

Public notice of resource consent applications pursuant to Section 95A of the Resource Management Act 1991

The Dunedin City Council and Waitaki District Council have received the following applications for land use resource consents:

Resource Consent Application No:	DCC Reference: LUC-2016-230 and LUC-2013-225/A WDC Reference: 201.2016.779
Name of Applicant:	Oceana Gold (NZ) limited
Location of site:	Taieri Ridge, situated between Sister Peaks and Highlay Hill
Legal Description:	Part Section 2 Block V Highlay SD, Lot 1 DP 465577 Part Section 2 Block VII Highlay SD, Part Section 11 Block VII Highlay SD,

Description of Application:

Oceana Gold is proposing an extension to the existing consented Coronation project, called the Coronation North Project ("the Project"). It would form part of the wider consented Macraes Gold Project centered at Macraes Flat. The main features of the Project are as follows:

- It is located on the Taieri ridgeline between the features known as Sister Peaks and Highlay Hill, and is situated to the north of Horse Flat Road, and is just over 7.0 km from Macraes Flat Township. Taieri ridgeline forms the catchment divide between Shag River and Taieri River.
- The existing consented Coronation Pit would be increased from a total area of about 62 hectares up to 85 hectares. It is expected total ore recovery would be approximately 8.5 million tonnes, up from 5 million tonnes.
- A new open pit (Coronation North Pit) would be developed. Coronation North Pit would cover up to 63 hectares and is estimated to contain approximately 9 million tonnes of ore.
- A new waste rock stack (Coronation North Waste Rock Stack) would be constructed to the north-east of the existing Coronation Waste Rock Stack. The total volume of waste rock would be up to 280 million tonnes and would cover up to 230 hectares. The maximum height will be 695mRL.
- The existing Coronation Waste Rock Stack would not be constructed to the fully consented extent. The total volume of waste rock will reduce from a currently consented 94 million tonnes to approximately 29 million tonnes with an area of approximately 41 hectares. This represents a reduction of 64 hectares in area. The consented maximum height of the Coronation Waste Rock Stack will remain at 730 mRL.
- All water from the Coronation North Pit and Coronation North Waste Rock Stack and any overflow from the Coronation Pit lake would be directed to the Mare Burn catchment, a tributary of the Taieri River.
- A freshwater dam may be constructed within Coal Creek catchment. The proposed dam would consist of an embankment with an approximate height of 27m. The dam would hold about 685 million litres of water when at capacity with a footprint of 9.3ha. The dam would provide a constant water supply downstream, of about 5 litres per second, to supplement naturally occurring low flows in Coal Creek and Mare Burn for water quality purposes.
- The existing haul road would be extended by about 2km to the north to reach the Coronation North Pit.

- The existing Coronation Project land use consent conditions require the unformed Matheson Road to be realigned around the consented Coronation pit and waste rock stack so that an unformed public access (15 metres wide) is restored once mining operations cease. Since the footprints of the Coronation North Pit and Coronation North Waste Rock Stack overlap the consented features Oceana Gold are proposing to identify an alternative route for the realigned Matheson Road.
- The ore would continue to be hauled from the pits to the Macraes processing plant via the existing haul road across Horse Flat Road and along the Golden Point Road alignment to the processing plant. In all other respects, the roading for the Project would remain the same as for the consented Coronation project.
- New temporary buildings (including toilet facilities and crib room) may be established adjacent to the Coronation North Pit. Temporary buildings located by Coronation Pit would remain.
- The portable diesel storage and refueling facility installed adjacent to Coronation Pit would remain.
- Mining operations would continue to occur 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- On closure, buildings and other temporary structures would be removed, silt ponds would be decommissioned and likely become stock water ponds, the haul road would be decommissioned and rehabilitated.
- On the completion of mining and rehabilitation Golden Point Road will be reopened for public access.
- The estimated duration of the operation and rehabilitation phases of the Project will be approximately 5 years and the Project will add approximately 3 years of operations to the MGP mine life.

The following land use resource consents are required under the operative and proposed Dunedin City District Plan:

Type	Purpose
Land use	a) Extraction of minerals and overburden by mechanical means from Coronation North Pit (centred at grid reference NZTM 1394460E 4978050N)
	b) Deposition of waste rock produced by the operation to Coronation North Waste Rock Stack (centred at grid reference NZTM 1395310E 4978930N) and the deposit of waste rock as backfill into the Coronation North open pit
	c) Construction, operation and maintenance of various silt ponds and silt control facilities for controlling runoff from mining operations
	d) Construction and use of haul roads
	e) Construction and use of temporary buildings
	f) Earthworks in wetlands
	g) Clearance or modification of indigenous vegetation
	h) Decommissioning and rehabilitation of the structures and works listed above
	i) The excavation, construction and operations of Coal Creek Dam and tracks associated with mining

The following land use resource consents are required under the Waitaki District Plan:

Type	Purpose
Land use	a) Extraction of minerals and overburden by mechanical means from Coronation Open Pit (centred at grid reference NZTM 1395770E 4977492N)
	b) Deposition of waste rock (centred at grid reference NZTM 1395770E 4977492N) as backfill into the Coronation open pit
	c) Operation and maintenance of various silt ponds and silt control facilities for controlling runoff from mining operations

	d) Use of a haul road
	e) Use of 2 haul road crossings
	f) Realignment of Matheson Road and variation to timing of re-opening of Golden Point Road
	g) Use and storage of hazardous substances (explosives and diesel)
	h) Use of temporary buildings
	i) Decommissioning and rehabilitation of the structures and works listed above

In addition to the above, any consequential changes to existing consents and new consents that arise.

The application includes an assessment of environmental effects (including a number of appended specialist reports) and may be inspected at:

- Dunedin City Council Main Office at Civic Centre. 50 The Octagon, Dunedin.
- Waitaki District Council's main office at 20 Thames Street, Oamaru; and
- Waitaki District Council's Waihemo Service Centre, 54 Tiverton Street, Palmerston;
- There will be electronic version (CD) of the application available upon request.

Any person may make a submission on the application. You may do so by sending a submission to the following postal addresses:

- Dunedin City Council, PO Box 5045, Moray Place, Dunedin 9058; and/or
- Waitaki District Council, Private Bag 50058, Oamaru.

The submission must be in accordance with Form 13 of the Resource Management Act 1991. Copies of this form are available from the Waitaki District Council. You may also visit the Councils' websites at www.waitaki.govt.nz or www.dunedin.govt.nz to find a submission form template.

Submissions can be made by any person, in writing, stating all details as required by Section 96 of the Act. The submission must be dated and signed, and must include the following information:

1. Your name, postal address, telephone number [fax/email address if applicable];
2. Details of the application in respect of which you are making the submission;
3. Whether you support or oppose the application;
4. Your submission, with reasons;
5. The decision that you wish Council to make; and,
6. Whether you wish to be heard in support of your submission.

Submissions close **at 5pm on Friday 19 August 2016.**

You must also serve a copy of your submission on the applicant as soon as reasonably practicable after serving your submission on the Dunedin City Council and/or the Waitaki District Council.

Applicant's address for service:

Jackie St John, Land and Consenting Lawyer, Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited, PO Box 5442, Dunedin 9058

Note: *Oceana Gold (NZ) Ltd has also applied to the Otago Regional Council for resource consents in respect of the above proposal. Please refer to the Otago Regional Council's public notice also contained in this newspaper.*