

## Latest News

### September Correnso Community Meeting

The regular six-monthly meeting was attended by 25 people. The two topics which generated the most conversation were the Slevin Underground Project and blast vibration. The venue and time of day meetings are held was also discussed at some length. Minutes of the meeting are now available at the iSite and Council Service Centre at the library. The minutes have also been distributed by email. If you have not received a copy and wish to do so, let us know.

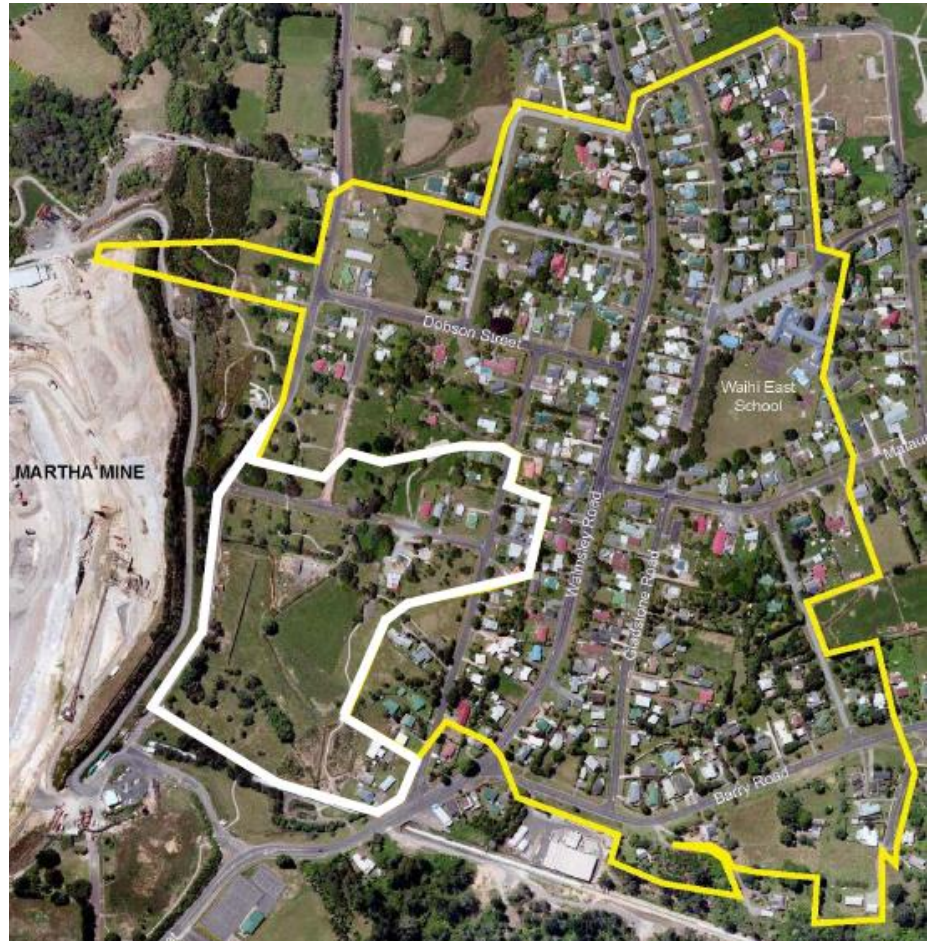
### Blast Vibration Workshop

There were several questions about blast vibration at the recent Correnso Community meeting. Many required technical answers which we would not have been able to provide in the time available, so we asked again if people would be interested in attending a Blast Vibration Workshop similar to those which were run last year. We originally had a small number of people register their interest, but not enough to make it worthwhile to get all of the presenters to Waihi. Thanks to the response from the community meeting we now have enough interest. The workshop is planned for 1.00pm, Monday 21 November at the Education Centre. If you wish to attend, but have not yet let us know, please get in touch.

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## Slevin Underground Project Area



*Above: The white border shows the Slevin Underground Project Area (SUPA) which OceanaGold has applied for consent to mine by underground methods from the existing Correnso mine.*

Our exploration programme has identified extensions of the Daybreak, Christina and Empire veins that go beyond the current Correnso consent boundary. These extensions are located to the west of the Correnso mine between the current workings and the Martha open pit. (Shown in white above). The extensions go under the Slevin Park area which the company owns, and also beneath a small number of residential properties. We have called this the Slevin Underground Project Area (SUPA). Following discussions with the relevant property owners, they have all agreed to the proposal to mine in this area.

### Contact us:

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*An unusual view of the historic cyanide tanks on Union Hill, taken using our drone.  
Consent conditions require that we regularly monitor the condition of these structures.*

*From page one.*

### **Slevin Underground Project (continued)**

The company has applied to the Council for a consent to mine the SUPA area with the same operating conditions as those currently in force at our Correnso underground mine. We do not yet have this consent.

The proposed area is a small extension of Correnso and will most likely be subject to all the relevant conditions of the Correnso consent. The project would use our existing surface and underground facilities and be subject to the same operational hours as Correnso. There would be no new surface infrastructure, and blasting would continue to be restricted to no more than three blasts per day from both projects combined.

The SUPA application has been assessed by an independent commissioner appointed by Hauraki District Council to determine whether the project should be publicly notified, limited notified, or non-notified under the requirements of the Resource Management Act.

If a project is publicly notified, members of the public can make submissions and their views will be taken into account. Limited notification means only people who are considered to be affected can express their views. If a project is non-notified it is because in the opinion of the independent commissioner adverse effects are less than minor.

In this case the independent commissioner has decided the project should be non-notified. The commissioner has stated that this decision is based on a number of factors, including the fact that the company has obtained the written approval of all directly affected residents and iwi.

Hauraki District Council will prepare a planning report with technical input from expert advisors. It is expected a decision will be made by the independent commissioner later this month.

If approved, the project would begin in late 2016.

### **Correnso meeting notes**

#### **When should we meet?**

The September Correnso Community meeting was the first of these meetings where we only ran one session. Previously we had run two meetings covering the same material; one in the afternoon and another at 5.30pm. When attendance at the last two early evening meetings dropped off we made the decision just to run with one meeting at 3.00pm.

At the most recent meeting there was some discussion around the best time to have a meeting that would suit most people. Afternoon? After work? After tea? We didn't arrive at a decision, so if you have strong feelings about the timing of the March and September 2017 meetings let us know.

As the recent 3.00pm September meeting was the best attended for some time, we plan to meet at this time next year unless there is a majority wishing to change.

If you have a strong view either way you can email Kit Wilson [kit.wilson@oceanagold.com](mailto:kit.wilson@oceanagold.com) or phone or text 027 451 3407.

#### **Need picking up?**

It was suggested that some people may wish to attend the six-monthly meetings but have difficulty getting from Waihi East to the Education Centre. If this is the case for you, please let us know and we will arrange to pick you up and return you home after the meeting. Contact Donna Fisher to arrange this. [donna.fisher@oceanagold.com](mailto:donna.fisher@oceanagold.com) or call on 0800 WAIHIGOLD (0800 924 444)

### **BLAST VIBRATION WORKSHOP | MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER | 1.00PM | EDUCATION CENTRE**

We will contact those who have already indicated they wish to attend. There is plenty of room for more people.

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## Audio of Correnso minutes now on line

Until now we have been producing copies of the six-monthly Correnso Community Meeting minutes on CD. Over time this has resulted in copies of the CDs at the iSite and Council Service Centre sitting in drawers and seldom being requested.

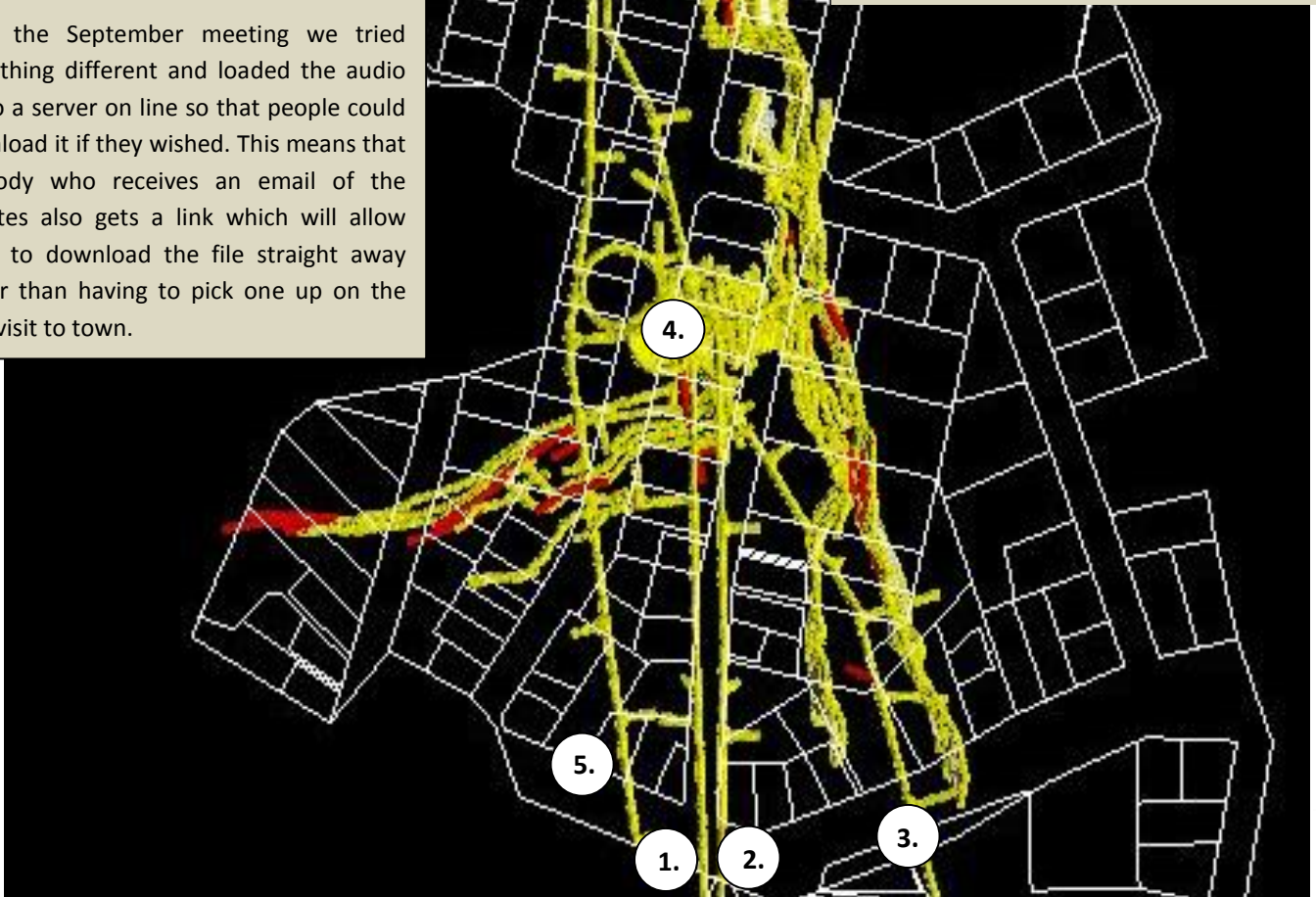
After the September meeting we tried something different and loaded the audio file to a server on line so that people could download it if they wished. This means that anybody who receives an email of the minutes also gets a link which will allow them to download the file straight away rather than having to pick one up on the next visit to town.

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### KEY

- Existing mining
- This month's planned mining
- Property boundaries

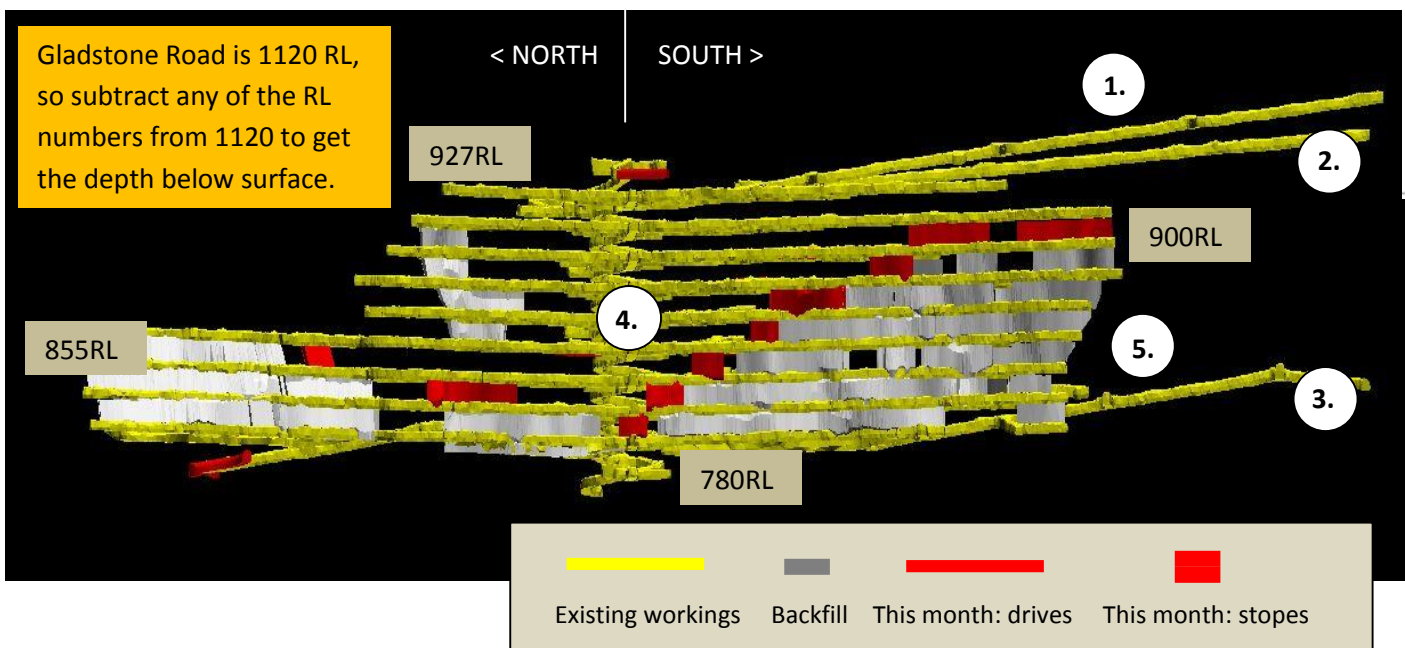
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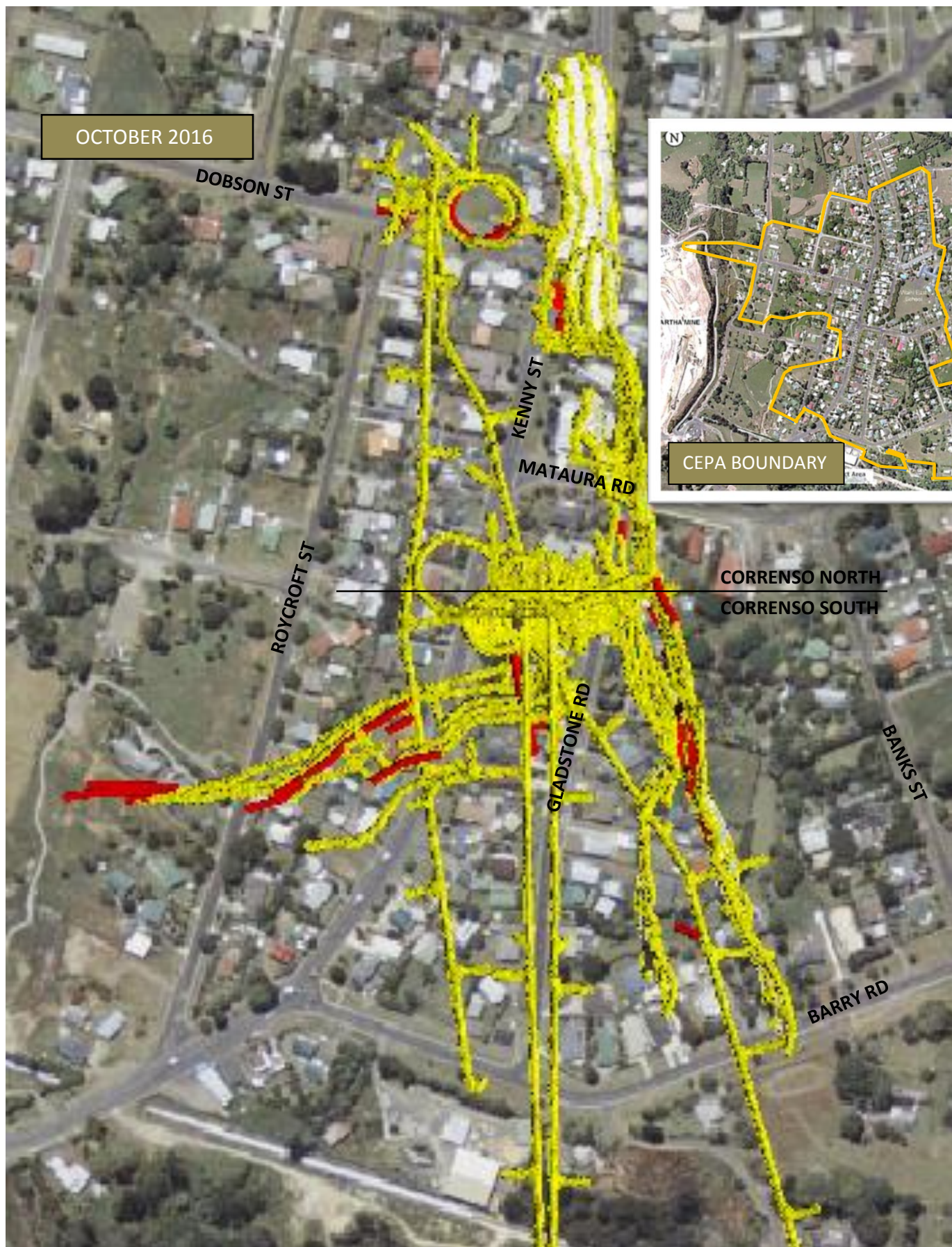
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## Mine Development Plan

Published at the start of each month as required by  
Condition 22a of the Correnso Underground  
Conditions of Consent

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