doesn’t appeal the decision outright, but wants to be joined in. We then moved on to court assisted mediation and reached agreement with the 5 parties and the 3 274 parties during that process. The result was a final set of conditions that came out in October 2013. Those conditions are available on HDC’s website and the Waihi Gold website. If anyone wants them, give us a yell and we can help you source those [online or in hard copy].

The general outcome was that there was a lot more work for Newmont to do, compared to how it currently operates its underground operations, mainly around information provision, and having information available on the Internet etc.

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



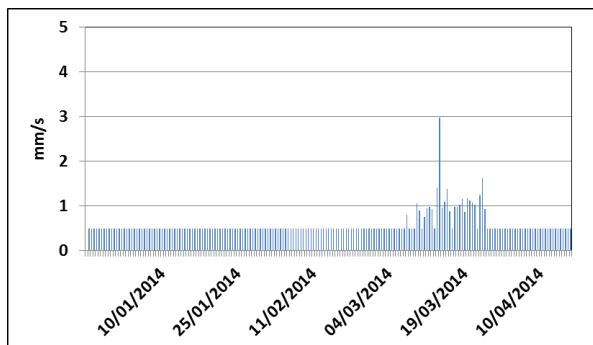
Some of the major changes are - you will all remember when this project first came out, it was the Golden Link Project Area (GLPA) which was much larger, but was refined through mediation and hearing process to what's now called the CEPA boundary. It is a lot smaller and effectively fits around Correnso, which runs through here [shows on PowerPoint slide 3]. The two potential [ore bodies] in here are Daybreak and Grace Empire.

The consent term went from 20 years, which was originally sought, down to 12 years with greater restrictions. At present we have 8 blast windows, 4 during daytime hours, 4 during night when we can blast with a maximum of 6mm per second, and that's now gone down to 3 blast windows with a maximum of 5mm per second. Greater monitoring and reporting is also required with information to go onto the website. So that's just a brief background to hopefully jog peoples' memories as to where we were [up to] last meeting. The purpose of today is to go through some of the environmental monitoring that we've done since then, just to give you an update as to 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
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Coromandel Underground Mining Conditions of Consent
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The first update is in relation to the exploration drive that has gone out, and was completed on 22 April 2014. That started just before Christmas and we've been progressively moving our way out here [shows on PowerPoint slide 4] to make what they call cuddies, which are basically little extensions off to the side [of the drive] where we can put a drill in to drill into the ore body [around that area] to refine the final mine design.

During that time we've had 177 blasts and that occurred in 163 events. Remember, sometimes we can have 2 blasts going off in 1 event. We might have a blast down here in this cuddie, and another one up here [pointing to 2 different cuddies on the map on slide 4]. They happen at exactly the same time so we have 2 blasts happening in 1 event, hence the slight difference in numbers here, some of those were doubled up.

The consent conditions say that for the development drives, the development blasts (which is what we've been doing), the average vibration has to be under 2mm per second. The average for all these blasts here was actually 0.6mm per second. We did have a maximum of 2.9 here [see the graph at the bottom of slide 4]. We have looked at that blast, we're still doing some interrogation on it. There was a very, very small portion of the blast right at the start which was milliseconds of the entire blast which was at 2.9, the rest of it was around 1.5 and we think that there might have been an electrical impulse that came through as part of the blast which affected the monitor, but we've recorded it as 2.9. You will see here [on the graph] that there's quite a line at 0.5. The reason for that is that we agreed through the mediation process, and the subsequent development of the vibration management plan, that anything below 0.5 we would call 0.5. So if we've had a 0.2 or a 0.1 it gets called 0.5 and that's just part of the way in which this is measured, which then brings your average up higher because we start at, at least a, 0.5 average. What you can see here [on the graph on

slide 4] is that the readings are based on the monitor that had the most activity (which was in the middle). You can see at the start [left hand end of the graph with low readings], when we're blasting down this end here, obviously it wasn't receiving a lot. As we got closer to the monitor, as the drive progressed out further, readings started to increase then [at the right hand end of the graph] has dropped off and gone back to registering the 0.5mm/s which is the default setting as it's moving away. That is where we've got to on the blasting so far.

The drilling is on-going, so we've got drills sitting down in the cuddies which are just going in and, as I think we spoke about last time, it's just further refining for that final design so that we can get it nice and tight on the ore body and plan the final mine design.

Tim asked if there were any questions – there were none.

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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Kerry continued: We spoke about noise monitoring last time. We were required to do 6 weeks of noise monitoring, just to make sure that our operations didn't deviate from what we're doing now, so that was conducted in February. We did lots of 15-minute noise level tests where we go out into the field, we set the monitor up and we have to wait for 15 minutes. If a car goes past [while we are monitoring] we have to stop and re-start the process again because that interferes with the reading. Effectively we are looking for the quietest time to monitor and the noise that the monitor was picking up, if anything, was the vent shaft, so it's not picking up trucks underground. Those [readings] came in under the 40 dBA night time limit. Now we periodically go out and re-test just to make sure that we are

staying below [the required level]. That process will continue on for the rest of the mining operation.

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



Something that people are probably a lot more aware of, because it has been quite visible, is that we have installed 2 more piezometers. One at Gladstone Road, which went down to 78.2 metres, and one in Barry Road which went down to 90 metres. They have been the subject of some of the information we've put out in the media.

We drill a hole. We then put the instrumentation down that hole and fill it with cement. The instruments don't actually touch water they measure the pressure of the water against it and this gives us the ability to work out where the water levels are. From the next meeting onwards, we will bring those results so we can put them up [on the data show] and people can see the results of the piezometers, showing how the water is trending in those areas.

We have also put in another 49 settlement markers. These are little pins in the ground that the surveyors use; they can survey from one to the other and see if the ground has moved or if certain parts of ground are moving faster or more than others. We had a large network already out in Waihi, all we have done is increased the density so we have more sensitive cover in the Waihi East area. You will probably see people out doing that survey, that's underway at the moment. It is done every 6 months.

Brian asked: Kerry, in the last slide you had up there, you talked about 15 minute noise readings. I may have missed it but where were those noise levels taken from?

Kerry said: They're taken out around the streets so we take them at various [points]. E.g. when we're doing them for the pit, we take them round the edge of the pit; if we're doing them for the development site, we'll do it over on that edge. For these ones, we were doing them around the bottom end of Gladstone Road so we could pick up the vent shaft type noises.

Tim asked if there were any other questions – there were none at that time.

Kerry said: It would be good to check that people are interested in seeing the results of the piezometer readings next time, it is one of those continual things that at least people can see trending. You will see some fluctuations, when it rains the water level comes up a bit, but the fluctuations you know are almost a straight line in the end. So what we'll do is next time throw up a graph showing those.

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:

Finally, at the last meeting we had some discussion about improving peoples' understanding of the vibration and how that's measured. We have now run 2 x 2-hour workshops; we had 8 participants in those. We went out into the field, gave one of the monitors a kick, and watched how that came back through the system and ended up on the website, and then there were other discussions, pros and cons, and also discussions about how AEP is working and how that's all recorded. We have had some positive feedback on those workshops. We had an indication from the meeting this morning that there were a couple more people that would be interested in attending a vibration workshop, we have got their names, and if anyone else is interested please let us know and we'll try and sort something

out. Anyone here attend the workshops? I think a couple of you did. Is there any feedback on the vibration workshops?

Mike said: It seemed to be a bit more beneficial for you than it was for us. There was some clarification of a few things, but some ideas came up that we were hoping would get put into place that make it a bit smoother running.

Tim asked: Is anybody else interested in putting their names down for attending the vibration workshops? Diane, Alan and Dale said they were.

Kerry said: That's good, that'll give us a good 4 or 5 for the next one.

Andrea Durie External Affairs Manager

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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This next item is about the blast notification trial that's part of the vibration management plan. We have a notification system at the moment, but the notification is basically letting people know in the morning that there will be a blast later on in the day, probably between 1.00 and 2.00 or you know 7.00 and 8.00, and people have an hour to wait or thereabouts. People know [approximately] when it is occurring but no-one actually knows when specifically the blast is going to go off. Thanks to the good investigative work of Gold FM, and the work they've done with Tsunado, the device they informed us of, allows us to activate it from the portal just before the blast goes off. A tune plays 30 seconds or so prior [to the blast] and notifies individuals there is going to potentially be some vibration. What we are trying to do is eliminate the surprise factor. For some people the vibration, or the noise, doesn't worry them; for others, they are far more sensitive so, whether people find it useful or not depends

the individuals. We trialled [the Tsunado] with 22 homes and when we ended the trial we sent that information off for evaluation. 19 homes retained the device, which bears true in the report back from the person evaluating [the trial] saying it was a success. We did have some issues with reliability through the trial, hence the reason for a trial. We are now looking to roll the Tsunado out across, not just Correnso but, Trio and Martha. We know there are people in those areas who it would benefit. Again, [it is] individual choice, but that option will be available for people. When we roll it out, to address the reliability issue, we will have another transmitter that will help with coverage. We have got some dead spots in Waihi that we need to address. So, that's the blast notification system that will be coming.

Regarding the AEP - a quick update to give you an idea of what payment and what level of effect we had in July to December 2013, the last 6 months of last year. We paid out \$136,000 to 335 residences/individuals and all of those payments were based around vibration.

Andrea asked if there were questions about the Tsunado or AEP.

Mike asked: The Tsunado, is that going to be made available to everybody?

Andrea said: Yes.

Mike asked: When the blast windows happen at 7.00 a.m. warnings go out then as well?

Andrea said: Yes.

Mike said: So if you don't normally get up at that time you get a choice of [being woken by] Tsunado or blast?

Andrea said: Yes. With the blast windows, say if you work late and you prefer to have a sleep-in and not be disturbed between 7 and 8 just take it out of the wall, you turn the device off so it's not going to disturb you.

Mike said: So it won't, but the blast will?

Andrea: That blast will go off yes.

Mike: So that's what I'm saying, you have a choice of what wakes you.

Andrea: Yes, if it [the blast] is going to wake you of course. It depends on how solidly you sleep.

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

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

Over stopes: 4-8 August 2014

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



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With the property programme, we are moving into Stage 2. Stage 1 was [implemented] when we put in the development drive Kerry talked about before. We appointed The Property Group [as independent consultants] after WERGI let us know about them. We did some investigation, had a chat with them, they are a very competent group and the work they did in Stage 1 around the ex gratia offer for the exploration development drive, people seemed very happy with. We have re-engaged them for this next stage, which is getting into the true Correnso development work that will get us to the ore body.

[Pointing at PowerPoint slide 9 above] this is just an indicative schedule. We're hoping as of tomorrow, we'll be in a position to be able to start approaching those who have property over the development. [We are likely to start meeting with people] next week. We just received the development map today from the guys who are working on that, and we now need to plot the properties and understand [which] properties we are operating under. We will then approach those homeowners with The Property Group and go and meet with them. We'll do an introductory meeting initially, just like we did [with Stage 1] at the end of last year, and then we will leave it to The Property Group to continue managing the property programme process. It is independent, that is a requirement of the Consent and it is pretty much in their hands.

If there are any questions about the actual project, they still come to Newmont. We still like to hear from people, but if there's anything specifically about the Property Programme process, you will be able to deal directly with The Property Group.

As I said, potentially we would be able to go out [to people] tomorrow, but because we received the map this afternoon it's likely to be the start of next week; it will just give us time to plot those properties.

Mike asked: What about the process for over the stopes?

Andrea said: Oh that won't start till August some time.

Question asked: Can I just ask please, the development drive has gone up Roycroft, has it turned right into off Dobson, into the load? Is that what's happened or has it gone up ...

Andrea said: So you're talking about the exploration development drive?

Questioner said: Yes.

Andrea: So the exploration development drive is as Kerry showed it here so ... [pointing to PowerPoint slide 3]

Question asked: Is that Gladstone or Roycroft?

Andrea said: There's Roycroft and Walmsley.

Question asked: Okay, so it's gone up under the houses?

Andrea said: Yes, correct.

Question asked: Have each one of these people received one of these things, one of these monitors?

Andrea: The people who wish to, yes.

Question asked: What sort of blast volume are you getting from this machine? As a measurement of the noise that this puts out, the blast? What sort of feedback or reading have you had from this monitor?

Andrea said: Okay, this monitor doesn't measure vibration.

Questioner said: No not vibration, noise from it.

Andrea said: No, it doesn't measure noise, it doesn't measure anything. All it does is a notification. So, 30 seconds before the blast occurs, the guys at the portal have a button they push. All going well with their various safety checks, they will push the button for the Tsunado 30 seconds prior, and that will count down for them and then, when it hits zero, they push the button for the blast. So all the Tsunado does is let you know that, at that particular time, there's 30 seconds before the blast is going to go off.

Tim asked: So it just plays a little tune does it?

Andrea said: Yes, it's a little tune to start with and it's meant to get louder.

Questioner said: Okay. So what are the levels/readings for those levels from the blasting that's been done?

Andrea [turned to PowerPoint slide 4] and said; Kerry just pointed out before that, for the development drive, and you're talking about the development work?

Questioner said: Yes.

Andrea said: For the purpose of the consent, anything 0.5mm/second or under is registered as 0.5. So that's why it looks very uniform across here, apart from this blip, it looks very uniform across here because most of the blasts have been 0.5 or less.

Questioner said: Okay.

Andrea said: Registering at our vibration monitors, which is quite different to the Tsunado device. Where Kerry mentioned before there was a small spike, we have had a maximum vibration of 2.9.

Questioner said: Right, okay.

Andrea said: So that was for, sorry what did you say [Kerry], a millisecond?

Kerry said: A millisecond.

Question asked: With your visits next week to homes in the area, the final plan hasn't been drawn up? The plan for the mine has not been completed?

Andrea said: That's correct.

Question asked: So how are you going to choose the homes that you will visit?

Andrea said: What we're talking about at the moment is development. We know how we're going to get to the ore body. We don't know what the ore body looks like just yet, but we're not far away from that. In early August we will be in a position to go and approach the people who are over stopes. We will have a final mine design at the end of July, early August. We will be going for full funding for the project the day before that, and all going well we will be able to start the process [of talking to people with property over stopes] immediately. We appreciate that people have had their lives on hold for quite a while and are wanting to know actually what's going on. [They are wondering] 'am I or am I not over a stope?' so we will start that process immediately.

Question asked: Adjacent to a stope or immediately over a stope?

Andrea said: Immediately over, any part of your legal title, if we clip it we will be in touch. With those who are over stopes, we will try and personalise the information a little more because there is a significant decision that people will need to make. Some will want to sell and that is an option, [they can] sell immediately and either choose to move, or choose to stay and rent the property. The other option is to remain the owner of the property and take an ex gratia payment. The ex gratia payment doesn't mean you opt out of the property purchase option. For the life of the project [even] if you've taken an ex gratia payment, you can just pick up the phone and call us to say, 'we'd like you to buy our property'. There is the option to do that available for people throughout the life of the project.

Tim asked: Andrea, so I could say, 'well I think I'm okay, I'm going to stay, I want to stay in my home, I like my home' and take the ex gratia payment and then, 3 months down the track or 6 months down the track, it might feel like it's too hard and I want to move, and that's okay? People can pick up the phone then and say, 'I'd like to sell'?

Andrea said: Absolutely, we would go through the market valuation process again and whatever the price is (less the ex gratia payment that had been provided) that would be the value that would be provided to the owners.

Mike asked: What does personalise it mean?

Andrea said: There are options [for people to consider, e.g.] the level of AEP you think you might get [if you don't sell], is that going to be a factor in your decision making? If you choose to sell and rent, what rent would we charge? It gives people a better idea of figures that they may wish to weigh up when they're making their decision. We know that won't be the only factor that they're considering, but it may be something that they want to know, so that's what I mean by personalising.

Question asked: Does this mean that you no longer have to go to a real estate agent and be on the market for at least 3 months?

Andrea said: If you are on the market that's a discussion we need to have. If you are not on the market, no you don't need to go through a real estate agent. We just get the valuations, The Property Group will deal directly with the valuers, come back to you, talk about the valuation, work out the price and that deal or transaction will be done with Newmont with a sale and purchase agreement. You don't have to engage a real estate agent.

Tim asked: Andrea, you're just in that instance talking about properties that are over stops?

Andrea said: Correct.

Max asked: If [the owners] have got the property on the market, then it has to go through the agent so that the agent gets a commission?

Andrea: We certainly would need to consider that, yes. If the agent has already invested in marketing the property and doing work to try and sell the property, we would need to consider that.

Sonja asked: In the consent conditions, it stated that for the duration of the Consent you may have to buy a property. So, somebody could take the ex gratia payment, decide to sell 6 months later, or 2 years or 3 years later. The Consent term is actually for 12 years, so what would happen if you finish in 5 years time? Do you then literally finish the Consent, like hand it back? Or, does that offer to buy those houses remain open for the whole 12 years, even though you are no longer mining in the area?

Andrea said: As far as handing the consent back, we potentially can do that. That's obviously not my decision to make and something I can't really comment on. It is while there is mining activity in the project area, so I guess if the project did come to an end, if there was no more resource we wanted to look at, then we would need to consider those sorts of options.

Sonja asked: [Either] handing it back or you could be continuing to buy property?

Andrea said: Yes.

Sonja said: Okay, great thanks.

Brian asked: If it's for 12 years and I decide to sell, and then after 11 years I think I'd like to buy it back, is that another option? You'd look at the current price and things like that, and you might sell back, or you'd say, 'no that's it'.

Andrea said: We've looked at a range of options, trying to give people as much opportunity as possible, because we'd like to see people stay and see if they can live with it. We started getting ourselves in a bit of a bind, and probably would confuse people by putting too many options out there so, if people are thinking that they would potentially like to consider owning their property at the end of the project, what I would suggest would be to look at taking the ex gratia, remaining the owner, and then if things get too much, sell. Ring us and say 'I'm out'.

So that's one way to be certain that you can retain the property following the conclusion of the project.

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 continued: We talked about the Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP) last meeting and I'll just give a brief update on where we're at with it at the moment. The SIMP is something that hasn't been done here before. You are probably used to having Social Impact Assessments (SIA) being done, depending on what project's happening or whether there's closure being announced. When there's a change of operation, or every 5 years, we tend to run a social impact assessment. The SIA is a snapshot in time, that's all it tells us. The SIMP is designed to be able to take those issues, those themes that are coming out of the SIA, and put them in a format that allows us to monitor them on an annual basis and get feedback to ensure there aren't other issues popping up. [We may find] some of the issues that we thought were worth monitoring at the start may not be worth monitoring 3 years down the track. So the SIMP lifts everything up and tells us how we're going to monitor and track [issues and themes]. Reporting to Hauraki District Council (HDC) will be done on an annual basis. That report will also be made available to the public.

The process is a little back to front. Normally you would do the SIA, which is community consultation, getting feedback from people about the mine. What's good? What's bad? What's in between? And then draw the key themes out of that and develop a SIMP. What we've had to do through the Consent, is actually develop the SIMP based on desktop research. So we haven't [yet] had any community consultation. We needed to submit the draft SIMP by 20 February 2014, and we did that. It has not yet been approved by Hauraki District Council, we are hoping to get that through very shortly. We [then] can't release the SIMP until we do the SIA because, while we understand the themes that have come out of

the desktop research, we now need to go and verify whether or not they are still relevant by doing the SIA. So, the draft SIMP is sitting with HDC at the moment, we are not too far away from getting agreement on that. The SIMP [will not be released] until we can actually populate it and finalise it, once we get the feedback from community [through the SIA]. We have to submit the SIA to HDC by 20 August. Here tonight, we have Siobhan McCarthy who is with Banarra, the consultancy firm conducting the SIA. I will get her to come up and talk through what the process will be.

Siobhan McCarthy from Banarra (social sustainability consultants)

Thank you. To add to what Andrea has already said, we have drafted the SIMP, we've got a draft set of social objectives and indicators for monitoring and tracking, and we have actions to address those. The missing piece is the consultation and the community input, so that's going to be happening over the next couple of months. We are still at the very early stages of designing and planning it but, the SIA will happen over the next couple of months until around mid-July, we are just starting now. We want to get a representative sample of views from across the community and speak to various different individuals and groups in order to cover-off kind of all the themes that could arise. It is very important to us that we are inclusive and that we don't miss anything that's important, at the same time we can't talk to everybody, but the process is designed to ensure that nothing significant is missed.

If anybody here is interested in being part of the SIA, there is a hand-out with my contact details on it, you are very welcome to get in touch with me that way or by calling the 0800 NEWMONT number. Otherwise we will be in touch with those people who we're requesting to be involved over the next couple of months. One of the questions that came up at the meeting this morning was anonymity, so I'm just going to say a little bit about that. The actual interviews/information/results will remain anonymous so we, the independent consultants, will keep that information, that's not going to go to Newmont. However, the themes that come up will [be provided to Newmont] and there will be a list of the people who have been spoken with [that goes to Newmont also] however, at no point is there going to be a 'he said this, she said that' statement provided. It is really about the common themes that will rise naturally to the top of the information in order to help us just to confirm that we've got the right information so far in the draft SIMP, and add anything or change anything that needs to be changed. We're expecting it is going to be publicly available by the end of the year. So, if anyone has got any questions about that, feel free to come talk to me now or talk to me afterwards at the end of the meeting.

Tim asked: Siobhan, what are the sorts of things you're going to be asking people?

Siobhan said: There's going to be two sorts of questions. There's going to be the very open scope questions, like 'what do you think about the mine, what's going well, what's going badly, what would you like to see them do differently?' The open questions will make sure that there is nothing that we're missing. The other type of question will be looking at the draft indicators that we've got (in the SIMP) and asking 'do you think these are the right things that we should be measuring?'

Tim asked: Siobhan, you are an independent business that contracts to do this sort of thing?

Siobhan said: Yes. I work for a company called Banarra, and Banarra does this kind of work all over the world, mostly in Australia, which is where they're based. I was working for them for 4 years in the office in Sydney, now I'm based in Auckland in New Zealand so I've been with them for 7 years now. Banarra does this for a range of companies, usually resource companies, mostly mining.

Tim asked: Are there any other questions for Siobhan?

Glenis said: With the SIMP, does it continue throughout the life of the project? Things will change for people. You might have social indicators now that change once actual mining of stopes begins, so do you monitor that throughout or is it something you do now, or annually? How does it work?

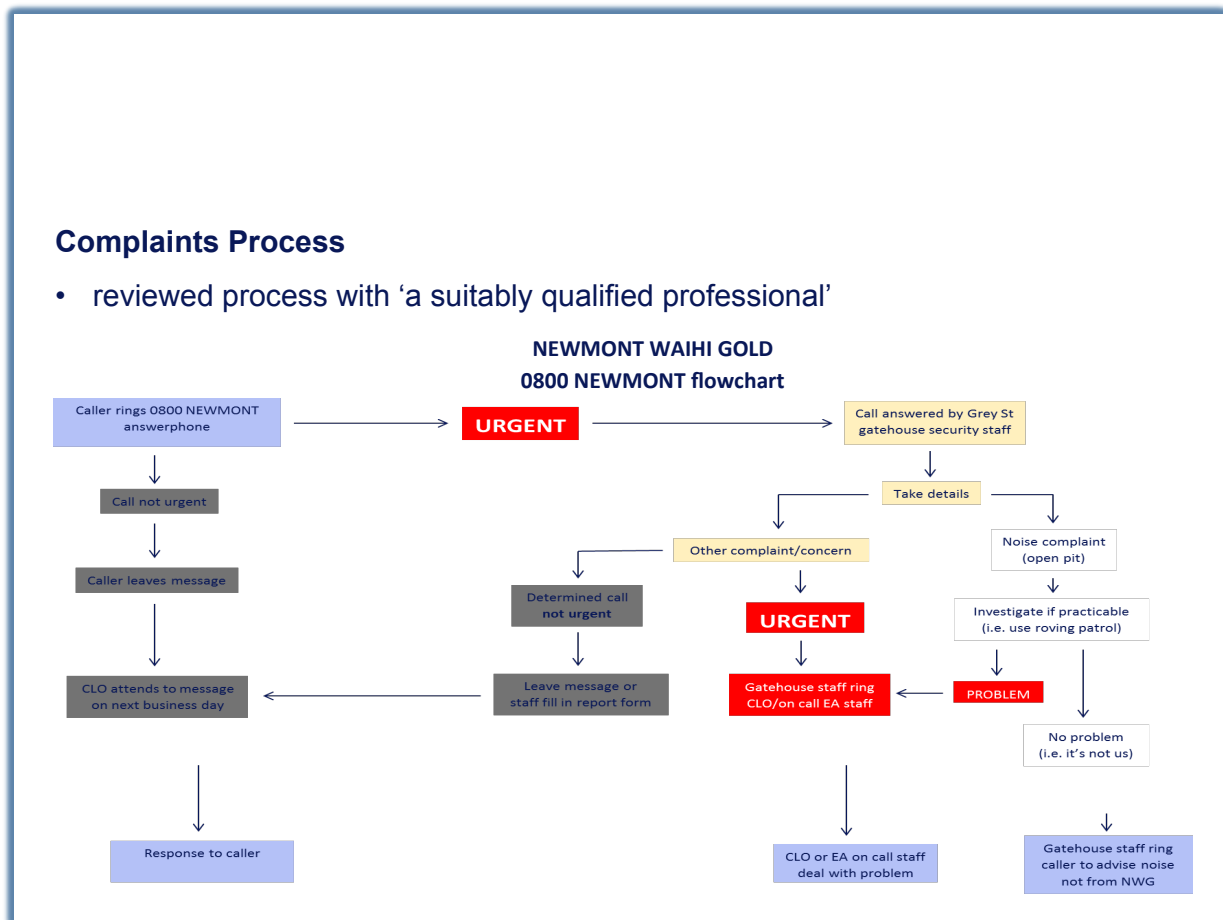
Siobhan: The SIA is when we go out and we assess community views and gather data to provide a snapshot of where things are at, at a point in time. The purpose of that is so we can track against that SIA and see how things are changing. There will be a bunch of ways that are then built into the SIMP that will enable the review process to happen on a regular basis. You are talking about monitoring and tracking how things are changing and making sure that if anything new comes up, that it's picked up, that it's part of the SIMP. There will be a number of ways that Newmont has whereby they are getting feedback on those things. If there is anything new that comes up, the plan itself has been designed to be a living document, it's a framework, it's designed to be able to evolve so, if we need to add some new kind of mini-management plans within it at any point, that can happen, and that's part of the management plan. The formal SIA is something that happens when they bring in the external consultants and it might happen if there's a major change in mining operations or, if not, every 5 years. But, that [process] is not essential for Newmont to be able to respond to changing circumstances, they don't need us to do that. We're designing something [in the SIMP] that should be able to allow them to do it themselves.

Tim asked if there were any other questions for Siobhan, there were none.

Andrea Durie External Affairs Manager

Touching briefly on the cultural aspect, we had a first meeting of the Iwi Advisory Group and, as a collective, there was agreement that the cultural awareness training would be the priority. That training is for our staff and our contractors, and the emphasis is predominantly going to be around the importance of Waihi to local iwi, rather than Treaty of Waitangi training. We will keep you updated as we make progress on that.

Slide 11: Item 3 – Social Overview – Complaints Process



When you came in, hopefully you picked up a 2-page hand-out on the complaints process. The first page has got the current process on it, and the second page shows what is being proposed. The Consent conditions require us to consult with the community if the complaints process is changing. The process isn't changing but we are proposing to change the mechanics of it, even so, it would be good to get your feedback [on the proposed change] and your broader feedback.

At the moment, call 0800 NEWMONT and 24 hours a day you'll get an External Affairs member on the end of a phone. If someone's already on a call you'll be able to leave a message and our team will get back to you as soon as they've finished clearing or taking the current message. What we're looking at changing is who you speak to. We covered this at the last meeting but this time we've got a bit more opportunity, to get feedback from you.

We have a group called Gatehouse Security Staff. They are trained to deal with issues that arise at site, they are front line with people that pull up to our property boundary and wish to access the site. Where there are issues on site they also need to be able to respond. What we are looking to do is provide them with additional training to be able to take the calls after hours. The issues we get in the evenings or overnight tend to be people ringing up complaining about hearing a loud noise and they're having trouble sleeping. At the moment [someone from External Affairs takes the call] and calls the gatehouse to go out and have a look at whether or not the noise is actually generated by Newmont. That patrol comes back, reports back to our person who then reports back [to the person who called in] either in the morning or at the time, depending on what the situation is and what the individual prefers.

The [proposed new] system takes you straight to the gatehouse who can check out the issue immediately. Often it's not noise from the mine but we like to be able to provide some assurance of where the noise might be coming from. [Issues that arise] won't just be noise, but that's an example of what we're looking to do. After hours, if people have an issue at say 2am [if you call] you will get people who are already up and ready to respond far more quickly than what the current system allows us to. You will still be able to leave a message, as you can now if there are multiple calls, or if you prefer to leave a message, you will actually have an option to do that.

If you have called and you get a gatehouse staff member, and they've taken the details from you, those details will get passed to us and, to make sure that no-one falls through the cracks, we will respond regardless of what the gatehouse was able to do for the person. We will respond the next business day with the information that the gatehouse has provided to us.

Not a lot of calls come in at that time of the day to be fair but, when they do, we like to respond quickly because it does become particularly annoying [for people] if there is something like noise that is being generated and people think it is the mine.

[Looking at the process – page 2 of the hand-out], something that was mentioned in the meeting this morning, some of the terminology on here probably isn't the best. People were concerned about the word "urgent" so we will change that word. For us, urgent means any issue that can get some resolution if we deal with it right there and then. That's why I keep using noise as an example. Noise is something that, if generated by us, we can have some control over trying to reduce or stop it. If a complaint is about vibration, that blast has happened and we can't turn back time so, it's not that it's not important, it's just that we can't actually do anything about it once it's occurred. So we will change the word "urgent", that was good feedback this morning. (Updated complaints process attached to these minutes.)

Tim asked: Andrea, that could read something like 'immediate' because that means that you could do something about it straight away?

Andrea said: We can respond immediately.

Tim asked: Because the other side of that is that you could say that a problem you can't fix right then isn't urgent, but it might be urgent for somebody to have a remedy as quickly as possible?

Andrea: Yes, that's right.

Glenis said: When the answerphone is answered, will you get options, so in other words it'll be if your call is ... if you need immediate response press 2.

Andrea said: Yes.

Glenis asked: If your call is not urgent so you'd get the option?

Andrea said: You will have the option to leave a message if you wish to or, if it's something that you believe can be dealt with urgently or immediately, then you'll be able to go through to the gatehouse. You don't have to speak to the gatehouse, and again, this is just after hours. Prior to that you'll still get the External Affairs team, so you do have the option. We will be clearing the answerphone at the start of each business day, and anything that goes through the gatehouse will come to us at the start of each business day as well, so we'll make sure we get back to the individuals that have reported in.

Question asked: Why do people ring in? I've sat here at meeting after meeting after meeting for 3, 4 years, 3 years now since this whole business started. I've watched people cry about the amount of noise, not being able to sleep, being woken at night with the vibrations, I've heard people from the township, the township itself, men and women in tears and I listen to this speech tonight of explanation. None of us are going to know how bad it's going to be until it actually happens. Is that true?

Andrea said: Well I guess ...

Questioner said: It's quite obvious isn't it?

Andrea said: Yes, it is true.

Questioner said: It's the vibration and the noise that we don't know about.

Andrea said: Yes.

Questioner said: So we still sit and wait.

Andrea said: Correct.

Questioner said: It's not a good look.

Tim said: Can I just (Andrea if you don't mind me interrupting) pick up on that because we run meetings like this in other situations and, the other difficulty is, we know [the effects are] different for different people. Some people don't care and for other people small amounts of noise or small amounts of odour really trouble them. [With] not knowing [how it will be] some people will let it go by, and for other people it's a real problem, peoples' perception is different. are you saying that once the actual extraction happens, you're saying that that's when we'll really know how bad this might get?

Questioner said: Yes.

Tim said: Andrea or Kerry do you have a sense, based on your experience of mining situations, whether it will get worse and whether you know if the nature of the operation will have an effect for people that will increase the impact?

Andrea said: I don't think it's any secret that people will feel activity. There are 3 blast windows through the day. There is nothing overnight. At the moment, because it is based around our breaks, they are sitting around 7.00 to 8.00 in the morning and at night and then 1.00 to 2.00 crib break in the afternoon. We will try and stick to those times as much as possible. Each blast can only go for a maximum of 18 seconds, is that correct? So we're looking at around sort of 45 to 60 seconds a day where there's potential for someone to feel our activity. We are not hiding from the fact that you will probably feel us, unless you're someone who really doesn't notice, and there will be others who are extremely sensitive to it and will feel what the scientists tell us is lower than humanly perceptible. Then there will be people in the middle. Some will [experience] surprises and jolts and others are just, 'oh yeah that was interesting'; it is really quite an individual response.

Tim asked: Once extraction starts, will people then have an idea of what the vibration and noise will be like, and will it continue at that level?

Andrea said: Once it starts, it will pretty much stay at the same sort of readings. The difference with the consent conditions is that there's an average in there now, and the average means that I guess there's a greater level of certainty, not that we have a plan to

blast large, but it does mean that we have to be particularly careful and probably under-package the blasts in some instances if we've gone a little higher in other areas. Kerry?

Kerry said: The only other thing I was going to add is, we will be aiming to have the larger blasts, the stope blasts, in that 1.00 to 2.00 window. We have got to use our best efforts to get the larger blast, the production blast, which is the one that will be bigger than what you're feeling now, during the day in that 1.00 to 2.00 break.

Tim asked: So part of the problem is the not knowing isn't it?

Questioner said: Yes, and I have to say that I don't think I'm going to be too concerned about sleeping because I don't have any problem, but I think the biggest thing that upsets me is the waiting, you know, whether I go to market or I don't go to market [for my house]. I need ... it's just been too long, it's ridiculous. I'm right on the boundaries of those lines and yeah, as far as I'm concerned, it's just been too long. It's not fair.

Andrea said: Yep, I understand it's been a long process ...

Questioner said: The other thing that really annoys me is the loss of value; the values have dropped in our area without question.

Andrea said: Certainly over, what's understood to be, the ore body at the moment, that's true and that is what the 6 monthly review that the independent valuer does for us is to monitor, the market. Other areas around it are bouncing back, which is what's expected which is good to see, but the area over I guess the stopes, which we don't know exactly where that is, that is still lagging.

Tim asked: Andrea you have a couple of questions about the complaints process that you want people to feed back to you about tonight if they can?

Andrea said: Yes, these are just starters. Any feedback would be welcome.

- If you have called 0800 NEWMONT what went well, what didn't go so well; and
- If you haven't called Newmont before through the 0800 line but have thought you'd like to, but got put off for whatever reason, we'd love to hear why so, while we are reviewing the complaints process, and reviewing the mechanics, it would be great to get some other feedback so we can build that in.

Tim asked: Does anybody have any questions or comments about the 0800 complaints process?

Andrea said: We're always open to it; it doesn't have to be tonight, so if you think of anything give us a yell.

Tim asked: Andrea you said before that there are things like blast vibration that might cause concern for people, but it's done and dusted when it's done. What does the company do about that? Do you just say 'oh well it's over now we don't worry about it?' What do you do if somebody rings up at 2 a.m. and says 'what was that, it was more than I was expecting, what are you doing blasting at 2 o'clock in the morning?' What does the company do?

Andrea said: Good question because I guess there is a perception that people call in and nothing happens with it. Sometimes there's not much we can do with the information right there and then but, at a very minimum, what will occur is, at the morning meeting of managers, all complaints get put up in front of managers so that they understand where the areas of concern are. That is then wrapped up in a weekly summary at a production meeting

and then at a quarterly review we actually start pulling the trends together to identify (if it's not already obvious, which often it is) where the issues are coming from. So we've often picked that up well before that quarterly review but that just documents it and makes sure it's put forward. What also occurs is the complaints are reported 6 monthly through to HDC and part of that information is made publicly available. That's done on an on-going 6 monthly rotation.

Tim asked: So it's not just in-house for Newmont, HDC get a report?

Andrea said: Yeah, and what will happen in the future is with the SIMP, that aspect will also get picked up through the SIMP in different forms. The complaints process will feature in there I would imagine.

Dale asked: You have actually got some real time data from the drill drive, people would have been experiencing the vibration because it would have been right underneath them, at some stage someone was experiencing it. How did your complaints register work? Did you receive more complaints or did the people directly over the blasts ring up?

Andrea said: It was interesting; we were quite surprised there was very little feedback. What we heard on the street was that people could hear the explosion but no-one called about the noise. We had a couple of calls about the vibration and that was really in relation to the Tsunado device going off, part of that trial. On the street people did feel it, people did hear it but no-one felt the need to ring us about it, so it didn't seem to worry them, but it probably reflected in the very low levels with the development blasting, apart from that one spike.

Dale said: That's what I was thinking. Because that was taken from one monitor, the distance from the monitor [explains the readings], and so where the big vibration lines were, that would have been felt along that line by residents.

Andrea said: Yes.

Dale asked: So people weren't overly concerned and there was no data that you could get on renters versus owners or anything like that?

Andrea said: We are starting to track that now and interestingly enough we've got a significant number more home owners that are complaining, or in the area, than there are renters. We just need to make sure that ties together so we are not looking at incorrect information by making some assumptions.

Glenis asked: If someone calls and they're making more of a comment is that considered a complaint? So in other words, I know I have rung in the past and said, 'well that was a big one is everybody okay?' But I'm not complaining necessarily you know.

Andrea said: Yes, no, we would put that down as a concern rather than a complaint, if you are not wanting to register that as a complaint. But all of that feedback goes up at the daily meeting with the managers because that starts giving us a bigger picture of what's going on. What I can tell you is that feedback/information does influence what, in this case, the underground does. They have been instructed to go back on a number of occasions to find out why, what was different about that blast, why was that one causing so much concern compared to the ones that have been happening previously. So there is investigation done on the blast design, the type of explosive that's used, and that's constantly being weighed up based on feedback. So, I know the blasting's not stopping, which is what a lot of people would like, but there is work going on to try and minimise the inconvenience for people.

Tim said: It raises something for me Andrea, it's called a complaints process but kiwis pride themselves on not being complainers really; is it just complaints?

Andrea: It's 0800 NEWMONT so we get calls for anything and everything. People just wanting to find out when the AEP payments are coming out, or querying where the CEPA boundary is, what do I do to get a top-up, as well as people wanting to register a concern or put a complaint through. In this case we're talking specifically about complaints and obviously 0800 NEWMONT is the vehicle for that as well.

Tim asked: Do you want people to be ringing up?

Andrea: Yes we do. If you're unsure, we would rather you called us because it gives us an idea of what people are thinking. What we will start doing is asking a few more questions when people ring because at the moment it's, 'oh well we'll log that for you'. We want to get a better understanding of what's really causing the concern. Not just that you felt it, the reason why you have taken the time to ring us. There must be a deeper reason for the concern so we'll be asking a few more questions. That may not happen on the phone immediately, depending how irate someone is, we don't want to antagonise people. We will try and be sensitive, but we will be following people up because we genuinely want to understand that more. We are going to try and be more proactive if we can. We can't stop the blasting but there are other elements that we can try, to minimise the disruption to people.

Tim asked: Are there any other suggestions that you have for Andrea in terms of making the 0800 number, to give feedback or make a complaint, more accessible?

Sonja said: A lot of people actually don't use the 0800 NEWMONT they need the actual numbers still. You know, like we keep talking about 0800 NEWMONT all the time, but my neighbours for instance wouldn't understand what that meant.

Andrea said: Yes, good point.

Question asked: Would you mind explaining ex gratia payments please?

Andrea said: Not a problem, people over development will be offered an ex gratia payment. The ex gratia payment equates to 5% of the market value of their property. The market value is based on value that excludes mining, ie without mining in the area what would the property be worth? Then 5% of that value is offered as a cash payment to the property owner.

Tim asked: What does the property owner have to give in return?

Andrea said: Absolutely nothing, it's an acknowledgement that we will be mining under their property. So if we are under any part of the legal title [even] if we [just] clip a corner, we will be in touch with the property owner, then The Property Group will take over the management of that process to put the ex gratia offer to the owners.

Questioner asked: Do those people still get the AEP payment?

Andrea said: For those who are over development, they still receive AEP payments, yes.

Mike asked: Is the plan for the development drives going to be made available soon?

Andrea said: It will be made available once we've been able to contact the people who are directly affected. We will publish that; it's just we want to get the timing right so it's not a surprise to the people who are going to go through the process of having the ex gratia offer made.

Mike said: But you showing up at their door is going to be kind of a surprise isn't it?

Andrea said: We'll be ringing them to make an appointment.

Mike said: I'm just saying, if there's something out there that shows people what the actual plan is.

Andrea said: We would rather have a personal approach first rather than them reading it in the paper.

Murray asked: Is there any way you can text or just send an email if you've got a concern rather than just ring 0800?

Jeannine said: If you send an email we may not pick it up straight away and, if it's something that you want acted on straight away, it might take a while for us to clear our emails if we're not in the office or out and about. Text, we should be able to pick up, but talking's better.

Andrea said: You can text and we do receive texts from people but again if you want surety that the message has come through, unless you hear back from us about the text, don't assume it's arrived, that would be the only ...

Tim asked: Murray, you're following up on the idea of making it easier for people so somebody might like to just write an email, and not get an immediate instant feedback. Is that what you're saying?

Murray said: Yes, if it's more of a concern rather than something that needs immediate contact.

Andrea said: That's certainly possible. We get letters from some people, and we do have the odd email as well, so that's perfectly acceptable and it's treated in the same way. As soon as we receive it we then act on it.

Brian said: I've probably said this before Andrea but obviously you'll get more calls at the start, then people will get used to it. Over a 12 year period, do you factor in the fact that people will ring you less as it becomes more regular and they think, 'oh well it's just part of the day'? It still affects them the same but over 1 year, 2 years, 5 years [they will think] 'are we going to ring every time'?

Andrea said: You don't need to ring every time. The term that we have used is attenuates, you get used to it. It doesn't mean you're not hearing us, it doesn't mean you're not feeling us, but you've got used to it to a level where it's not concerning you as much, therefore you don't feel the need to pick up the phone, because you know doing that takes a bit of energy and a bit of time. If you've got to that point, that's fantastic because it means that on the whole we are behaving and you can get on with your life in general. For those people who don't get used to the situation, and are concerned by our activity on a regular basis, we would still want to hear from them.

Brian asked: It's just sometimes you get to a stage where you think, 'oh crikey I'm outside, that was a big one, but do I pack everything up that I'm doing and go inside and give them a ring?' It's more of a comment, it's not a complaint, it's more of letting you know 'hey', and you can piece the points together. So you want people to keep ringing.

Andrea said: Absolutely, and you don't have to ring immediately. If you're thinking you might want some action immediately, then ring immediately, but, if it's more of a comment, you know just informing us about your experience, then you could call us the next morning when it's more convenient. What we'd ask though is that you don't save them up for 3 months, then have us on the phone for an hour...

Tim asked: You would listen though?

Andrea said: We listen. We've got some great people who listen, write it all down and then have to go back into the system and log it. I hope the explanation earlier made sense because we do put it up at the daily meeting, it does get assessed at a weekly production meeting and, as a result of that, it does influence what the underground guys do. As I say, the blasting's not going to stop, you will still feel us, but we would like to think that we can try and manage that a little better.

Dale: You're saying about the complacency, the acceptance levels, people just getting annoyed and not bothering to call in. That's where the SIA would still pick it up though wouldn't it?

Andrea said: Yes, there will be mechanisms in the SIMP. Depending on the feedback from the SIA [the draft SIMP] might change, but there are perception surveys as a part of [the draft SIMP] so we would expect that type of feedback to come in through there, as well as other mechanisms.

Tim asked: Andrea, what are you going to do with the complaints process?

Andrea said: Based on the feedback we've had today, from this morning and this afternoon, we'll start the implementation of [the change]. To people in the room, if there are cracks that open up with the changed complaints process, then let us know. If people are ringing in the evening and not getting followed up the next morning, follow us up the next morning, let us know please. If it's not going to work, then we will go back to doing what we know but we're hoping the changed process will provide a better service for those who have got some immediate concerns during the evening or during the night.

Tim asked: Is there anything else that people would like to ask about or comment on before we close the meeting this evening?

Murray said: Earlier on, you showed the 49 markers you put in to locate any movement, are any of those on private property?

Kerry said: Not normally no, because what you need is to have a clear line of sight to the next one, you can't have trees and houses [in the way] so they tend to be out on the road system or kerbs etc.

Murray said: In my property for example, I've got a big wide concrete drive and we may be over a stoep. What have we got in place that we can sort of track [any movement]? We don't want it all cracking up.

Kerry said: The locations for the pins were put forward by experts, who were reviewed by council's experts. They believe that there is [now] sufficient density to pick up those types of movements. That's the reason we came up with doing another 49, it wasn't just a number, it was developed because the experts said, 'this is the sort of density' required. At the moment they are 100 metres or 50 metres apart in some locations, and this is where those pins should go to pick up movement.

Murray said: But like I say, I've got this big ...

Kerry: If you do pick up that type of movement at your house and you're concerned, there's the complaints process to go through and we get engineers and builders to come out and have a look and investigate.

Tim: Murray are you saying, how would you know if [it has moved] if you don't have one of these pins?

Murray said: Yes, we've got a big flat concrete drive at the present time and it's just got the normal cuts and so on that concrete has, although there is a little bit of a crack but that's been there for a long, long time. Do we monitor it ourselves and, if we see a crack you know in a few months time, do we ring up and so on? You didn't do a BRANZ report on every property, so what do we do to keep an eye on our own property for that sort of thing?

Andrea said: If you have any property concerns, definitely give us a bell. There is a process outlined in the consent conditions [setting out] what needs to happen. If you call us about a concern you have with your driveway, then we'll come out initially, we have a contracted builder and he will come out, have a look at the damage and provide an understanding of what he believes the issue is. If you don't think that's right then there are other steps you can go through as recourse. We would inform you of that at the time. Then the next step [if it is still not resolved] would be to talk to HDC, then ultimately you would end up with the IRP. There are a number of steps in there that allow you to be able to elevate a concern if you feel that an initial assessment is incorrect.

At this morning's meeting we talked to Roger Wainhouse and he had a lot of questions about the idea of having a void under a property, and because, I guess, of historical mining concerns with homes in holes and so on, how is that not going to happen. We will probably develop a workshop around property and potential property damage; how the settlement markers work; what's the process people can go through [if there is damage]; [how we will do] the mining starting from the bottom working up; why we will not have a house down a hole; the difference between earthquakes and vibration because earthquakes can displace the earth whereas vibration doesn't. If that is something that would be of interest to you Murray, then you would be welcome to come along. We'll certainly be promoting it and people can just register once we've pulled that together.

Tim checked with Andrea: Andrea you said that:

- If Murray has got a concern about his property, he can just ring the company and somebody will come out and have a look?
- At the next meeting or round about the next meeting [your team is looking at] the idea of developing some more knowledge about what might happen, or won't happen, in relation to mining and property damage?

Andrea said: Yes, what came out this morning was Roger talking about the fact that it is people's perception at the moment of what *might* occur, rather than what is actually going to occur. It seems to make good sense [to clarify those things] if people are interested, and I imagine [as] property is a key asset, you do want to have a greater understanding of exactly what potentially might be happening under your home. That's the intention, to give that understanding.

Question asked: Before Christmas I attended a meeting and we were told that some of the drive shafts would not be backfilled; that the catenary arch will be supported, but backfilling does not always occur. How do we know there's not going to be a collapse of some sort and/or some sort of slumping of the earth around it?

Andrea: That's exactly why we [want to] run this workshop, to give enough time to respond to those sorts of questions. What you heard prior to Christmas is correct, the drives or the tunnels that are developed are not going to be backfilled. They are 5 x 5 metres and at the depth we are operating, if rock was to fall it would 'choke off' well before it got anywhere close to the surface. What that means is when rock breaks, it expands, and [the drive would]

basically fill itself up before it can get anywhere close to the surface. That's a very quick response to that question, but those are the sorts of things that we really would like to spend some time talking with people about.

Tim asked: Will there be diagrams and explanation, that will help people understand what will happen, to make sure that it is safe when the mining starts?

Andrea said: We will get the experts, the people who know what they're talking about, e.g. our Underground Manager. We will get people [to come and speak] who are the people down the hole, who will be creating these tunnels, who need to make sure it's safe for them. Please remember in terms of safety, we've got guys down there and we would not be doing it if we didn't have things very safe; that has to be a priority for us. Clearly we do not want any accidents of any nature and that would be unforgiveable if there was that sort of collapse.

Mike asked: With respect to the settlement markers, I don't know if this is more aimed towards council or Kerry. From memory, isn't the lion's share of the ore body under private residences? Wouldn't it make sense to have a few indicators in those areas?

Kerry said: We are listening to the experts, who know a lot more about this stuff than we do, and they are the ones [that have said where to put them] and [this] has been peer reviewed and agreed, that those are the appropriate locations. We can't really enter into a debate because we aren't the people with all of that expert knowledge.

Mike said: No but you can take it back to them...

Kerry said: Their decision was that those were the appropriate locations to put those markers.

Mike said: The only reason I say that is because there were a lot of points made about the Gladstone Road subsidence, that it was very localised. So you're talking about a fairly small area.

Kerry said: Correct, and that's why they've increased the density of those.

Mike said: I realise that, but if it's on the outer areas of where the actual ore body is ...

Kerry said: As I say, we take guidance from the experts in those areas and that's where they've told us to put them to detect those very issues, and in protection of the likes of Gladstone Road occurring again. It was on the back of that Gladstone Road incident that they decided that those locations needed to be included to increase the density.

Mike said: I realise that, and I understand the importance of increasing the density, I'm just saying most of the ore body is under private residences and not in the clear line of sight that you're talking about you need ...

Kerry said: I understand what you're saying.

Mike turned to Mark Buttimore and asked: Is this a question that council could answer?

Tim asked: Did you have a question for Mark, Mike, in terms of council's thought on that?

Mike said: I can talk with him later.

Tim asked Mark: I didn't want to lose what you said before, that Kerry could also take this question back and get some more information on it if that was what was needed, to get a

good answer from the experts that made the determination about where the settlement markers needed to be. Is that what you are suggesting?

Mike said: Yes.

Tim asked: So Mark did you want to say anything about council's role in those decisions and that issue?

Mark said: Just to agree with what Kerry had to say, that we have our own expert in this area who, although he's Australian based, he's done a lot of work in Waihi. That then was 2 experts together, the company's and ours. The 50 metre separation around the streets, in fact, would cover any settlement that occurred in the property between streets so that's the assurance we've had from the experts. We are now down to 50 metre [spacing] as a direct result of Gladstone Road. I'm like Kerry, we have to take the best advice we can get.

Kerry said: That was discussed at length during the mediation process and agreed by all those people and individuals who were involved in that. You were sitting there when we went through that process, there was quite a bit of debate about increasing those markers and we all agreed.

Tim asked: Mike can I have a go at framing your question so that we get the question and get the answer. Is the question, 'why aren't there settlement markers on the private properties in between, when you understand that a lot of the ore body is actually under those private properties?'

Mike said: Yes.

Tim said. We will come back with an answer at the next meeting.

Tim asked: Is there anything else that people would like to ask about, comment on generally, before we close the meeting tonight?

There were no other questions.

Tim asked if everybody had filled in the attendance register, their email address (if they want information sent out to them) and indicated whether they do or don't want to have their attendance recorded in the minutes of this meeting? Everybody had done that. The names of those who authorised publication in the attendance register are recorded below.

Tim asked: When is the next meeting?"

Andrea said: August 13.

Tim said: August 13? That's quite good timing isn't it because you'll have the final mine design by then.

Andrea said: That is correct.

Tim thanked everyone for their attendance and Andrea, Kerry and Siobhan for the presentation of information.

The next meetings will take place on 13 August 2014

Attendance Register

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Alan & Dianne Purvis
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