

PROJECT MARTHA



On 28 March OceanaGold announced that the company would apply for the necessary resource consents to construct and operate underground and surface mines that we have collectively called 'Project Martha'.

These activities have been extensively advertised in early April and a number of community meetings were held. Staff have also been visiting residents in the area, and continue to do so. As previously reported, most of Project Martha is located in and under the current Martha open pit, although we have also located a small deposit just to the south of the pit.

Soon, Hauraki District Council will publicly notify Project Martha. You may get material in your letterbox even though you are quite some

distance from the project area. The public will then be invited to provide submissions. This will be followed by a Council hearing and then a decision will be announced by Councils. If there was an Environment Court hearing this would most likely take place in early 2019 with a decision announced later the year.

All of the technical reports relating to Project Martha are available on our website here: www.waihigold.co.nz/updatesreports/media-releases/#hdrUpdates

If you would prefer a print copy of any of these reports please contact us on our Community Engagement Line **0800 WAIHIGOLD (0800 92 44 44)**.

SOCIAL IMPACT Management Plan

The Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP) is a Correnso consent condition. We are required to report on a range of indicators such as the number of staff and contractors who work at the mine, where they live, and whether they rent or own their own home. We are also required to report on 'the relationship of mine operations to any impacts on local services (education, health, vulnerable members of the community etc)' or any impacts we have had on emergency services such as fire, civil defence and ambulance. Data from previous years is also included in each report. If the SIMP identifies any significant adverse trend that is the result of mining activities, we are required to undertake appropriate mitigating actions.

The 2017 SIMP has been approved by Hauraki District Council and is available on our website. It's 104 pages long and contains a huge amount of data on a wide variety of subjects.

You can find the 2017 SIMP here: www.waihigold.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Social-Impact-Management-Plan-SIMP-2017.pdf



A budding geologist

Jub and Mahad are two young men, originally from Africa, who now live in suburban Auckland. The two haven't travelled out of the city much. Their

trip down to Waihi from Auckland was the first time they had ever seen a cow.

Jub is part of a hip hop group called Bless Movement. His experiences are being recorded by Greenstone Pictures for a TVNZ On Demand programme that will be available in September. Jub wants to be a geologist. The TV production crew asked if he could visit the Waihi site and be recorded during his time with us.

In their few hours on site Jub and Mahad talked with geologists, looked at drill core to observe how ore is assayed, and visited a drill rig. The highlight of their visit was being taken underground by Underground Manager Charlie Gawith.

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AMENITY EFFECT Programme

AEP payments for the first half of the year are currently being calculated. Shortly, those residents eligible for AEP will receive a letter and after that cheques will be delivered by hand. If you do not receive a letter within the next few weeks this means that you are not eligible for AEP this round.

AEP payments are calculated using BlastHub monitoring results to model the vibration effects that may be experienced at various locations and to calculate payments.

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