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Equipment blessing on site



Members of Waihi Community Marae joined us at sunrise recently to bless two new pieces of equipment. One vehicle was much smaller than most of the machinery we are used to seeing on site. The narrow vein bogger is, as its name suggests, used to access narrow veins of ore. This loader is much smaller than the others we use underground. It will allow us to access areas the larger equipment cannot reach. The machine caused some mirth amongst staff when it was rolled out of the workshop with a fresh coat of paint due to its comparative small size.

AEP

This text was published in the East Ender in February last year. It is reprinted here for those people who have recently moved to Waihi East.

The Amenity Effect Programme (AEP) was started several years ago as an informal agreement between the company and residents living in defined areas close to the open pit or underground operations. The programme was set up as a voluntary initiative with no legal status.

The AEP acknowledged that mine-related effects such as vibration could have the potential to affect people's quality of life (amenity). It was designed to recognise that some people may experience the effects of our operations at levels lower than those set by the consent conditions.

The Correnso Underground Mine Consent Conditions incorporated AEP. Now, the programme is a part of our operating consents and so is mandatory. AEP was also incorporated into the SUPA consent conditions.

Each six-month period, detailed vibration reports for the locations are exported from BlastHub. The data are filtered to identify properties that registered two or more blast events in any month that resulted in a vibration level of 1.5mm/s (peak particle velocity) or more during the reporting period.

Qualifying criteria

- Tenants of rental accommodation must have lived at the address for a minimum period of six months before they will be enrolled to receive AEP payments.
- Two or more blasts in one month with ground vibration equal or greater than 1.5mm/s in magnitude.

Payment Rates

Payments are based on OceanaGold Waihi's monitoring results and a schedule of rates that increases payments with increasing magnitudes of vibration.

While the payments will vary depending on the mine-related effects experienced, a minimum payment of \$250 has been established that will apply to all qualifying residents in any six-month period.

Rates are adjusted annually in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

AEP payments for the second half of 2017 have been calculated. Cheques should be ready for delivery later this month.

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Dave Gawn visits Correnso

Major General Dave Gawn was recently appointed as the head of the Pike River Recovery Agency. One of the Government's election promises was a manned re-entry into the mine's drift to recover any remains of the 29 men killed in an explosion in November 2010. In the late January Dave visited Waihi and was taken underground by OceanaGold Waihi general manager Bernie O'Leary and Dave Townsend, Underground Tech Services Superintendent. While there are significant differences between a coal mine like Pike and a hard rock gold mine like Waihi, the visit provided the opportunity for Dave to get an understanding of what goes on in an operating underground mine.

www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/100040940/former-army-chief-major-general-dave-gawn-to-head-pike-river-recovery-agency

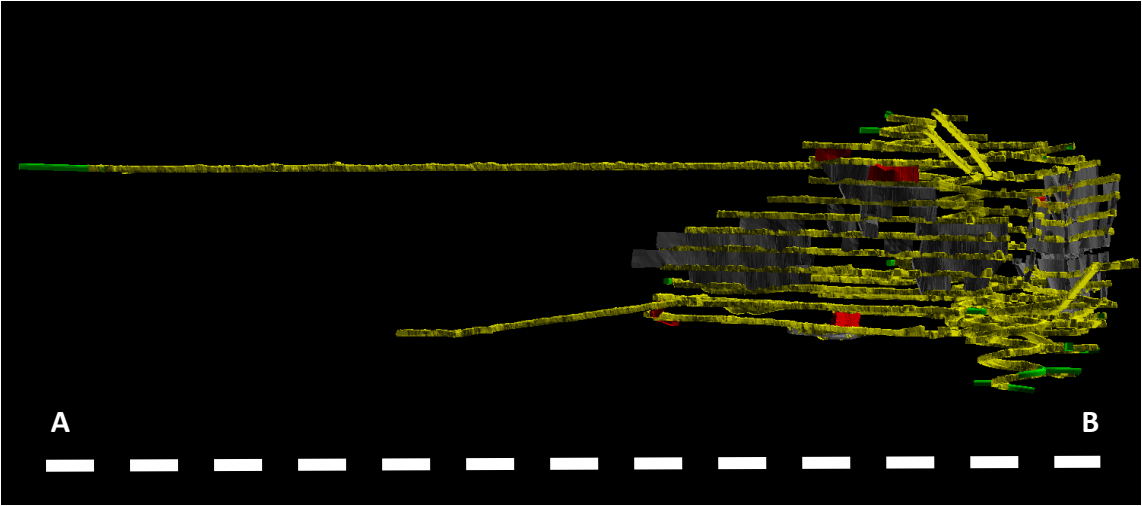
Below: Dave Townsend shows Dave Gawn the layout of the Correnso mine.



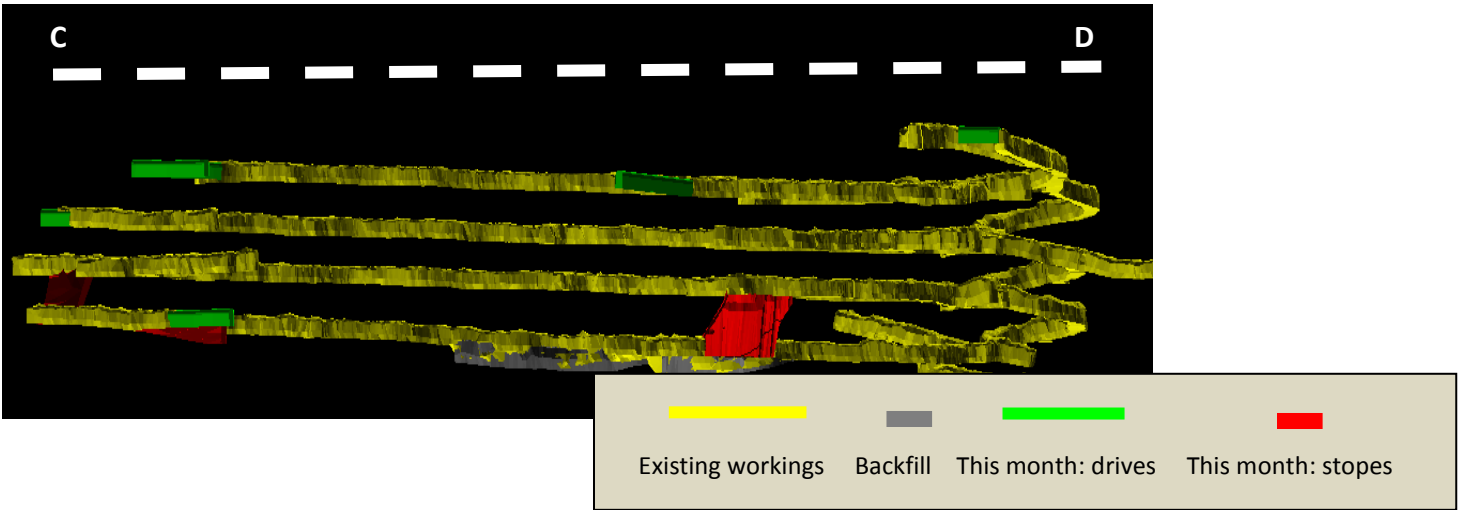
Above: Bernie O'Leary explains how a physical tagboard is used in conjunction with an electronic system to monitor staff numbers underground.



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Empire (dashed line C-D shown on page three).

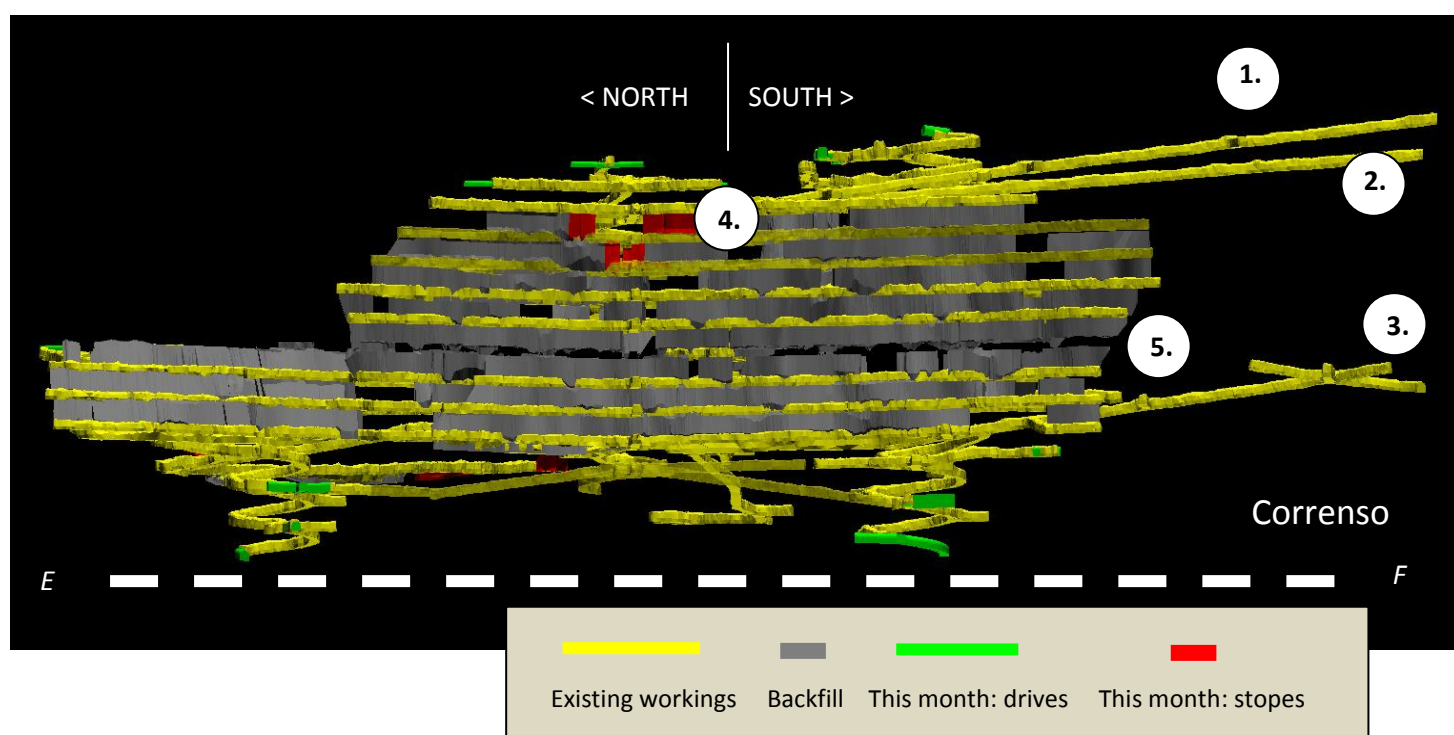
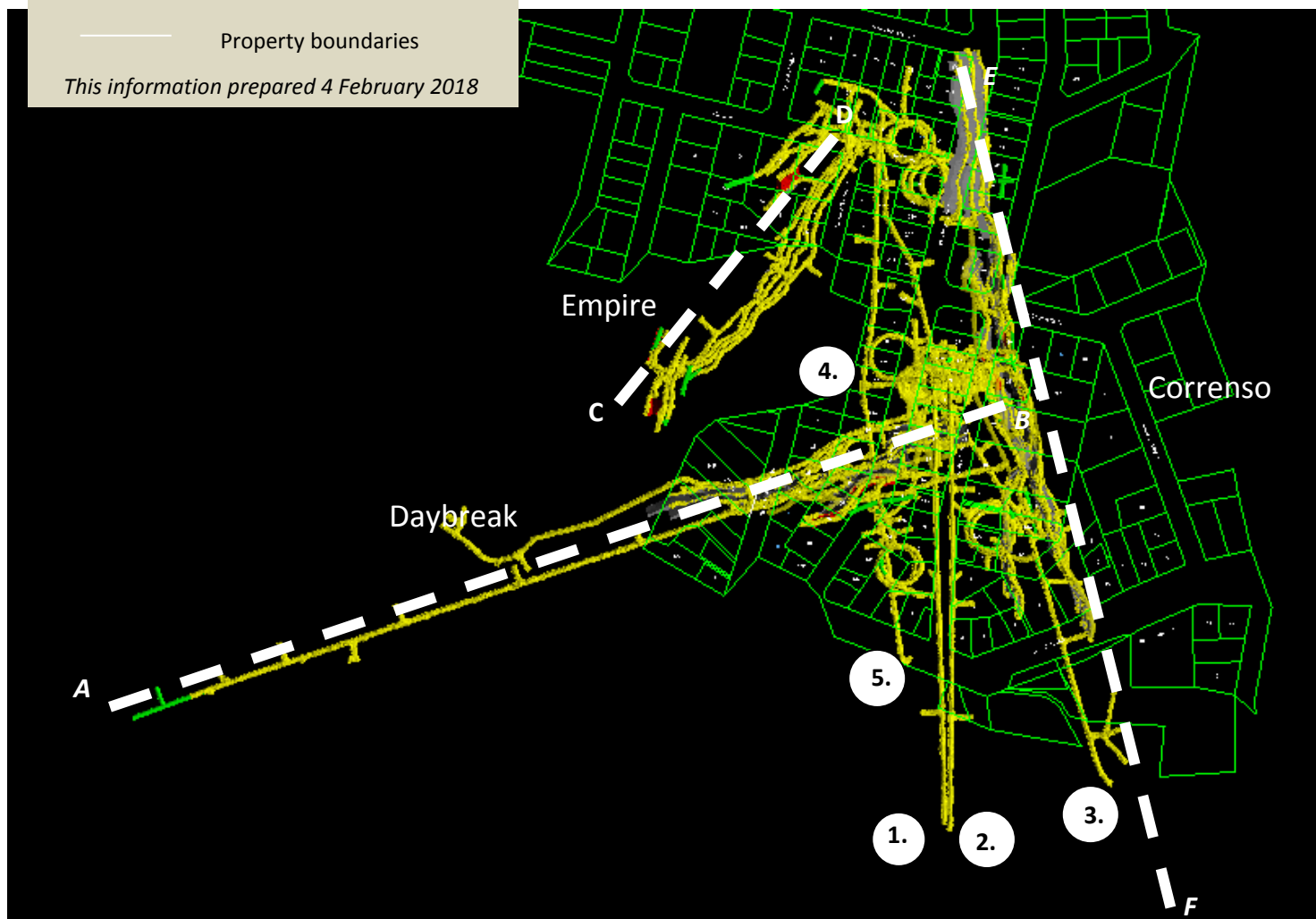


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February 2018

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

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- Existing mining
- Planned mining for this month
- Backfill
- Stopes

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Mine Development Plan

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