

Recent News

Correnso Community meeting minutes

Minutes of the two Correnso Community meetings held on September 9 were emailed out last week. Print copies of both meetings and audio recordings are available from the iSite at the Gold Discovery Centre and Hauraki District Council Service Centre at the library.

We have had quite a few emails bounce back this time. If you have changed your email address, or if you have not received the minutes and you wish to, please let us know. And of course, if you are receiving the minutes and wish this to be discontinued you should also tell us.



What will happen to the 0800 number when OceanaGold takes over?

The 0800 freephone we operate will be available after the change of ownership. As the current number and word combination is 0800 NEWMONT we will be changing this once the sale process is complete. We will widely advertise the new number and provide new fridge magnets, and also programme the new number into your phone if you need assistance.

IRP property purchase applications now open



Last week the Waihi Community Forum advised that the 2015 application round for property purchase under the Independent Review Panel (IRP) is now open.

The programme is a Correnso consent condition. It acknowledges that there may be property owners experiencing exceptional circumstances as a direct result of mining activity making it important for them to be able to sell their properties and move from the area. The process for applying to the Panel is set out in the application guidelines which can be downloaded from the Forum's website www.waihicommunityforum.co.nz or collected from Hauraki District Council Service Centre or the Waihi Community Resource Centre. Important dates for this round are featured over the page. See last week's *Waihi Leader* for more information, or email the WCF Coordinator, wcfinformation@gmail.com

Why ring 0800 NEWMONT?

Our 0800 freephone is available 24 hours a day. Between 9.00am and 4.00pm it will be answered by one of our staff. Outside of these hours you can leave a message, or be put through to security staff if there is an issue which needs to be dealt with immediately. All calls are logged, whether you talk with one of our staff or leave a message. All complaints and concerns about mine operation effects such as vibration or noise are logged into a database and form part of the agenda for each morning's management meeting. In January and July a report detailing all complaints and concerns from the previous six months is sent to Waikato Regional Council and Hauraki District Council. This process is followed irrespective of who takes the initial call, or if you leave a message. If you do leave a message and want us to call you back please indicate this.

Contact us:

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IRP property purchase applications now open

Last week's *Waihi Leader* featured a full page from the Waihi Community Forum detailing the Independent Review Panel purchase process.

The IRP Property Purchase programme is a requirement of the 2013 Correnso Underground Mine Conditions of Consent.

Important dates:

1 October 2015

Applications open

30 October 2015

Applications close

23-27 November 2015

Applicant interviews if required

February 2016

Property purchase process begins

SIMP

The Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP for short) is a Consent Condition. Condition 39 states: *'The purpose of the SIMP shall be to provide an updateable framework to identify, assess, monitor, manage, and re-assess the social effects (both positive and negative) of the Correnso Underground Mine in combination with any other Newmont Waihi Gold mining projects operating in the area, on the community, and also to provide an annual report on the outcomes of this work.'*

The operation is required to report on a number of indicators that over time will identify trends related to six themes; property, employment, the local economy, community, health and wellbeing, and the future of Waihi.

An annual perception survey covering the six themes will be carried out each year. Each twelve-month period will have a dominant theme. This year's theme is based around a study of the local economy and employment.

We have retained a national research company to design and conduct the survey which will include random telephone interviewing and a small number of face to face interviews with individuals and groups. These will take place during the second half of October. All responses will be confidential to the research company. The summary of findings will be included in the SIMP monitoring report which is due to Council early next year.

The vibration workshops held in March and July explained the difference between blast vibration and an earthquake. We also featured an article about this in the August East Ender. There's no need to prepare for a blast event as the vibration ends after a few seconds, but it is well worth preparing for an earthquake.



International ShakeOut Day of Action: Thursday 15 October

Everyone, everywhere, should know the right action to take before, during, and after an earthquake.

Thursday 15 October is the *International ShakeOut Day of Action*. New Zealand will be the first country to participate this year at 9.15am.

The organisers hope to sign up 1.5 million New Zealanders, making ours the biggest ShakeOut per capita. Already over 700,000 participants have registered.

You can sign up here.

www.shakeout.govt.nz/register/index.php

*Find out more about **ShakeOut Day** and how you can participate here.*

www.shakeout.govt.nz/howtoparticipate/

Underground tours survey

The SIMP (story on left) isn't the only survey we are doing. We have just finished an online survey of Waihi East residents who we have taken on underground tours. We were keen to find out if we were providing the right kind of information and whether the tours were worthwhile. Thirty-six people of the 64 who went underground completed the survey. Comments were very positive. Here's a selection.

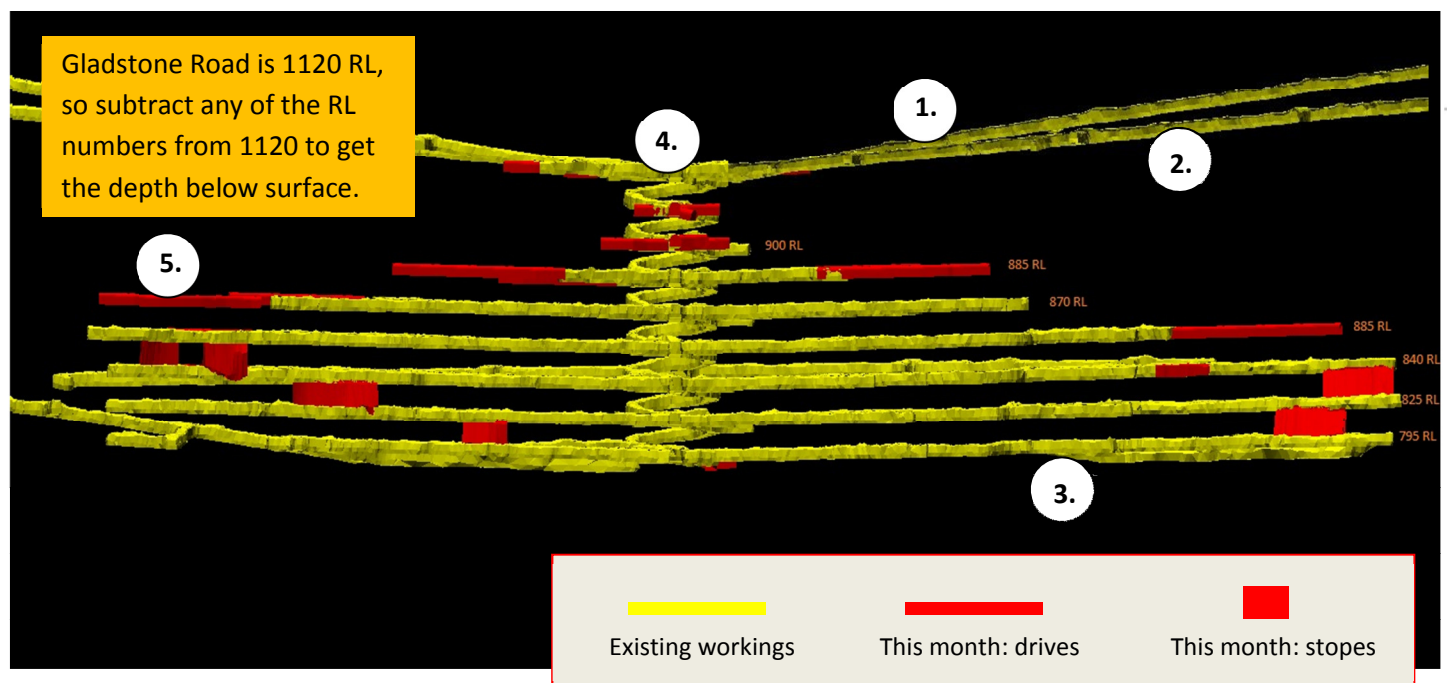
I enjoyed my tour and felt that staff did everything they could to show us everything going on and or available at the time. Thank you again. I would like to have seen a piezometer or something to do with blast monitoring, maybe some other time.

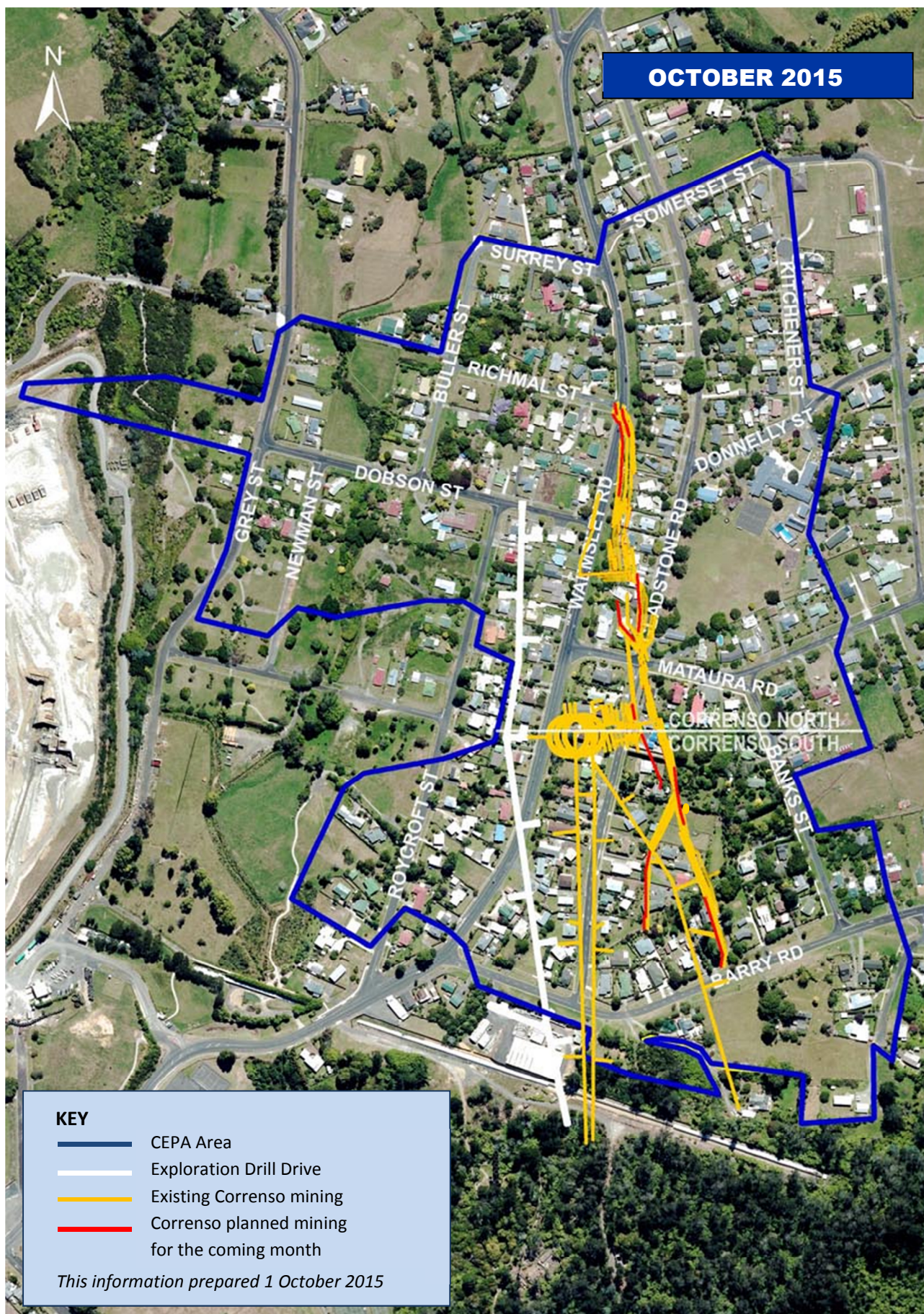
Pity we could not get any rock samples, i.e. amethyst, quartz crystals. I understand the safety reasons but it would have been nice to see and touch the face being prepped for blasting.

Our guide didn't know where we were in relation to the streets above.

It opened my eyes about how extensive the mining really is. You can read about it forever, but it doesn't really sink in or become 'real' until you actually see it for yourself. It was a very interesting experience, thanks!

We are taking a break from underground tours for a while. If you would like to join a future tour, please let us know.





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