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#### TABLE 1 - 2012 JORC: Waihi Gold Mine

OceanaGold Corporation (**TSX: OGC**) (**ASX: OGC**) (the "Company") refers to the announcement released by the Company dated 31 March 2022 titled "OCEANAGOLD REPORTS MINERAL RESOURCES AND RESERVES FOR THE YEAR-ENDED 2021" and hereby encloses TABLE 1 - 2012 JORC: Waihi Gold Mine relating to the announcement.



#### SUMMARY OF TABLE 1 - 2012 JORC: Waihi Gold Mine

The Waihi operation is located 142 km Southeast of Auckland in the township of Waihi in the Hauraki district of New Zealand. The Waihi township is known as a gold mining town and has a notable history of gold production.

This updated JORC Table 1 report relates to changes in the Martha Underground (MUG) and Wharekirauponga (WKP) deposits. There has been no change in the status of the Gladstone pit and Martha open pit projects since the release of a NI 43 101 and Table 1 documents in March 2021.

#### 1.0 Waihi Operation

Open pit mining commenced at the site in 1988 with the first ore processed in that year and underground mining commenced in 2004 with the extraction of ore commencing in late 2006. The Waihi operation holds the necessary permits, consents, certificates, licences, and agreements required to operate the Martha underground mine and a restricted Martha pit.

The Waihi site contains several projects at different stages of development. These include the Martha underground, the Martha open pit, the Gladstone open pit and the Wharekirauponga underground (WKP) project. Figures 1 to 3 show the locations of these project areas.

The Martha underground was successfully consented in February 2019 and relates directly to the mineralisation contained within the Martha vein system centred beneath the open pit mine within the Waihi Township.

WKP is located 10 km north of the township of Waihi. It is a high grade, low sulphidation epithermal vein gold-silver deposit hosted within a rhyolite dome complex.

The potential Martha phase 5 cutback is a full cutback of the existing pit targeting resource at depth and re-establishing access to the base of the open-pit.

The Gladstone pit is based on a conceptual open pit centred around the Gladstone hill and Winner hill area. The resource model describes the mineralisation within Gladstone and Winner Hills and includes part of the Moonlight orebody, depleted for underground mining.

Exploration activity has continued in proximity to the Martha and WKP projects. In 2022, the Company expects to drill 21,200 metres in the Martha Underground with a focus on resource conversion (11,850 metres) and resource definition (9,350 metres) to support the Life of Mine Plan. The resource is associated with numerous veins that form part of the Martha vein system, the largest of which include the Martha, Edward, Empire, Royal, and Rex veins. Exploration is planned to continue on the WKP project with two diamond rigs dedicated to the project and 16,700 drill metres scheduled for 2022.

## 1.1 Geology and Mineralisation



The major gold - silver deposits of the Waihi District are classical low sulphidation adularia-sericite epithermal quartz vein systems associated with north to northeast trending faults. Larger veins are characteristically developed along steeply to moderately dipping normal faults with narrower extensional splay veins commonly developed in the hanging wall of major vein structures. The Waihi epithermal gold-silver mineralised veins are hosted in Miocene age andesitic volcanic rocks situated under the Waihi township.

Low sulphidation epithermal quartz veins at WKP are hosted in a rhyolite flow dome complex with overlying and interfingering lithic lapilli tuffs which are in turn partially overlain by post-mineral andesites.

Gold mostly occurs as electrum in the Waihi epithermal vein deposits and has a particle size less than 10  $\mu$ m. The main ore minerals are electrum and silver sulphides with ubiquitous pyrite and variable, though usually minor, sphalerite, galena, and chalcopyrite in a gangue consisting mainly of quartz and some calcite, chlorite, rhodochrosite, and adularia. Base metal sulphides increase with depth.

In general, there are very few sulphides other than pyrite in the WKP veins. Major structures strike NNE and dip steeply to the west with extensional linking vein sets striking in a more northerly direction.



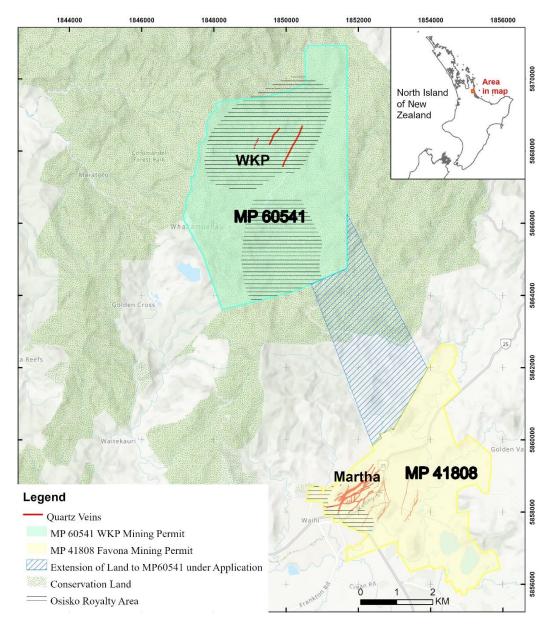


Figure 1: Map showing the minerals permits held by OceanaGold on the North Island of New Zealand, areas of Conservation land and Osisko Royalties in the area surrounding Waihi.



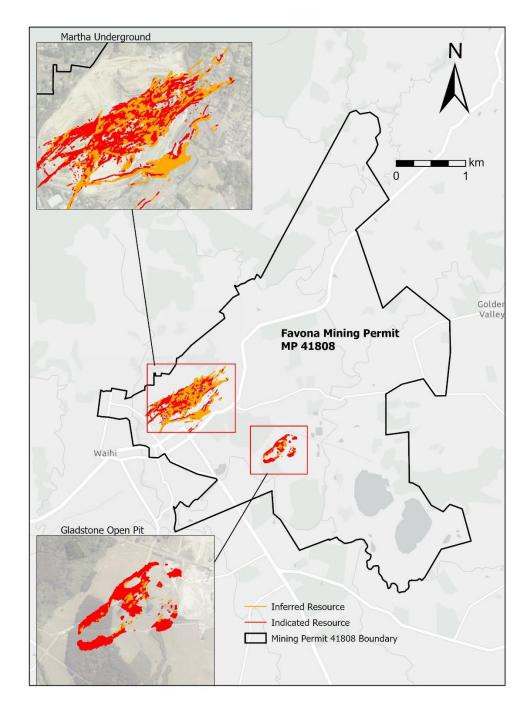


Figure 2: Map of Waihi showing the Favona mining permit boundary (MP41808) relative to the 2021 EoY Martha Underground and Gladstone Open-Pit resources



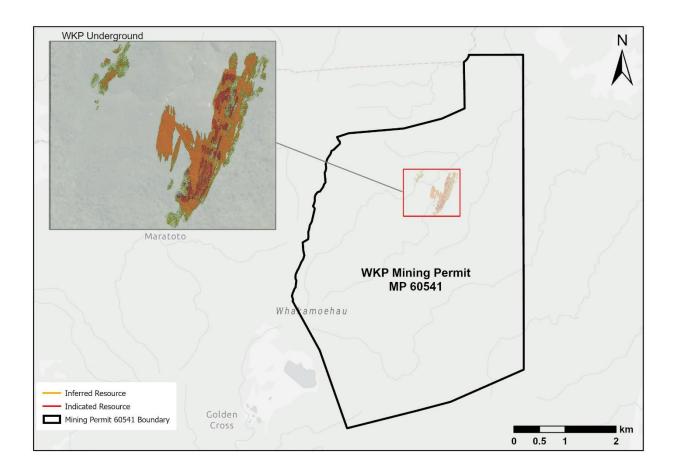


Figure 3: Map of the MP60541 (Wharekirauponga) mining permit and location of the 2021 EoY WKP Underground resources

#### 1.2 Drilling, Sampling and Analyses

Approximately 709,000 metres of diamond drilling has been done on the Waihi projects since 1980 and 47,000 metres of diamond drilling within 117 drillholes has been undertaken on the WKP project. All drill core since 1990 has been routinely oriented below the base of the post-mineral stratigraphy.

Surface holes are collared using large-diameter PQ core, both as a means of improving core recovery and to provide greater opportunity to case off and reduce diameter when drilling through broken ground and historic stopes. Underground holes are collared using HQ3 core diameter and where necessary reduced to NQ3. All core diameters are used in the Mineral Resource estimate with HQ3 being the most common.

Geochemical analysis of core samples was undertaken at SGS Waihi NZ Ltd, an independent commercial geochemistry and energy assay laboratory with ISO 17025:2017 accreditation. Core samples are processed using industry standard practices of drying, crushing, splitting and pulverisation. All exploration samples are assayed for gold by 30 g Fire Assay with AA/ICP-MS



finish. The quality of exploration assay results has been monitored through blank, duplicate and Certified Referenced Materials (CRM) that comprise approximately 10% of analyses.

#### 1.3 Estimation Method

Domaining is performed based on geological observation from logging of diamond drill core and mapping of exposures in both the open pit and underground. Mineralised geologic domains are typically narrow, subvertical epithermal veins within which gold is modelled via ordinary kriging or inverse distance methods dependent on data density. Dry bulk densities ranging between 1.8 t/m<sup>3</sup> and 2.5 t/m<sup>3</sup> are assigned by rock type.

The quantity and quality of the lithological, geotechnical, collar and down hole survey data collected in the exploration, delineation, underground, and grade control drill programs are sufficient to support the mineral resource and ore reserve estimation.

To classify the mineral resource, appropriate account was taken of geology, drill hole spacing, search criteria, location and geometry of historic mining voids, reliability of input data, and the Competent Person's confidence in the continuity of geology and metal values.

## 1.4 Mining and Metallurgy

Long hole bench stoping with rock backfill is the main mining method for extraction of underground Ore Reserves. Stope dilution has been estimated based on expected geotechnical conditions, stope spans and site reconciliation. Recovery of ore requires the use of remote loaders, and allowances have been made for loss of Ore Reserves and for dilution from back fill. High cut-off grades, lower mining recoveries, and higher dilutions have been applied to those Ore Reserves in close proximity to historical workings.

Recovery of gold at Waihi uses a conventional CIP plant and a conventional SABC grinding circuit. The plant has an established skilled workforce and management team in place. Recent cost estimates and processing recoveries support the reporting of the stated Ore Reserves.

#### 1.5 Mineral Resources

The Waihi resource estimates, as at 31 December 2021, are presented in Table 1, **Error! Reference source not found.**, and Table 3, and are classified in accordance with CIM and JORC 2012.

The resource estimate is sub-divided into an open-cut and underground resource for reporting purposes. The open-cut resource includes material within the limits of the Martha Phase 5 pit and the Gladstone pit. The underground resources include the Wharekirauponga underground (WKP) project and the Martha Underground (MUG) project. The Mineral Resources are depleted for mining as at 31 December 2021.



Table 1: Open Cut Resource Estimate (Martha and Gladstone)

Class	Tonnes (Mt)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Au (Moz)	Ag (Moz)
Measured	0	0	0	0	0
Indicated	6.6	1.86	13.6	0.40	2.89
Measured & Indicated	6.6	1.86	13.6	0.40	2.89
Inferred	5.4	1.8	17	0.31	3.0

Table 2: Underground Resource Estimate (Martha and WKP)

Class	Tonnes (Mt)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Au (Moz)	Ag (Moz)
Measured	0	0	0	0	0
Indicated	7.33	7.44	21.1	1.76	4.99
Measured & Indicated	7.33	7.44	21.1	1.76	4.99
Inferred	5.15	7.02	21.8	1.17	3.62

**Table 3: Combined Resource Estimate** 

Class	Tonnes (Mt)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Au (Moz)	Ag (Moz)
Measured	0	0	0	0	0
Indicated	13.93	4.8	17.6	2.15	7.87
Measured & Indicated	13.93	4.8	17.6	2.15	7.87
Inferred	10.58	4.35	1.5	19.3	6.57

#### **Notes to Accompany Mineral Resource Table:**

- 1. Mineral Resources are reported inclusive of Ore Reserves where appropriate.
- 2. Mineral Resources are reported on a 100% basis.
- 3. Mineral Resources are reported to a gold price of NZD\$2,394/oz.
- 4. Martha Phase 5 (MOP5) and Gladstone (GOP) open pit resources are reported within conceptual pit designs based on cut-off grades of 0.5g/t and 0.56g/t respectively.
- 5. Martha underground Mineral Resource is reported below the conceptual Martha Phase 5 open pit cutback design and is reported to a 2.15 g/t cut-off. This Resource is constrained within a conceptual underground design based upon the incremental cut-off grade.
- 6. The WKP Resource is constrained within a conceptual underground design based upon the incremental cut-off grade of 2.5 g/t Au.
- 7. No dilution is included in the reported figures and no allowances have been made to allow for mining recoveries. Tonnages include no allowances for losses resulting from mining methods. Tonnages are rounded to the nearest 1,000 tonnes.
- 8. Ounces are estimates of metal contained in the Mineral Resource and do not include allowances for processing losses. Ounces are rounded to the nearest thousand ounces.
- 9. Rounding as required by reporting guidelines may result in apparent summation differences between tonnes, grade and contained metal content.
- 10. Tonnage and grade measurements are in metric units. Gold ounces are reported as troy ounces.



#### 1.6 Ore Reserves

The Ore Reserve estimate for the Waihi operation as at 31 December 2021 is shown in **Error! Reference source not found.**:

**Table 4: Waihi Ore Reserve Estimate** 

Reserve Area	Class	Tonnes (Mt)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Au (Moz)	Ag (Moz)
Open Pit	Proven	-	-	-	-	-
	Probable	-	-	-	-	-
Underground	Proven	-	-	-	-	-
	Probable	4.77	4.20	14.5	0.64	2.23
Total Proven		-	-	-	-	-
Total Probable		4.77	4.20	14.5	0.64	2.23
Total		4.77	4.20	14.5	0.64	2.23

#### **Notes to Accompany Ore Reserve Table:**

- 1. Ore Reserves are reported on a 100% basis.
- 2. Ore Reserves are reported to a gold price of NZD 2,112/oz.
- 3. Tonnages include allowances for losses and dilution resulting from mining methods. Tonnages are rounded to the nearest 1,000 tonnes.
- 4. Ounces are estimates of metal contained in the Ore Reserves and do not include allowances for processing losses. Ounces are rounded to the nearest thousand ounces.
- 5. Rounding of tonnes as required by reporting guidelines may result in apparent summation differences between tonnes, grade and contained metal content.
- 6. Tonnage and grade measurements are in metric units. Gold ounces are reported as troy ounces.

The change in Ore Reserves reported at December 31, 2021 compared with those previously reported at December 31, 2020 is reported in **Error! Reference source not found.**.

Table 5: December 2020 Ore Reserve Estimate vs. December 2021 Ore Reserve Estimate

Reserve Area	Tonnes (Mt)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Au (Moz)	Ag (Moz)
December 31, 2020 Reserve	•				
Open Pit	-	-	-	-	-
Underground	4.52	4.34	13.5	0.63	1.95
Total (Dec 31, 2019)	4.52	4.34	13.5	0.63	1.95
Changes to Reserve, Decer	nber 2020 vs. Decei	mber 2021			
Open Pit	-	-	-	-	-
Underground	0.25	-0.14	1.02	0.01	0.28
Total	0.25	-0.14	1.02	0.01	0.28
December 31, 2021 Reserve	•				
Open Pit	-	-	-	-	-
Underground	4.77	4.20	14.5	0.64	2.23
Total (Dec 31, 2020)	4.77	4.20	14.5	0.64	2.23



Changes between the December 31, 2020 Ore Reserve and the December 31, 2021 Ore Reserve estimate reflect conversion of Martha underground Inferred Mineral Resources to Ore Reserves partially offset by depletion.

Inputs to the calculation of cut-off grades for the Martha underground mine include mining costs, metallurgical recoveries, treatment and refining costs, general and administration costs, royalties, and commodity prices.

The technical and economic viability of the reported Ore Reserves is supported by studies which meet the definition of a Feasibility Study. The permits and consents are in place for the extraction of the Ore Reserve for the Martha underground.

#### 1.7 Competent Persons

Information relating to Mineral Resources for Waihi's Martha open pit and Wharekirauponga Underground have been verified and approved by, or are based on information prepared by, or under the supervision of, J. Moore. Information relating to Mineral Resources for Waihi's Gladstone open pit and Martha Underground have been verified and approved by, or are based on information prepared by, or under the supervision of, L. Crawford-Flett. Information relating to metallurgy and mineral processing was prepared by or under the supervision of Mr David Carr. Messrs Carr, Crawford-Flett, Moore and Townsend are members and Chartered Professionals of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Carr is Chief Metallurgist and a full-time employee of OceanaGold Management Pty Limited. Mr Crawford-Flett is the Superintendent — Resource Development and is a full-time employee of OceanaGold (New Zealand) Limited. Mr Townsend is the Mining Manager and is also a full-time employee of OceanaGold (New Zealand) Limited.

Messrs Carr, Crawford-Flett, Moore and Townsend have sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Messrs Carr, Crawford-Flett, Moore and Townsend consent to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on the information in the form and context in which it appears.



# **Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data**

Criteria	Commentary
Sampling	The Mineral Resource estimates of individual projects in Waihi use a combination of sampling techniques including:
techniques	<ul> <li>Martha Underground (MUG): Diamond Drilling (DD) core, Reverse Circulation (RC) chips from exploration drilling, RC chips from open pit grade control drilling, and grade control channel samples,</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Martha Open pit (MOP): Diamond Drilling (DD) core, Reverse Circulation (RC) chips from exploration drilling, RC chips from open pit grade control drilling, and grade control channel samples,</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Gladstone Project (GOP): DD core, RC chips from exploration drilling,</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Wharekirauponga (WKP) Project: DD core.</li> </ul>
	DD and RC drilling sampling techniques are discussed further in 'drilling techniques' criteria.
	Pit channel sampling: Channel sampling was undertaken on a regular basis prior to 2006 and occasionally since then as a method of grade control sampling in the Martha open pit. The sample material was chipped from scraped channels on the bench floor using a pneumatic hammer along 1 meter sample intervals and collected in a pre-labelled calico bag. Three QAQC samples were assigned per channel including a blank sample, a crush duplicate and a standard. From 2006 RC drilling was used as the preferred method of pit grade control until mining ceased in 2016, with quality control samples consisting of 10% of total submitted samples.
	• Underground Face Sampling: The Martha Resource estimate includes data collected by underground face sampling (channels). The sample intervals were determined by the ore control geologist based on changes in lithology, vein texture and/or alteration observed in the face. Where possible, a discrete vein has a sample start point along the left-hand contact and a sample end point along the right-hand contact of the structure. Minimum sample interval widths of 0.3 meters and maximum widths of 2.0 meters were allocated along each face. The sample material was chipped off the rock face using a hammer and collected in a pre-labelled calico bag. Three QAQC samples were assigned per face including a blank, crush duplicate and a standard containing certified reference material.
	All underground exploration at WKP is by diamond core drilling from surface. Drilling conditions are well understood. Triple tube coring is routinely used to ensure that core recovery is acceptable.
	Diamond drilling sample intervals are guided by logged geological boundaries and vary in length between 0.1 and 3 metres in length. Where possible, a discrete vein will have a sample start point along the up-hole contact and sample end point along the downhole contact of the structure.
	<ul> <li>Core samples are processed using industry standard practices of drying, crushing, splitting and pulverisation at the SGS Waihi or SGS Westport Laboratory. SGS are an internationally accredited global analytical services provider with strong internal governance standards and a reputation to uphold.</li> </ul>
	Checks used to verify sample representivity include the collection and analysis of field and pulp duplicates and analysis of a selection of samples through third party laboratories.
	Diamond Drilling:
Drilling techniques	All the projects in the Waihi District study are explored using diamond drilling techniques exclusively. Given the extensive operational history at Waihi there are some legacy RC drillholes within the exploration drilling database. No exploration RC drilling data is used for modelling and grade estimation.



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	The Martha Underground Resource Estimation uses 293,000 metres of diamond drill (DD) core in 1338 holes.
	The WKP Underground Resource Estimation uses approximately 40,000 metres of diamond drill (DD) core in 82 holes.
	All diamond drilling is triple tube wireline diamond core drilling from surface or underground.
	DD core diameter is PQ (85mm diameter), HQ3 (61mm diameter), NQ3 (45mm diameter) or BQ (36.4mm diameter). Surface holes are collared using large-diameter PQ core, both as a means of improving core recovery and to provide greater opportunity to case off and reduce diameter when drilling through broken ground and historic stopes. Underground holes are collared using HQ3 core diameter. All core diameters are used in the Mineral Resource estimate with HQ3 being the most common.
	RC Drilling:
	RC drill chips were collected predominantly as part of the grade control process during the Martha Open Pit operation but also on a minor scale for exploration purposes. 88,000 metres have been drilled in 4,445 reverse circulation (RC) grade control holes in the open pit between May 2007 and May 2015, using a 114 mm hole diameter and rig-mounted cyclone sampler. Approximately 4309 metres of grade control RC drilling is used to inform the estimate for the Martha Underground project in proximity to the open pit.
	Grade control RC collars were designed on a 10 m x 5 m horizontal grid, with exception of areas in proximity to highwalls or known historical voids and the holes angled at a -50° dip.
	Samples were collected in a bag attached to the cyclone at 1.5 metre intervals from which a nominal 3.6 kg sample was split using a cone splitter.
Drill sample	Diamond drill core recovery is calculated by comparison of recovered core length against drilled length and stored in the AcQuire database as a percentage.
recovery	Recovery data has been captured for all sample intervals for all diamond drill holes.
	Core from the Martha project is monitored for recovery daily to rationalize actual core loss against the intersection of historic mining voids with re-drilling actioned if necessary. There is no observed relationship between core recovery and grade.
	Core recovery within veined material (>40% vein in sample interval) varies between projects and is summarized as follows:
	<ul> <li>92.4% within the Martha Underground project,</li> </ul>
	o >95% for the Martha phase 5 pit project
	o 96.2% for the WKP project,
	o 90% for the Gladstone project.
	RC drill sample recoveries were assessed by weight by the sampling technician and dispatching geologist. Samples were discarded where the recovered sample weight did not correlate well with the drilled interval.
Logging	DD core and RC chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate mineral resource estimation. Logging includes geotechnical parameters, lithology, weathering, alteration, structure, and veining.
	Geological logging is based on both qualitative identification of geological characteristics, and semi-quantitative estimates of mineral abundance. Geotechnical logging uses standard semi-quantitative definitions for estimating rock strength and fracture density.
	Logging intervals are based on geological boundaries or assigned a nominal length of one metre.



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	Logging is undertaken using a Microsoft excel template and uploaded to an AcQuire database. Drilling data throughout the project history is complete and accessible with previous data acquisition systems and records migrated to the current platform.
	<ul> <li>Logging of recent drilling (2009 onwards) has been validated using inbuilt validation tables and drill logs are peer reviewed within the geology team to check for consistency prior to upload.</li> </ul>
	A complete digital photographic record is maintained for all drill core.
	Unsampled drill core forming part of a resource is stored in a core shed for a minimum of 2 years, but usually until the area has been mined. Core in storage is divested after a review process after which it is either thrown away or retained in government core storage facilities.
Sub-sampling techniques	<ul> <li>Once the core is logged, photographed and sample intervals allocated, it is cut in half length ways. If a vein is present, the cut line is preferentially aligned to intercept the downhole apex of the structure. Within each sample interval, one half of the core is bagged for sampling and the other is kept in storage. Whole core has been sampled on occasion where there was significant core loss coupled with visible electrum and for all BQ core due to reduced sample volumes.</li> </ul>
and sample preparation	Labelled calico bags containing the core samples were either transported to the local Waihi SGS Laboratory or the Westport SGS laboratory for crushing and sample preparation.
	<ul> <li>Sample size for resource DD holes drilled from surface is optimised through initial collection of large-diameter diamond drill core samples, generally PQ3 or HQ3. Current drilling from underground utilises an HQ3 or NQ3 diameter core size for advanced exploration and resource conversion drilling. The core is then split using a core saw to produce an initial sample size of 3.5 kg – 4 kg (HQ3) or 1.7 kg – 2 kg (NQ3). Drilling for the purposes of grade control utilises an HQ3 or NQ3 diameter core size which is whole core sampled to produce an initial sample size of 7 kg – 8 kg or 3.5 kg – 4 kg respectively.</li> </ul>
	Sample preparation (drying, crushing, splitting and pulverising) is carried out by SGS using industry standard protocols. The sample preparation flow sheet is illustrated in Figure 1-1.
	Since mid-2006, sample preparation has been carried out at the SGS laboratory in Waihi. Current standardised sample preparation procedures are summarised in the flow sheet below. Prior to mid-2006, the sample preparation facility was located at the Martha mine site and operated by Waihi Gold personnel.
	<ul> <li>Standardised sample preparation procedures are based on nomograms that were developed using Gy's Estimation of the Fundamental Sampling Error. Gold particle liberation size for the Waihi gold deposits is based on petrographic studies, which indicate that gold mostly occurs as electrum in the Waihi epithermal vein deposits and has a particle size between &lt; 5 µm to 10µm.</li> </ul>
	Representativity of samples is checked by duplication at the crush stage, one in every 17-20 samples.



# Criteria Commentary Figure 1-1: Sample Preparation Flow Sheet at the SGS laboratory in Waihi A batch of 17 (cut /whole) core samples are bagged by OceanaGold QAQC samples added to each batch including: -a bag of crushed andesite from a quarry (BLANK) -a certified reference standard sachet (STANDARD) instructions for sample to duplicate after the crushing stage Bagged rock samples and submission sheet are received by lab sample prep facility (1m half core sample of PQ = approx. 6.4kg, HQ3 = approx. 3.4kg, NQ3= approx. 1.4kg) Dried for 12 hours at 110 degrees (or 60 degrees if analysing for Hg) Sieve test 1 sample per batch to test 80% passing 3.35mm Boyd Crusher (RSD Combo) 80% passing 3.35mm. Crusher is air flushed between samples One duplicate crush sample nominated by OceanaGold is inserted into batch Rotary Splitter Remaining coarse reject collected by OceanaGold for storage LM2 Mill 3.2 minutes 90% passing 75 microns Sieve test 1 sample per batch to test 90% passing 75 microns 300g scoop is bagged into a paper sachet Remaining pulp reject collected by OceanaGold for storage Insert Reference Standard sachet provided by OceanaGold into the sequence of samples Dispatch the sachets with submission sheet to Fire Assay **Quality of** Gold assaying is undertaken at SGS Waihi NZ ltd, an Independent commercial assay data & geochemistry and energy assay laboratory with ISO 17025:2017 accreditation. laboratory All exploration samples are assayed for gold by 30 g Fire Assay with AA/ICP-MS finish. tests Quality of exploration assay results has been monitored in the following areas: Sample preparation at the SGS Waihi and Westport labs through sieving of jaw crush and pulp products, Monitoring of assay precision through routine generation of duplicate samples from a second split of the jaw crush and calculation of the fundamental error. Monitoring of accuracy of the primary SGS assay and ALS results through insertion Certified Reference Materials (CRM's) and blanks into sample batches. Quality control samples consist of 10% of submitted samples. Check sample results are reviewed prior to uploading results in the AcQuire database and again monthly. The protocol at Waihi requires CRMs to be reported to within 2 standard deviations of the certified value or process mean when a significant local dataset is established. Preparation duplicates with a relative difference of greater than 10% are subject to review. Blanks should not exceed more than 4 times the lower detection value of the assay method. Failure in any of these thresholds triggers an investigation with corrective action including re-assay. Monthly QAQC reporting and review is undertaken on all assay results received from SGS. For every batch of results received, SGS release its internal QAQC data to OceanaGold for review. OGC reviews trends via compilation of report quarterly internal reports. SGS internal QC sample analysis is disclosed monthly for review by OGC. The performance of SGS internal standards appears satisfactory. Database QAQC function thresholds are reviewed bi-annually. CRMs are currently assigned

to batches on a rotational roster in a "pigeon pair" system.



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	Multi-element ICP data is obtained routinely from the Waihi SGS Laboratory for all exploration assay samples for silver, with many exploration samples also analysed for copper, arsenic, lead, zinc, and antimony, which are potential pathfinders for epithermal mineralisation. For samples with over-range silver and lead, these elements are found to be extracted more efficiently by using a more dilute Aqua Regia digest (1-gram sample weight rather than the standard 10-gram per 50 ml).
	<ul> <li>A comparison between non-routine multi-element data from Ultratrace Laboratory in Perth with routine multi-element data produced by SGS Laboratory in Waihi showed good correlation between the parent (SGS) and umpire (Ultratrace) data sets for silver, lead, zinc and arsenic, which gives confidence in the accuracy of SGS data for these elements. Antimony is not efficiently extracted by the current Aqua Digest method at SGS and consideration should be given to using the Peroxide Fusion extraction if more accurate antimony results are required.</li> </ul>
	Multi-element analyses of a subset of drill sample pulps from WKP were undertaken at independent Australian Laboratory Services Pty Ltd (ALS) laboratories in Brisbane, accredited to ISO/NATA 17025, and Townsville, accredited to ISO9001:2015. Samples were analysed by ALS using four acid digest with ICP-MS finish for the purposes of lithogeochemical and alteration studies, and metallurgical and environmental geochemistry. Comparative analysis of Au was performed in some instances with no significant deviation from results attained from SGS Waihi NZ Ltd.
Verification of sampling and assaying	All laboratory results are uploaded directly into an AcQuire database. Below level detection limit assay results are stored in the database as half the detection limit. No other modification of the assay results is undertaken.
	<ul> <li>All intercepts are reviewed during the construction of the geological wire frames prior to grade estimation, this review involves visual comparison of core photography, assay and logging data and spatial relationships to adjacent data. Significant intercepts are reported internally on a weekly basis for peer review purposes.</li> </ul>
	Check assay programs have been undertaken for some projects in Waihi in the past as a part of advancing milestones such as feasibility level studies.
	At WKP there are some visual indicators for high grade mineralisation observed in drill core.  As a result, significant grade intersections are visually validated against drill core. Some holes have been subject to umpire analysis by an alternate laboratory. To date no WKP drill holes have been twinned.
	No data from geophysical tools, spectrometers or handheld XRF instruments have been used for the estimation of Mineral Resources.
Location of data points	All historic underground mine data in Waihi was recorded in terms of Mt Eden Old Cadastral grid (MEO). This is the grid utilised for all underground and exploration activity within 3km of the Waihi Mine beyond which New Zealand Transverse Mercator (NZTM Grid) are utilised.
	The MEO grid is offset from New Zealand Transverse Mercator (NZTM Grid) by 5215389.166 (shift mN) and 1456198.997 (shift mE).
	Relative level (RL) is calculated as Sea Level + 1000 m for all underground and exploration activity within 3 km of the Waihi Mine. At the WKP project elevation values are recorded in New Zealand Vertical Datum 2016 (NZVD2016).
	Drill collars in Waihi are surveyed using a total station or differential GPS by a registered professional land surveyor. At the start of the hole the drillers line up the mast in the correct azimuth using a Gyrocompass Azimuth Aligner. All drill collars at WKP (holes WKP40 onwards) are accurately located by a qualified surveyor. The initial survey control for each site has been established using a Leica GNSS GPS (hired from Global Survey) using the 'Fast Static' method and post processed by Global Survey. Each drill site has then been surveyed using a Leica TCRA1205 Total Station. The total station survey uses a resection



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	method utilising 3 of the 4 previously established Static GPS survey control marks with the 4 <sup>th</sup> used as a check. The drill collars have then been identified and surveyed. The total station has then been moved and setup again using the same resection method and a second round of observations observed on each of the new survey control points. WKP topographic control is from high resolution aerial photography and LiDAR providing 0.5 m contour data.
	The positions of underground face sampling channel samples are located by the geologist using photogrammetry from known survey stations within headings underground.
	For the underground mine, a transformation is used to convert all data to NZGD2000 as per the regulations for the purpose of all statutory underground plans. Checks show that all underground coordinates are within the allowed 1:5000.
	The positions of open pit channel samples were surveyed using a total station by a registered professional land surveyor.
	Downhole surveys are recorded at 20 m downhole and at 30 m intervals thereafter. Survey frequency is increased around poor ground conditions including historic workings. Gyroscopic downhole survey verification campaigns are undertaken with biennial frequency.
Data spacing and distribution	The Gladstone deposit has a nominal drill hole spacing of 30 meters on the major mineralised veins. A tighter spacing of 22.5 meters has been implemented in the more complicated zones exhibiting strong brecciation and/or stockwork veining.
	The Martha underground project uses a drill pattern spacing of 60 metres for inferred and 36.5 metres for indicated. The extensive mining history of Martha (>135 years) has developed significant experience in assessing the continuity of mineralisation and mining the Martha vein system and the adjacent deposits. The vein style mineralisation has a strong visual control, is well understood, and has demonstrated continuity over significant ranges. An estimation run utilizing a maximum of three drill holes with a single sample per drill hole was undertaken storing the average distance to the three drill holes used to estimate the block. This formed the basis for the resource classification.
	<ul> <li>For Martha Phase 5 pit, the sample composite length was based on the nominal sample interval of 1.5 meters for diamond drill core and RC drill data and 1 meter for grade control channel data. Compositing was by fixed length, honouring the domain boundaries.</li> </ul>
	The East Graben Vein zone of the WKP project has been intersected in drilling over a strike length of approximately 1 km, this structure is larger than those typically encountered in the Waihi project area and on this basis the average drill hole spacing required for classification as an inferred resource has been increased by 15% to 80 metre average distance to the three closest drill holes. All other mineralisation has been classified using a distance threshold of 70 metres to the three closest drill holes for classification as inferred.
	Diamond drill samples are not composited prior to being sent to the laboratory.
Orientation of data in relation to	Drill holes are designed to intersect known mineralised features in a nominally perpendicular orientation as much as practicable given the availability of drilling platforms. Sample intervals are selected based upon observed geological features.
geological structure	<ul> <li>All diamond drill core is oriented downhole by the drilling contractor using the Reflex<sup>TM</sup>     Orientation tool. Structural orientation measurements recorded during logging are used to     inform vein modelling for resource estimation.</li> </ul>
	Sample intervals are selected based upon observed geological features.
	Geological data including vein and fault structures and their orientation measurements are captured during underground grade control sampling and together with photogrammetry are used to update the vein model for the reserve estimation.
Sample security	Drill core is stored within secure facilities where access is controlled. Site employees transport samples to the analytical lab. The laboratory compound is secured.



Criteria	Commentary
Audits or reviews	<ul> <li>The SGS laboratory in Waihi is inspected by OceanaGold geologists and the Competent Person several times per year.</li> <li>Sampling techniques and data handling processes are reviewed annually during internal OceanaGold technical service reviews.         External reviews of sampling techniques and data have been undertaken during third-party technical assessments.     </li> <li>RSC Consulting Limited (RSC) was commissioned by OceanaGold in Q4 2020 to verify that exploration data and resource estimation domains are fit for the purpose of classifying an Indicated Mineral Resource in accordance with the JORC Code (2012). Spot-checking and data verification were conducted to provide further confirmation that the data quality management system has delivered fit-for-purpose data.</li> <li>The SGS laboratory in Waihi is ISO 17025:2017 accredited</li> </ul>



## Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

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Criteria	Commentary			
Mineral tenement and land tenure status	Waihi     Rights to prospect, explore or mine for minerals owned by the Crown are granted by permits issued under the Crown Minerals Act 1991 (CMA). Crown-owned minerals include all naturally occurring gold and silver. A map showing the location of the permits held by OceanaGold near Waihi is shown in Figure 1.			
	<ul> <li>Mining permit MP41808 in Waihi was granted in March 2004 for a duration of 25 years, under the provisions of the Crown Minerals Act 1991. The current mining permit covers an area of 1572.59 hectares and encompasses all the Martha Phase 5 project, the Martha Underground Project, and the Gladstone Project. The permit is due to expire in 2029 and an application for an extension of duration has been lodged to extend the mining permit for a further 15 years.</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Royalties of the higher of a 1.0% royalty on net sales revenue from gold and silver or 5% accounting profits is payable to the Crown for MP41808 and MP60541. The area in Waihi previously held under EP 40767 and over which MP41808 was extended is subject to an additional 2% royalty payable to Osisko (acquired from Geoinformatics and BCKP). The royalties are fixed and quantifiable for the purposes of inclusion in the business plan.</li> </ul>			
	• A Land Use Consent (202.2018.00000857) was granted by Hauraki District Council (HDC) on the 1 <sup>st</sup> of February 2019 and commenced on 27 July 2019. This Land Use Consent allows for mining of the Martha Underground resource and the remainder of the Phase 4 Martha Pit. In addition to the authorisations required by HDC, a suite of consents were obtained from Waikato Regional Council (WRC) covering matters such as vegetation removal, water takes, diversions and discharges of water, discharges to air and construction of the tailing's storage facilities. Both HDC and WRC have conditions in place relating to mine closure, bonds and a post closure trust. Consent has not been sought for mining the Martha Phase 5 Pit or the Gladstone Pit.			
	The Gladstone and the Martha Projects are situated on/below land owned by various landowners including government agencies, private landowners and OceanaGold. Office blocks, the processing plant, the underground portal and the tailings facilities are on land owned by OceanaGold. A significant portion of the area covered by the current Martha open pit is owned by the Crown and administered by Land Information New Zealand (LINZ). OceanaGold holds a current access agreement for work in this area.  WKP			
	The WKP project is located within mining permit MP60541, covering an area of 2374.08 hectares (Figure 1). The current term of the permit expires in August 2060. OceanaGold is authorised to commercially extract the gold resource, subject to the conditions attending to the mining permit, gaining any surface rights required by agreement with the landowners and gaining the requisite resource consents under the Resource Management Act. MP60541 is currently under an application for an extension of land to include an area between MP41808 and MP60541.			
	OceanaGold holds 100% of the WKP MP60541 permit interest. Third party rights to receive an interest in the project are confined to a Crown royalty of 1% of the turnover or 5% of the accounting profits whichever is higher. A 2% royalty payable to Osisko (acquired from Geoinformatics and BCKP) also applies. The royalties are fixed and quantifiable for the purposes of inclusion in the business plan.			
	The WKP prospect is situated on state-owned land administered by the NZ government through the Department of Conservation and generally open to public use for amenity purposes. OceanaGold has received an Access Arrangement (AA) granted under the CMA, for MP60541, giving surface rights to conduct exploration drilling under conditions that protect the conservation (biodiversity and amenity) values of the land.			
	The company has received resource consents granted by local authorities under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), under which environmental effects of exploration			

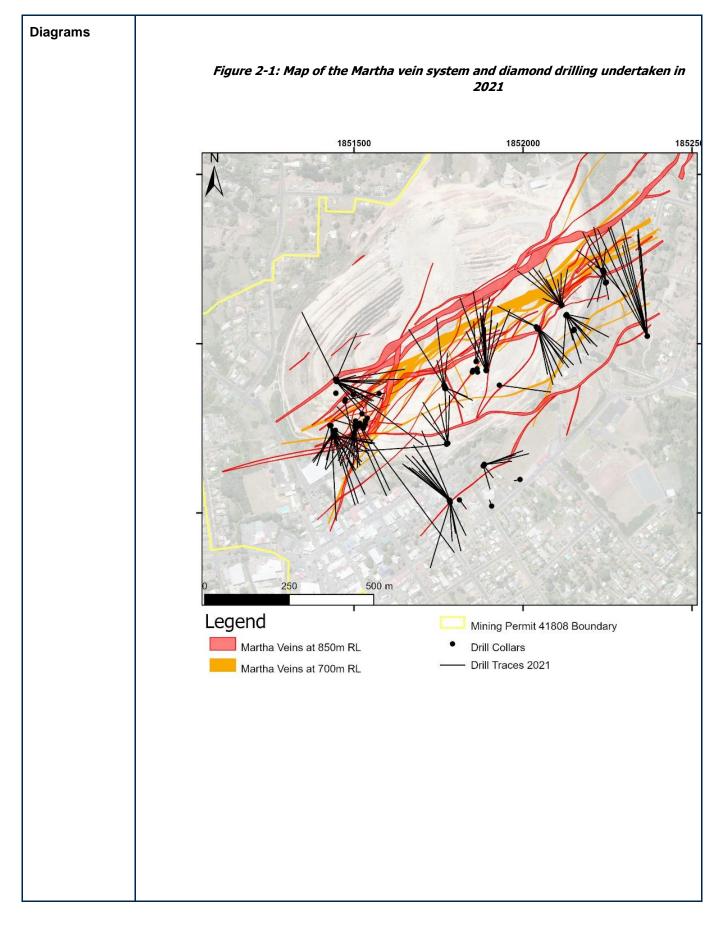


Criteria	Commentary					
	drilling are authorized and managed within the framework of that Act in keeping with the high environmental values of the permit location. Any development of the prospect for the purposes of advancing beyond exploration would require applications at that time under the RMA and (for surface impacts only) the CMA. The RMA applies land use designations (zoning) that allow underground mining on a discretionary basis and surface impacts in limited circumstances dependent on meeting a range of objectives and policies including protecting and enhancing the biological diversity and outstanding landscape character values of the permit area and minimising ground surface disturbance. Consent has not been sought for mining the WKP Project.					
	<ul> <li>Changes to NZ government policy restricting access to mine on conservation land have been proposed, subject to a statutory consultation process that has not yet commenced. The precise nature of any proposal is not currently known.</li> </ul>					
Exploration by other parties	<ul> <li>Waihi Gold Company held exploration and mining licences and permits over the Open Pit portion of the Martha deposit and the current underground mine since the early 1980s. The Waihi East area covering the Correnso deposit and easterly extensions of the Martha system was historically held and explored by Amoco Minerals, Cyprus Minerals and a Coeur Gold-Viking Mining joint venture from whom Waihi Gold Company purchased the tenement area in 1998. These companies drilled approximately 18 km in 60 holes in the Waihi East area and identified some remnant resources on the eastern end of the Martha vein system on which they undertook scoping studies. OceanaGold purchased the Waihi Gold Company from Newmont in 2015.</li> <li>Previous exploration by Amoco and BP Minerals at WKP in the 1980s and 1990s was</li> </ul>					
	focused on sheeted stockwork veins exposed in stream channels through the prospect.  Newmont as the operator of a WKP joint venture with Glass Earth in 2009-2013 identified and drilled several larger structures, encountering significant results in some holes. The Newmont/Glass Earth interest was subsequently purchased by OceanaGold in 2015.					
Geology	<ul> <li>The Au-Ag mineralisation of the Waihi District are developed in low-intermediate- sulphidation epithermal quartz vein systems associated with north to northeast trending faults. Gold in the form of electrum occurs exclusively within quartz vein structures and free gold is only rarely observed.</li> </ul>					
	Martha underground and Martha phase 5 open pit					
	<ul> <li>These two projects are focused on the large Martha vein system, a complex vein network largely comprising a dominant southeast-dipping Martha vein (up to 30 m thick in places) and several NW-dipping hanging wall splays including the Empire, Welcome, Royal and Rex veins.</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Two additional steeply dipping, NNE-trending and well mineralised vein structures known as the Edward and Albert veins also form an important part of the overall Martha Vein System.</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>The host rocks are andesitic flows, intrusives and volcaniclastics which have undergone pervasive hydrothermal alteration. Much of the Waihi area, including the Martha open pit is overlain by post-mineral volcanics.</li> </ul>					
	Gladstone					
	The Gladstone deposit forms the southwestern extent of the mined Favona and Moonlight deposits.					
	<ul> <li>Mineralisation at Gladstone is characterized by shallow-level, hydrothermal breccias and associated banded quartz veins between 1000 mRL and 1150 mRL. The breccias are rooted in the tops of mineralised quartz veins, flaring upwards into hydrothermal explosion breccias. The dominant veining at Gladstone trends ENE to NNE between 035° and 080° and dips steeply to the SE.</li> </ul>					

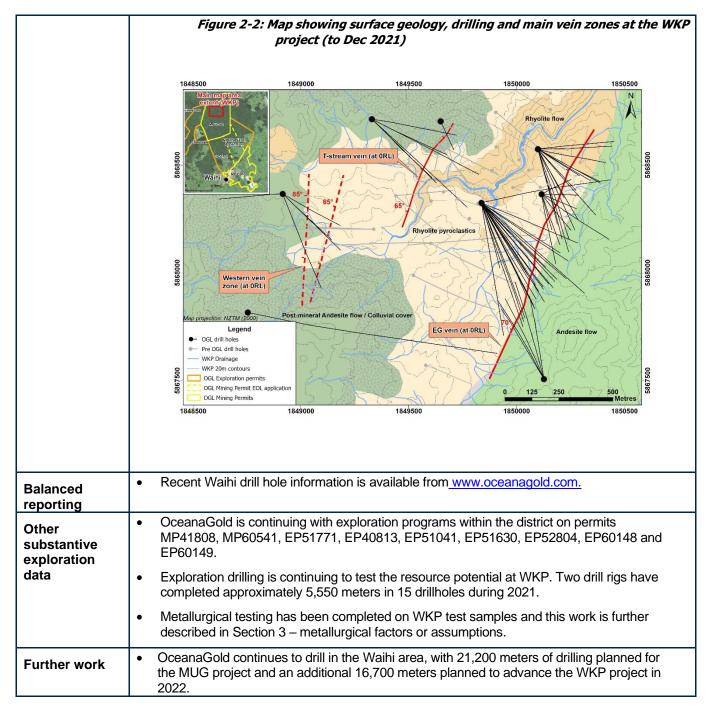


Criteria	Commentary					
	<ul> <li>WKP</li> <li>Low sulphidation epithermal quartz veins at WKP are hosted in a rhyolite flow dome complex that intruded into lithic lapilli tuffs which are in turn partially overlain by post-mineral andesites. The rhyolites have undergone pervasive hydrothermal alteration, often with complete replacement of primary mineralogy by quartz and adularia with minor illite and/or smectite clay alteration.</li> <li>Gold mineralization occurs in quartz veining developed along two types of structurally-controlled vein arrays. The principal veins occupy laterally continuous, NE trending (025-047°), moderately dipping (60-65°) district-scale structures, reaching up to 10 m in width.</li> </ul>					
	Subsidiary, extensional veins (1 cm – 100 cm wide) are developed between or adjacent to the principal veins. These extensional veins often form significant arrays and are moderate to steeply dipping with a more northerly to NNE strike and appear to lack lateral and vertical continuity compared to the principal veins. The primary structure targeted by much of drilling at WKP is the Eastern Graben Vein (EG-Vein), compared to the more westerly T-Stream and Western Veins (Figure 2-2). In general, there are very few sulphides other than pyrite in the WKP veins.					
Drill hole Information	The declaration of a mineral resource for the Martha phase 5 pit relates to updated modelling and economic assessment of historic data acquired over the 32-year operating history mining the Martha deposit.					
Data aggregation methods	<ul> <li>Compositing of data for grade estimation is within distinct geological boundaries, typically within modelled veins.</li> <li>The grades are compiled using length weighting.</li> </ul>					
	Grades are not cut in the database; however appropriate statistically derived top-cuts are assigned by domain in the estimation process.					
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	Drill intercepts are typically reported in true width where reliable orientation data is available or able to be inferred from angle to core axis, alternately down hole lengths are reported when orientation data is not available. Holes are designed to intersect veins at more than 60 degrees to the vein as much as practicable.					











# Section 3. Estimation and Reporting of Mineral Resources

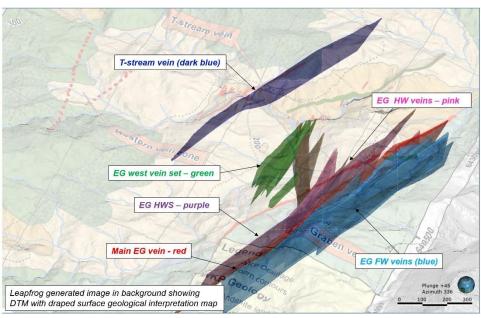
Criteria	Commentary
Database integrity	Drill hole data is initially captured in an Access Database used for drill hole planning and management. That data is validated by several inbuilt data-entry checks.
	The data is imported from Access into the main AcQuire database interface which includes validation protocols.
	Personnel are well trained and routinely check source versus input data during the entry process.
	Datasets are extracted independently from the AcQuire database for exploratory data analysis (EDA) purposes. Local Vulcan ISIS databases are then created with the extracted data. These local databases are then flagged with domain codes and utilised for all subsequent processes.
Site visits	Jonathan Moore is a full-time employee of OceanaGold Limited since 1996. He is employed in the role of Chief Geologist with responsibility for MOP and WKP mineral resource estimation.
	Mr Moore last visited the site in November 2021 to review and discuss geological procedures and resource modelling process. No material issues were identified.
	Leroy Crawford-Flett has been employed at the operating mine since 2011. He is a geologist employed in the role of Resource Development Superintendent with responsibility for MUG and GOP resource estimation and is based at the Waihi site.
	The wider resource development team is site-based and familiar with mine geology, resource development, and exploration protocol. Validation of interpretation is regularly performed during mine development.
	In the preparation of EoY resource estimates, OceanaGold Group Geologist Doug Corley and Principal Geologist Wesly Randa were consulted with regards to technical aspects during construction and validation of the models for the Martha and WKP deposits. Past Group Geologists Mike Stewart and Tim O'Sullivan have also been widely consulted in the construction of model workflows that contribute to the combined Martha, Gladstone and WKP Resources.
	In the preparation of the WKP underground model, Senior Exploration Geologist Thomas Gardner was responsible for generating the geological interpretation and OceanaGold Group Geologist Doug Corley performed the Mineral resource estimation. The final mineral resource model was reviewed by OceanaGold Principal Geologist Wesly Randa.
Geological	Resource interpretation workflows
interpretation	Open pit and underground mining since 1988 have provided a large database of mapping and grade control sampling, which has confirmed the geological interpretation to date.
	The geological interpretation of all Waihi models utilizes drill log data, assay data, digital core photos and oriented core measurements all of which are systematically collected and validated. The dip and dip direction of significant structures are calculated using oriented core measurements. At MUG, data collected from underground exposures including face and backs mapping and photogrammetry also provide valuable inputs in the interpretations.
	Within Underground projects gold mineralisation is confined to quartz veins and is not disseminated in wall rock. The main vein boundaries are therefore usually coincident with assay intervals and honour the geology. There are a small number of instances where high grade assay results located immediately outside the main vein boundary have been included within the vein boundary for example where the grade is interpreted as belonging to small-scale, localized, parallel or sub-parallel veinlets rather than being attributed to contamination or a cross-cutting structure.



- Within Open Pit projects domaining between dominant veins is created based on similarity
  of lithology, structural and grade distribution characteristics in areas of less continuous
  stringer veining or mineralised hydrothermal breccia, amenable to potential mining at an
  Open Pit selective mining unit (SMU) and cut-off.
- Geological modelling for all Waihi Resources was performed in Leapfrog Geo using the interval selection and vein systems tools. These projects were linked directly to an AcQuire database using the AcQuire API.
- Key geological features are interpreted from a combination of spatially referenced logging, assay and mapping data. Domain-specific grade and geological continuity characteristics were assessed to create representative wireframes of vein structures. The following data sources contribute to final wireframe shapes:
  - Exploration drilling data Diamond and rare RC
  - Open Pit grade control channel samples and RC samples (MUG)
  - Historic quartz vein mapping
  - Historic mining triangulations (MUG)
  - Surface mapping
  - Full width historical cross cuts (MUG)
  - Core Photography and logs
- Diamond drilling intersects were assigned to structures from a merged assay and geology table. Discrete colourmaps were used to ensure that only distinguishing features were selectable. Criteria commonly used to define veins are:
  - Au and Ag values
  - Vein quartz percentage
  - Composition of the interval, commonly quartz or quartz-calcite
  - o Lithology type, including void intercepts (for example stope fill, open stope, cavity)
  - Brecciation type and intensity
- Filters were commonly applied to identify primary structures within dense data. These were
  modified on a vein-by-vein basis and compared to core photography to establish
  geological consistency between veins.
- A structural database was constructed using the structural modelling functions in Leapfrog Geo. Oriented discs were used to inform intercept relationships with structure type, thickness and measurement confidence commonly used as filters.
- The digital core photographic record is used extensively during the modelling process.
   Identifiable characteristics of veins can be recognised, such as mineralogical and textural characteristics, the nature of contacts and the relative timing of mineral phases within the vein zones.
- Geological models are integrated with regional geology and with detailed surface topographic models. Geological models and geological concepts have been routinely reviewed by internal and external reviewers.



Figure 3-1: Oblique view of WKP prospect with surface geology and modelled quartz veins



#### Dimensions Martha u

### Martha underground Resources

- <u>Martha Underground</u> r1221\_MUG\_subblocked\_ fnl.bdf block model was constructed in Mt Eden old grid.
  - Origin: X 395200; Y 642200; Z 500 (MEO Grid)
  - o Rotation: Bearing 065; Plunge 0; Dip 0
  - o Parent cell size 5 m X, 5 m Y, and 5 m Z
  - Sub blocking cell size 1.0 m X, 1.0 m Y, and 1.0 m Z
  - o Offset in X direction 1600 m
  - o Offset in Y direction 1200 m
  - o Offset in Z direction 700 m

#### Martha Phase 5 Pit - r1119\_MOP\_ph5

Variable	X	Υ	Z
Origin	395150	642330	500
Extents (m)	1700	950	700
Block Size (Parent)	5	5	5
Sub Block Size	1.25	1.2	1.25
Orientation	+65 degrees	X axis around Z	



#### Criteria Commentary Gladstone Project - Block definition for the Gladstone deposit r0218\_GLOP\_small\_reg.bdf Regularised block model - cell size. 2.5 m Offset in X direction 400 m Offset in Y direction 800 m Offset in Z direction 300 m Origin: X 396600: Y 642200: Z 900.0 Rotation: Bearing 135; Plunge 0; Dip 0 **WKP** At a cut-off of 2.5 g/t Au, the mineralization at WKP presents a coherent geometry with a width of 150 m - 400 m, a strike length of 600 m - 1,500 m and a known vertical extent from original surface outcrop downwards to at least 500 m below surface. Block Model Dimensions - r0122\_wkp\_nztm.bmf Variable 7 Origin 1849200.0 5867800.0 -345.0 Extents (m) 900 1400 620 Block Size (Parent) 10 10 10 No. of Blocks (Parent) 90 140 62 0.5 Sub Block Size 0.5 0.5 Orientation +115 degrees X axis around Z **Estimation** The modelling process employed in the grade estimation for all the Waihi projects is and modelling performed using numerous Vulcan and Leapfrog processes summarized in the steps techniques outlined below: Input data validation Update lithological domains, geologic model construction Data selection, drill hole data selection from the site AcQuire database 0 Exclusion of unwanted drill holes by data type Flag data files by lithology 0 Composite drill holes to fixed length composites within defined geological boundaries, typically 1 m using length weighting Exploratory data analysis by domain, generation of domain and data type summary statistics Variography Assign top cuts by domain and data type to input data files 0 Block Model construction based upon lithological wireframes 0 Run estimation for all domains for Au, Ag, As, resource classification 0 Assign density, mining depletions, back fill grade, stripping of negative values from non-estimated blocks, assignment of grade to dilution domains



- o Classify model
- Vulcan version 2022 was used to produce model estimations. Estimations were performed in individual lithological domains using length weighted down hole composites.
- Sub-blocking with either ordinary kriging (OK) or inverse distance weighting to the second power (ID2) is used for all underground models. Ordinary kriging in conjunction with tetraunfolding produced acceptable long-term reconciliation between resource and mill at the Union-Amaranth-Trio and Correnso UG projects. The method of unfolding was adopted for the estimation of vein models as a way of dealing with the sinuous character of the veins. Locally Variable Anisotropy (LVA) is similarly employed where Grade Control scale is available for Martha Reserve models and for the WKP estimate.
- The underground block models are rotated in bearing to align with the dominant strike of the veins and they are run using Vulcan software. Sub-blocking is used to define narrow veins and to maintain volume integrity with the geology solids.

#### Compositing

- Composite weighting by length was applied during estimation to avoid bias from very small, high-grade composites. There has been no change to the compositing method for any Waihi projects used since May 2010.
- The standard method used to define composites for all resources is to flag the raw data in the local drilling database for the project against the geology solids. The Vulcan compositing program (run length) was run to generate a length composited database at the required sample length. Compositing was by fixed length, honouring the domain boundaries. 1-meter fixed length composites are routinely generated for the narrow veins across all deposits.
- Open pit models are estimated using larger composites. Vein domains are composited to a 1.5 metre length and bulk domains to 3 metre, this being representative of the mining bench height and therefore the implied mining selectivity inherent in the model.

#### **Grade Capping**

- Statistical assessment of the input data is undertaken by domain, typical top-cut selection is based on the assessment of the population distribution characteristics and for inverse distance estimates cutting at the 97-99<sup>th</sup> percentile on the log probability distribution has been a long-standing methodology that has produced acceptable results.
- Different data types are assessed independently in the capping analysis process.
- High-grade restraining is applied to limit the influence of outliers on grade estimates for the epithermal veins that have high resolution production data.
- The metal removed analysis includes tabulation of the following:
  - o Number of samples above the cap
  - o Percentage of samples above the cap
  - o Minimum, maximum, mean, and variance of samples above the cap
  - Mean and variance of uncapped data
  - Mean and variance of capped data
  - o Capped % difference

#### Variography

- Down hole and directional variography are typically run using Snowden Supervisor v7 software, Vulcan 2022 or Isatis to test spatial continuity within the selected geological domains.
- WKP: Variography for two gold domains was modelled based on 1-m composites.
   Variograms were fitted with three spherical structures. Nugget effect for Main QV South FW Vein (domain 425) is 16%, and 14% nugget effect for Sig EG Vein (domain 410). The



typical first structure range in the order of 21 m - 50 m for major and semi-major direction, the second structure range in the order of 65 m - 170 m and the third structure range in the order of 120 m - 300 m. The minor direction ranges were 8 m - 9 m for first structure, 25 m - 26m for second structure and 45 m - 50m for the third structures.

 MUG, MOP, GOP: Variograms are similarly generated from composites and applied to all kriged domains, with one to three structure spherical outcomes. In some instances, variography is obtained from the combination of similar domain datasets or based on broadened domains to assess variance. Variogram orientation is defined for each domain based on the strike and dip of the veins as modelled. Both downhole and omni-direction variograms have been reviewed during fitting of a variogram model. Examples of single and three-structure variograms are as follows:



Figure 3-2: MUG single structure variogram

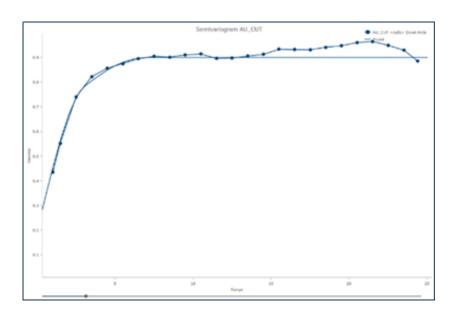
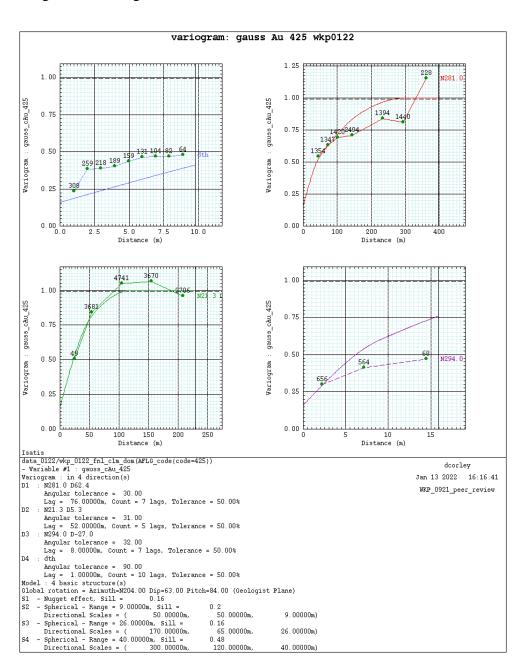






Figure 3-3: Variogram Model for WKP Domain 425



- The grade estimation for all models is strictly controlled by hard geological boundaries, with both sample selection and estimation of blocks limited to domains defined by the interpretation solids. Gold and silver estimated independently.
- A similar search strategy was used for all domains. Estimation for each variable in each domain was carried out in two passes, with the neighbourhood size dynamically controlled by the maximum number of samples, drillholes and search range parameters. The



Criteria	Commentary
	neighbourhood selected was deliberately kept relatively tight to limit smearing of high grades.
	Implementation of grade estimation was checked by visual inspection to ensure that all intended blocks were filled, and the resultant grade estimates appeared sensible.
	Global block grade statistics were compared to de-clustered sample grades by domain.  Swath plots were used to visualize semi-local accuracy.
Moisture	Estimates of tonnage are prepared on a dry basis.
Cut-off parameters	All cut-off grades have been estimated using a long-term gold price of USD1,700 and exchange rate of USD 0.71:NZD (NZD2,394/oz.) and silver price of USD17/oz. as advised by OGC.
	<ul> <li>Inputs into the cut-off grade estimate include mining, processing, general and administration operating costs, sustaining capital, and royalties and are based around the Waihi site previous operating experiences.</li> </ul>
	Credits are provided within the open pits for mining costs as transport and placement of waste incurs an increase in costs when compared to material sent for processing.
Mining factors or	Martha Underground Project
assumptions	<u>Hydrogeology</u>
	GWS Limited Consulting (GWS) have modelled the groundwater system in Waihi since the late 1980's.
	GWS report that a shallow groundwater system associated with volcanic ash, alluvium and completely weathered rhyolite tephra is present at shallow depth. Monitoring data shows that it is unaffected by mine dewatering except immediately adjacent to the Martha Pit. Shallow groundwater levels are controlled principally by rainfall infiltration, low surface soil permeability and natural and assisted drainage to surface water systems.
	GWS report that the higher volumes of water in the deeper aquifer are contained primarily in the quartz vein, the historic underground workings and infiltrated through the open pit which is more permeable than the surrounding andesite country rock. Water levels are maintained at the lowest underground mine level (705 mRL) by the current underground pumping system.
	<ul> <li>Further drawdown of the water table is required to extract the Martha Underground resource. Permits are in place for the drawdown of the water table to 500 mRL. Boreholes have been installed and operational for further dewatering as part of the Martha underground. A slurry pump system has been installed on 790 mRL capable of handling the high level of entrained solids for the other minor pump stations.</li> </ul>
	GWS estimate the average daily pumping rates to dewater to 500 mRL range from 14,000 m³/day to 16,700 m³/day.
	Historic Stope Modelling
	Stope Fill
	Accurate definition and appropriate assessment of historical workings is a key consideration for the Martha underground project.
	Wireframes of the historic workings include development levels, open stopes, filled stopes, shafts, passes and the 'Milking Cow' caved zone. These wireframes are dynamic and are continually updated as current underground mining activity and diamond drilling intercept these old workings and historical plans become more readily available.



- Recent underground mining provides the most accurate source of evidence to update the historical workings including mining through old workings, targeted probe holes and scanning of the old voids.
- Logging geologists identify voids and stope material within the diamond drill core and provide an interpretation of the workings as open stopes or levels, filled stopes, or collapsed stope zones.

#### Methodology

- Stope shapes were originally digitised using stope widths annotated from historical longsection plans. The stope orientation was determined by vein wireframes and/or known drill hole intercepts.
- As new data for historical workings become available this is reviewed, and the wireframes updated accordingly.
- Individual stope files that are situated entirely within the open pit shell and the 'Milking Cow' collapsed zone are archived and not included in the stope model.

#### Modelling of voids

 Historical stope voids and backfill is captured in the model via the *mined* variable. No back filled material is included in the reported Mineral Resource, this material is regarded as an exploration target and will be de-risked through further exploration work.

Table 3-1 Historical	Stoping	Modelling	Variables
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Mined Variable value	Material Type	Modifying factors
0	In-situ	As estimated
1	Back filled stopes	Density and grade modified
2	Subsidence	Density and grade modified
5	Open stope	Density set to zero, grade removed
6	Open development	Density set to zero, grade removed

## Geotechnical

- Ground conditions within the Martha underground project will be impacted due to proximity
  to historic mining voids. Mechanisms for mitigating the associated risks have been
  considered within the recently completed feasibility study.
- AMC, engineering consultants, investigated the stability of the underground workings and
  reported that, based on the current understanding of ground conditions, the planned
  ongoing investigation of conditions as suitable drilling positions become available, and the
  proposed cautious approach to development using close ground control techniques where
  required. AMC is confident that the proposed Martha underground mine can be developed
  and brought into production without any compromise to underground or surface stability.
- AMC reported that the ground conditions influence the mining method, the means of access, and the design of stopes and access tunnels. A critical aspect of the Martha Underground Project is to undertake investigations to understand those conditions so that a safe and efficient mining method and well-informed approach to developing the mine is used.



	<b>OCEANA</b> GOLD
Criteria	Commentary
	Mining Method
	<ul> <li>Mining method selection work for the Martha underground was undertaken by SRK in 2011, 2016, and 2017, and confirmed by Entech in 2018 and 2020 and by OceanaGold in 2020.</li> </ul>
	Four mining methods are proposed for Martha underground:
	Modified Avoca with rockfill previously unmined areas.
	<ol><li>Modified Avoca with rockfill in remnant areas adjacent to collapsed stopes separated by an intermediate pillar.</li></ol>
	<ol> <li>Modified Avoca with rockfill in remnant areas adjacent historical stopes filled with engineered fill (CRF / CAF)</li> </ol>
	<ol> <li>Bottom upside ring method with CRF/CAF/RF where skins adjacent to historical backfill are extracted.</li> </ol>
	Mining Recovery and Dilution
	No mining recovery or dilution were applied to the Mineral Resource estimate.
	Mineral Resource Estimate
	OceanaGold has estimated the Mineral Resource using the Deswik Stope Optimiser (SO).
	<ul> <li>The Mineral Resource is reported within the SO shapes above the 2.15 g/t cut-off grade.</li> <li>No unclassified material contained within the SO shapes is reported.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Nominal stope dimensions of 15 meters high by 10 metres in length were selected for the design.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Stope widths vary, depending on the thickness of the mineralisation. A minimum stope width of 0.5 meters was used and 0.5 metres of dilution was applied to both the footwall and hanging wall resulting in a minimum stope width of 1.5 meters.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>A maximum stope width of 15 metres was used with a minimum pillar width between stopes of 8 meters. A maximum percentage of historical stoping of 10% was allowed in each SO shape.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The method of specifying the strike and dip angles for the initial stope-seed-shapes in SO was to apply a stope control surface wireframe over the full extent of the orebody where stope shapes are to be generated.</li> </ul>
	The following stope shapes were manually excluded from the Mineral Resource estimate:
	<ul> <li>Isolated stope shapes either showing lack of continuity or distant from the main concentrations of shapes.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Stopes closer than 50 meters from the surface.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Within a solid created as an exclusion solid around the historical "Milking Cow" zone by projecting the cave zone outwards by 20 meters.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>All stopes intersecting the base of the Martha Reserve pit.</li> </ul>
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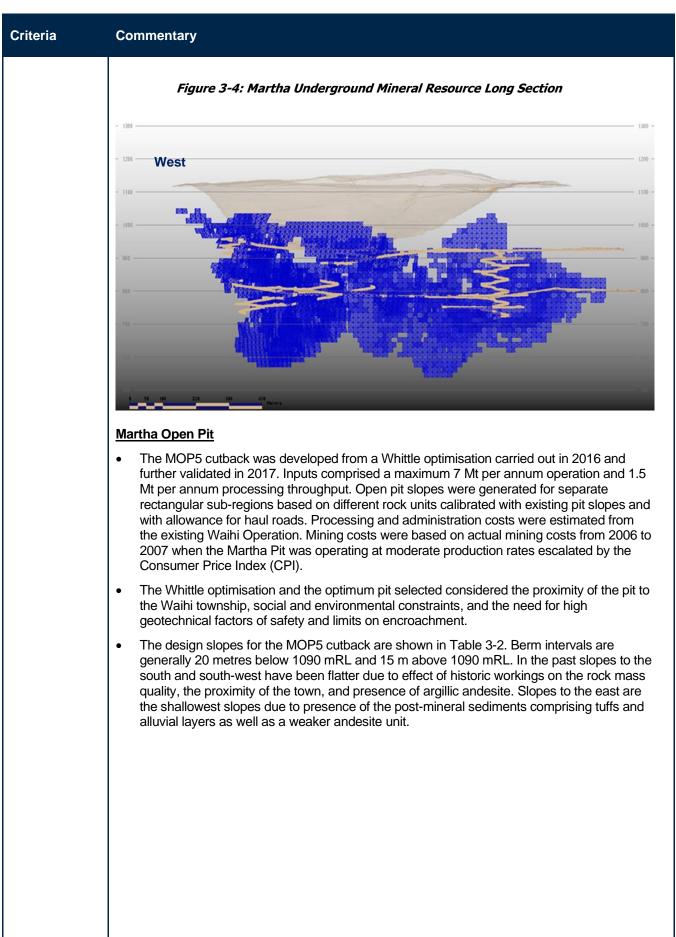




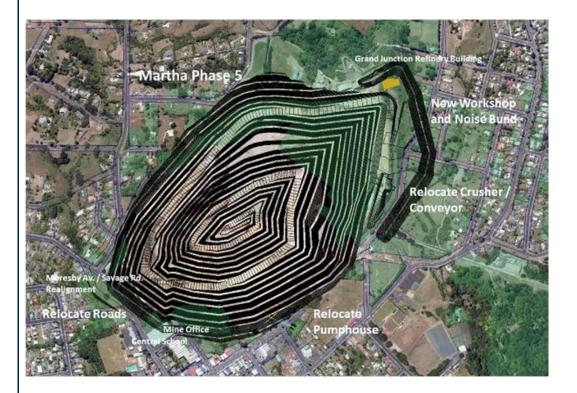
Table 3-2: MOP5 Pit Slope Design Criteria

Bench (mRL)	Berm width	Face Height	South / West Walls	North- West Walls	North- East / South- East Walls	East Wall
1135 to 1150	5	15			35	
1120 to 1135	5	15	25		35	
1103.5 to 1120	5	16	30	35	35	30
1090 to 1103.5	7	14	45	55	60	35
1070 to 1090	7	20	45	65	60	30
1050 to 1070	7	20	50	65	55	45
1030 to 1050	7	20	55	65	55	55
1010 to 1030	7	20	55	70	55	45
990 to 1010	7	20	55	70	55	50
970 to 990	7	20	55	70	55	50
950 to 970	7	20	55	70	55	50
930 to 950	7	20	55	70	55	55
910 to 930	7	20	60	70	55	60
Below 890	7	20	60	70	60	60

• The pit encroaches towards the town centre, residential and low-density residential zones, and for this reason a plan change to the Hauraki District Plan will be required to consent this project.



Figure 3-5: Martha Open Pit Conceptual Design



#### **Hydrogeology**

- The Martha open pit is already dewatered by the Martha underground. No additional dewatering will be required for the open pit resource.
- Any pit wall run-off captured in the base of the pit that is not lost or diverted into the
  underground will be removed by diesel pumping units and pumped into the historic
  workings or delivered to the Water Treatment Plant for treatment prior to discharge to the
  Ohinemuri River under the existing treated water discharge consent.
- The walls in the current pit have been depressurized using horizontal drain holes generally 20 metres long but up to 100 metres long. Drain holes in the existing east wall targeted bases of paleo-valleys and extracted up to 60 l/sec during drilling. The dewatering has been monitored with a network of piezometers around the pit perimeter. This practice should continue as required.

#### Geotechnical

- PSM has reviewed the design inputs into the slope model for the pit optimization and conceptual design, and concluded:
  - o There are no "fatal flaws" in the planned mining.
  - The slopes used to date are appropriate for the conditions at the level of study.
  - The effect of historic workings on the slopes has been assessed and there are some areas where design modifications and or remediation will be required as part of future design works.
  - Phase 5 will be the first pit excavated at Waihi where most of the slopes are outside historic underground cave and subsidence affected rock masses. This means there is probably significant upside potential in many of the deeper slope sections.

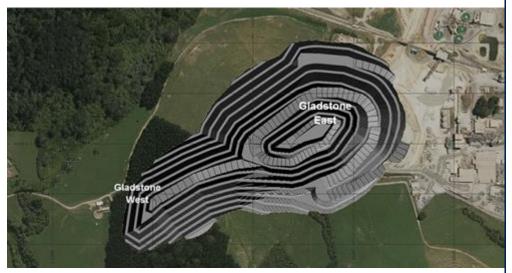


# Criteria Commentary Although geotechnical drill-hole coverage is limited, this is not considered an issue because there is substantial cored exploration drill-hole coverage in most areas of the Phase 5 pit. Notwithstanding the points above, there are information gaps in some upper walls; geological structure to the south; and general geological structure in some other walls that will need to be addressed in future studies. Mining Recovery and Dilution The minimum mining width has been set at 2.5 metres wide. The selective mining unit developed for the geological block model is a bench height of 2.5 metres, and east west dimension of 2.5 metres and north south dimension of 2.5 metres with orientation reflecting the main trend of the mineralised veins in an east westerly direction. The Mineral Resource zones are broad on each mining bench, and the overall dilution edge effects are minimal, with the result that there is expected to be little difference between the overall in situ and diluted tonnes and grade. The Mineral Resource block model has a block dimension which is larger than the optimum selective mining unit (SMU) for the equipment expected to operate at Waihi. No mining losses were applied. It is considered that the resource estimation technique applied to the broad mineral resource zones provides an adequate estimate of the Mineral Resource tonnes and grades. Reconciliation data from mining the Martha open pit also supports this approach. **Gladstone Open Pit** The Gladstone Resource is reported within a conceptual pit design defined using a USD 1500 gold price, this resource is largely Indicated however approximately 10% of the contained metal within the Resource reporting pit shell is classified as inferred. The method for estimating the Mineral Resource involved a 2018 pit optimisation study using the "Whittle" Lerch-Grossman algorithm to determine the economic limits. Operating costs were estimated based on previous contractor rates for the Martha open pit conventional drill, blast, load and haul with standard mid-sized mining equipment. The selected mining method and design is appropriate for the Gladstone open pit. Allowances in the cost estimates were made for separating waste into hard and soft material and further categorised into potentially acid forming or non-acid forming rock and placing in engineered structures. Cut-off grades were reviewed in 2020 and reduced to 0.56g/t.

The conceptual pit design in shown in Figure 3-6



Figure 3-6: Gladstone Open Pit Conceptual Design



#### **Hydrogeology**

- Two aquifers are interpreted across the site, an upper aquifer within the surficial materials
  and young volcanics, and a lower aquifer within the andesite with the two aquifers partially
  separated by the lower permeability, weathered, and hydrothermally altered cap at the top
  of the andesite sequence.
- The model at Gladstone comprises:
  - An upper perched groundwater system within the surficial materials of moderate to low hydraulic conductivity, with pore pressures below hydrostatic and a standing water level at ~1096 mRL with seasonal fluctuation;
  - A lower groundwater system in the Andesite with a standing water level of approximately ~1075 mRL.

#### Geotechnical

- Geotechnical studies during 2017 on preliminary design concepts including geotechnical
  drilling, rock / soil testing and detailed core logging showed that the slopes in the Winner
  Hill pit and the northern slopes in Gladstone Hill were generally satisfactory under fully
  saturated or partially drained conditions. However, the southern and eastern upper slopes
  were shown to be marginally stable under fully or partially saturated conditions particularly
  where there was a significant depth of the surficial deposits.
- The geological model shows the north-western wall will comprise andesite, overlain by a
  thin band of hydrothermal breccia and a relatively thin sheet of rhyolitic tuff/ignimbrite
  thickening to the south. The south-eastern wall has a thicker band of rhyolitic tuff/ignimbrite
  and hydrothermal breccia overlying andesite; and the east wall has the greatest
  thicknesses of dacite and volcaniclastics.
- Design pit slopes were modified based on a detailed geotechnical study completed by PSM in early 2018 including three additional geotechnical holes and geotechnical modelling. Geotechnical domains were re-defined based on the recent analysis. The design criteria used to support calculation of Mineral Resources are reported in Table 3-3 below.



Table 3-3: Gladstone Pit Slopes

Pit Design Parameter	Bench Height Face Slope m degrees		Berm Width m		
Gladstone Pit					
• 1040 to 1100	15	60	5		
• 1100 to 1140	10	40	5		
Breccias / Dacites	10	40	5		
Surface to 6m depth	35				
Haul Road Width	20m wide @1 in 10, surface to 1070,				
	• 12m wide @ 1 in 9 to 1040				
Winner Pit					
• 1060 to 1085	15	60	5		
• 1085 to 1100	15	55	5		
• 1100 to 1130	10	55	5		
Surface to 8m depth	30				
Haul Road Width	18m wide 1 in 10				

#### Mining Recovery and Dilution

- The minimum mining width has been set at 2.5 metres wide. The selective mining unit developed for the geological block model is a bench height of 2.5 metres, and east west dimension of 2.5 metres and north south dimension of 2.5 metres with orientation reflecting the main trend of the mineralised veins in an east westerly direction.
- The Mineral Resource zones are broad on each mining bench, and the overall dilution edge effects are minimal, with the result that there is expected to be little difference between the overall in situ and diluted tonnes and grade. The Mineral Resource block model has a block dimension which is larger than the optimum SMU for the equipment expected to operate at Waihi.
- No mining losses were applied. It is considered that the resource estimation technique
  applied to the broad mineral resource zones provides an adequate estimate of the Mineral
  Resource tonnes and grades. Reconciliation data from mining the Martha open pit also
  supports this approach.

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#### Hydrogeology

- GWS report that the catchment area for the Wharekirauponga Stream is approximately 15 km<sup>2</sup> and with 2.17 meters/year rainfall, the average daily rainfall volume reporting to the catchment is in the order of 89,178 m<sup>3</sup>/d, with most rainfall in winter although sub-tropical storms can produce heavy events in summer.
- To date a number of piezometers have been installed and packer testing completed within the Wharekirauponga area. These holes have covered all areas of the resource and collected data within shallow, deep and multiples ore zones and host rock (EG vein, HW veins, T-Stream vein and host rocks).
- Further work is still required to understand how groundwater interacts with surface waters around Wharekirauponga and with the stream channels.



#### Geotechnical

- SRK have assessed the geotechnical data to establish the geotechnical characteristics and conceptual design elements for the underground mine. The assessment entailed:
  - Understanding the geological setting of the gold deposit;
  - Creation and population of an interpretable geotechnical property database based on the limited geotechnical core logging available;
  - Collection and recording of suitable core samples for rock property testing in a laboratory, supported by field estimates (point loads) of rock strengths;
  - Graphical representation, interpretation and reporting of recorded data, culminating in a model that describes the geotechnical environment, and
  - Transformation of data into Barton's Q' value.
- SRK recommended that the hydraulic radii shown in Table 3-4 be used for initial stope sizing by area and depth.

Table 3-4: Preliminary Geotechnical Parameters for WKP Stope Sizing

	Eastern Graben EG Rhyolite			rea Lapilli uff	Western T stream Rhyolite	
	HR min	HR max	HR min	HR max	HR min	HR max
80-160 m	5.5	5.5	5.1	5.1	6.8	6.8
160-240 m	4.8	5.5	4.5	5.1	6.8	6.8
260-320 m	4.2	5.5	4.0	5.1	6.7	6.8

#### Mining Method

- Mining method selection work for the WKP Project was undertaken by SRK in 2019,
- SRK state both pillar and artificially supported methods are suitable for the WKP deposit.
   The deposit will not be able to be supplied an engineered fill such as paste or cemented hydraulic fill because the location of the processing plant is 10 km distance from the mine.
   Backfill for the mine could be either cemented rock fill or rock fill.
- The use of in-situ pillars was not considered by SRK due to the high grade of the Mineral Resource, as such if pillars are required these could be cemented fill rather than in-situ pillars.
- The existing OceanaGold operation Waihi use the Avoca mining method and SRK considers that Avoca mining method is also suitable for WKP.
- SRK recommended a sub-level height of 20 m and stope strike length of 15 meters be
  adopted for stope optimisation which is within the preliminary geotechnical parameters with
  a HR of 4.3.

#### Mineral Resource Estimate

- OceanaGold has evaluated the Mineral Resource using the Deswik<sup>®</sup> Stope Optimiser (SO).
- The Mineral Resource is reported within the SO shapes above the 2.5 g/t cut-off grade. No unclassified material contained within the SO shapes is reported.
- Nominal stope dimensions of 15 meters high by 15 meters in length were selected for the SO.



Criteria	Commentary
	Stope widths vary, depending on the thickness of the mineralisation. A minimum mining width of 0.5 meters was used and 0.5 meters of dilution was applied to both the footwall and hangingwall resulting in a minimum stope width of 1.5 meters.
	A maximum stope width of 15 m was used with a minimum pillar width between stopes of 8 meters.
	The method of specifying the strike and dip angles for the initial stope-seed-shapes in SO was to apply a stope control surface wireframe over the full extent of the orebody where stope shapes are to be generated.
	All shapes within 50 meters of the surface topography were excluded from the estimate.     Figure 3-7-7 and Figure 3-8-8 present the SO shapes.
	Mining Recovery and Dilution
	No mining recovery or dilution were applied to the Mineral Resource estimate.



Figure 3-7: WKP Mineral Resource Long Section

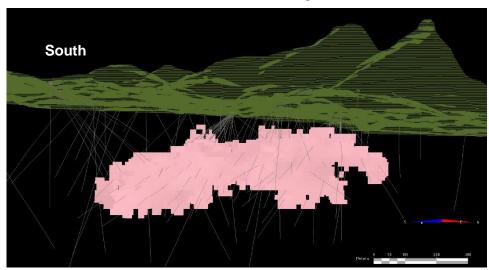
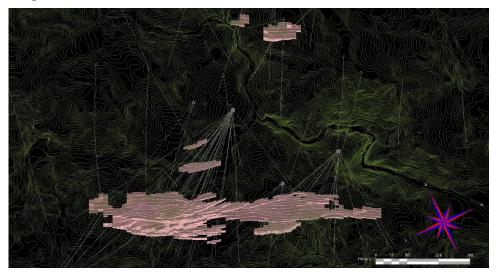


Figure 3-8: WKP Mineral Resource Plan View



## Metallurgical factors or assumptions

#### **Martha Underground Project**

- Prior to 2018 metallurgical test work has been completed on 30 composite samples of mineral resource intercepts from Edward (18), Martha (9), Welcome (1) and Empire East (2). Twenty-three samples were submitted to the Newmont Inverness testing facility. Six samples representing the Edward vein were submitted to Amtech Laboratory in Perth, Western Australia. Samples were mostly submitted both as quarter core and as jaw crush reject material (95% < 7 mm), if both were available.
- In 2019 a further 18 composites were tested from intercepts were submitted to AMML Laboratories in Australia for testing direct leach performance.
- In 2020, 25 composites samples from intercepts were sent to the Macraes Laboratory for testing direct leach performance, and 22 composites samples were sent to JKTech for comminution testing.



### Criteria Commentary Separately, flotation testing was done on 27 samples (Phase 1 – 9 samples, Phase 2 – 18 samples) at a grind size of 75 µm. Results from this testwork indicated that there is little to no recovery benefit at 1% sulphur grade. Gold extraction results for historical, 2019 and 2020 samples at different grind sizes indicate that a 38 µm grind size provides the best gold extraction in the laboratory. On average for all metallurgical samples, gold recovery improvement between 38 µm and 53 um is 0.70% for Edward, 0.90% for Empire, 3.10% for Martha, 2.4% for Royal and 0.90% for Rex. Plant operating experience has shown that an equivalent laboratory gold recovery at a P80 of 38 µm is equivalent to a grind size P80 of 53 µm in the plant. This relationship is due to the laboratory grind testwork being in open circuit, whereas in the plant the grinding circuit is in closed circuit. This results in the higher density sulphides being preferentially ground finer and hence liberating more gold particles that are disseminated within the sulphides. Figure 3-9 shows gold extraction (recovery) for the historical, 2019 and 2020 samples tested at a grind size of 38 microns against calculated gold feed grades. These results show a range of recoveries from 89% to 99% for the Edward samples, 83% to 94% for Martha samples, 86% to 97% for Empire, 87% to 92% for Royal and 92% to 94% for Rex samples. Figure 3-9 highlights the difference in gold recoveries for lower arsenic grade composites, i.e., below 80 ppm As (solid circles), versus those for high arsenic grade composites, i.e. above 80 ppm As (hollow circles). High arsenic grade composites typically show lower gold recoveries. The scheduled arsenic grades for the mine reserves are generally within the 25 ppm - 75 ppm range for which higher gold recoveries are expected. Project work and metallurgical testing have shown Martha underground mineral resources to be amenable for processing via the existing Waihi treatment plant flowsheet and achieve practicable throughput rates, reagent and consumable consumption and process recovery. A metallurgical recovery of 94% been used for the Mineral Resource cut-off calculation.



Laboratory Leach Testwork - 38 microns 100 9.5 90 8 Au extraction, 85 80 75 70 20 25 Calculated Au Head Grade, g/t • Edward < 80ppm Royal<80ppm</li> Empire <80ppm</li> Martha<80ppm</li> REX<80ppm</li> o Edward >80ppm ○ Empire >80ppm O Royal > 80ppm o Martha>80ppm

Figure 3-9 Laboratory Leach Testwork Chart

#### **Martha Open Pit**

Martha open pit metallurgical recovery of gold is estimated at 90% and silver recovery is
 estimated at 63% based on the process plant performance and reconciliations over the last
 30 years of operation extracting similar veins.

#### **Gladstone Open Pit**

- Laboratory scale test work has been conducted on the drill hole samples obtained for the Gladstone Mineral Resource. The key focus of the metallurgical work has been to derive gold recovery, throughput rates, reagent consumption, and to confirm the suitability of current Plant configuration. This test work has shown the Gladstone mineral resource to be amenable for processing via the existing Waihi treatment plant flow-sheet. Recovery is shown to vary with the weathering extent of the Gladstone resource.
- The weathered domain achieves higher recoveries than the primary un-weathered domain.
   Separate recovery relationships have been determined for the weathered and un-weathered domains. A small separate metallurgical domain characterised by the hydrothermal breccia host rock was also identified.
- A grind size of P<sub>80</sub> of 90 microns has been selected, as plant operating experience has shown that this is equivalent to a laboratory gold recovery at a P<sub>80</sub> of 75 microns. The gold and arsenic recovery relationship identified in Correnso resource is not observed in the Gladstone Resource. The statistically significant drivers of recovery within the Gladstone resource are weathering and gold head grade.
- The recovery estimate from the test work is calculated at a P<sub>80</sub> of 75 microns
  - Weathered: Recovery % = 100 \* (0.902 (0.049 / Head Grade Au))
  - $\circ$  Un-weathered: Recovery % = 100 \* (0.85 (0.452 / Head Grade Au))
  - Hydrothermal Breccia: Recovery % = 74%
- This relationship predicts an average recovery for the Gladstone Resource of 71% based on the average Mineral Resource grade of 1.5 g/t Au.



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- Metallurgical test work has been completed on WKP ore samples in four rounds of test work. Test work has been carried out at ALS Laboratories in Perth and AMML in Gosford, Australia. Crush material derived from drill core samples have been composited with each sample composite containing approximately 30 kg of sample material.
- The first round of test work was conducted on two sample composites from the 'East Graben vein' with the composite samples sent away for Gravity Leach and Direct Leach test work.
- The second round of test work was conducted in two parts. Part one included sample composites from the 'East Graben' vein and other geologically distinct domains, including the 'East Graben Hanging Wall' veins and the 'East Graben Footwall' veins. One sample composite was tested from each geological 'domain'. These samples were tested for Batch Flotation, Gravity Leach and Direct Leach test work. Part two of the second round tested five composite samples from the 'East Graben vein' over a wider spatial spread and tested more variable ore types with regards to Au grade and distribution of other elements. These samples were tested for Batch Flotation, Flotation Concentrate Leach, Flotation Tails Leach, Gravity Leach and Direct Leach test work.
- The third round of test work was conducted on four composite samples from the 'East Graben' Vein and two composites samples from the 'East Graben Footwall' veins. The samples were tested for Batch Flotation, Flotation Concentrate Leach and Flotation Tails Leach. These tests were conducted at a variety of grind sizes, including at 106 um, 90 um and 75 um respectively. Direct Leach test work was also carried out at a grind size of 53 um and 38 um.
- A programme of Comminution Testwork has also been completed by JKTech on six selected WKP vein sample composites. The samples were subject to the following comminution tests: SMC Test; JK Bond Ball, Bond Abrasion Index; and a Bond Rod Mill Work Index. The samples were determined to be moderately hard to hard in terms of resistance to impact breakage and hard to very hard in terms of resistance to grinding.
- A review of the performance of the composites via a direct leach flowsheet compared to generating a separate flotation concentrate at a coarser primary grind for regrind and leach was made. The benefits from the flotation-ultrafine regrind-leach flowsheet in terms of higher recovery did not provide sufficient benefit to cover the costs of the more complex flowsheet compared to direct leach performance at 38 um equivalent to the current Martha mill flowsheet.
- A further comminution program was undertaken by JKTech on 9 additional composites sourced from the 4 main identified geomet domains. The samples were subject to the following comminution tests: SMC Test; JK Bond Ball, Bond Abrasion Index; and a Bond Rod Mill Work Index. The samples were consistent with the earlier program and determined to be moderately hard to hard in terms of resistance to impact breakage and hard to very hard in terms of resistance to grinding.
- The fourth round of test work was conducted on sixteen composites selected from the "EG vein", "EG HWS", footwall and hanging wall vein geomet domains. The samples were subjected to direct leach recovery testwork at 75 um, 53 um, 38 um, and 10 um. Diagnostic leach tests were carried out on residues of key tests to identify the form of unrecovered gold. The testwork to date suggests the material tested continues to be highly amenable to the direct leach flowsheet at the Martha mill. Leach losses are primarily sulphide locked with arsenopyrite and performance is not dissimilar to other underground ore sources processed in the Martha mill.
- The average gold recovery from leaching on the main EG vein samples averages 89.8% and suggests the majority of the EG vein material can be classified as free milling. The lower recovery experienced in some of the Footwall and Hanging Wall vein samples is attributed to elevated arsenic levels and higher sulphide locked losses and currently accounts for a minor proportion of the estimated contained metal.
- 90% recovery has been adopted for the cut-off grade calculation.



Table 3-5: Round 4 Metallurgical Testwork Samples and Recoveries

Composite No	Zone	Head Grade (Au g/t)	Gold Recovery (%) 75um	Gold Recovery (%) 53um	Gold Recovery (%) 38um
		(Au g/t)	7 Julii	Jann	Soulli
WKP-MET-032	EG Vein	6.67	91.5	92.7	93.2
WKP-MET-033	EG Vein	7.62	90.8	91.7	92.9
WKP-MET-034	EG Vein	3.14	71.1	71.6	73.8
WKP-MET-035	EG Vein	4.12	92.2	91.8	93.6
WKP-MET-036	EG Vein	6.41	89.6	91.3	92.4
WKP-MET-037	EG Vein	5.71	84.4	85.0	85.6
WKP-MET-038	South FW splay	16.20	93.5	94.6	95.3
WKP-MET-039	South FW splay	16.60	88.9	90.1	91.8
WKP-MET-040	South FW splay	5.52	96.0	97.5	98.0
WKP-MET-041	South FW splay	3.34	80.3	81.0	81.0
WKP-MET-042	FW Vein	5.06	67.5	69.5	68.1
WKP-MET-043	FW Vein	8.31	86.0	90.2	91.0
WKP-MET-044	FW Vein	8.33	66.8	66.0	66.4
WKP-MET-045	T Stream	1.72	94.6	95.9	97.1
WKP-MET-046	Comb HW Veins	3.35	90.7	94.5	98.2
WKP-MET-047	Comb HW Veins	4.50	49.3	50.3	51.0

## Environmenta I factors or assumptions

The Waihi operation holds the necessary permits, consents, certificates, licences and agreements required to conduct its current operations, and to construct and operate the Martha underground.

#### **Martha Underground**

 All permits are in place for the Martha underground. The Hauraki District Council and Waikato Regional Councils have issued resource consents for Project Martha. The conditions impose restrictions on blasting magnitudes and firing times, mine design, geotechnical monitoring, dewatering and surface stability.



#### Criteria Commentary Martha Open Pit (MOP5) Martha open pit project environmental studies have commenced, environmental factors are assumed to be in line with those previously experienced on site. Studies have assumed that the rehabilitation of the Martha pit will be to form a recreational lake with rehabilitated surfaces above lake level. **Gladstone Open Pit** Gladstone project environmental studies have commenced, environmental factors are assumed to be in line with those previously experienced on site. **WKP** Baseline monitoring and surveys are currently underway by experienced and qualified third-parties. The assessment will include terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity. **Bulk density** An updated assessment of density determinations was completed in May 2018. Weight measurements are routinely collected for representative core samples in air and in water during the logging process. **Martha Underground Resources** • Density readings are routinely collected during logging of diamond drill core. Bulk Density (BD) is automatically calculated using the following formula: Weight in Air (Weight in Air – Weight in water) = BD Domain (MUG) Mean BD Standard Sample Count Deviation Quartz Andesite 2.52 0.15 1.361 Quartz Vein 634 0.09 2.53 High Base Metal content logged 426 2.56 0.08 Global Average 2.156 2.50 0.16 The bulk density of the andesite host rock and the vein structures in the Martha Underground are influenced by several factors. It generally decreases when it is oxidised near the surface and at depth it also decreases where it has been affected by hydrothermal alteration. In general, the andesites have a BD of less than 2.8 grams per cubic/cm. The BD of quartz veining within the Martha underground is more influenced by weathering adjacent to historical mine workings than surface weathering. Other factors that influence the BD include the concentration of clay minerals (within the veins and host rocks), calcite and base metal content (within the vein zones), and presence or type of historical mine workings. In assigning density within the mineral resource estimate, historic stope fill is assigned a

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assigned a density of 1.9.

WKP bulk density measurements are routinely collected during logging of diamond drill core. A field in the AcQuire database is setup to automatically calculate the bulk density from these density measurements using the same formula as the Martha Underground Resource described above.

density of 1.8. Collapse zones associated with the Milking Cow subsidence zone has been



Criteria	Commentary

Domain (WKP)	Sample Count	Mean BD
Waste Rock	156	2.45
Quartz Vein	79	2.54
Global Average	235	2.50

#### **Gladstone**

 Gladstone densities range from 2.0 g/cm3 to 2.5 g/cm3, densities are assigned based on geologic unit and oxidation state.

Zone	Area	Oxide Density	Primary Density
1	Black Hill Dacite	2.2	2.2
2	Rhyolite Tuff	2.1	2.3
3	Andesite	2.0	2.2
4	Volcaniclastics	2.0	2.0
5	Hydrothermal Breccias	2.2	2.2
9	Quartz Veins	2.3	2.5
Mined 1	Mined Development	0	0
Mined 2	Avoca Stopes	1.8	1.8

#### Classification

- Classification is based primarily on estimation quality which is itself mainly dependent on drilling density. It is considered that all other factors that may influence classification are adequately encapsulated within the resource estimation methodology.
- There is significant experience in mining and assessing the continuity of mineralisation with the veins for Martha and the adjacent deposits, the vein style mineralisation has a strong visual control and has demonstrated structural continuity over significant ranges.
- An estimation run utilizing a maximum of three drill holes with a single sample per drill hole
  was undertaken storing the average distance to the three drill holes used to estimate the
  block. This forms the basis for the drill hole spacing and therefore the confidence
  categorisation.

Table 3-6: Average Drill hole spacing required for resource classification - MUG

Confidence category	Vein Zones Average distance to 3 closest holes	Stope backfill
Measured	N/A	N/A
Indicated	Average distance to 3 closest holes < 27 m	N/A
Inferred	Average distance to 3 closest holes < 40 m	Manually coded based on study assessment

- Mine fill within the historic stopes is not classified beyond Inferred and therefore not included in Reserves.
- Open pit estimations require tighter spacing of 22.5 meters for Indicated classification in the more complicated zones exhibiting strong brecciation and/or stockwork veining
- A tighter spacing of 22.5 meters has been implemented in the more complicated zones exhibiting strong brecciation and/or stockwork veining



#### Criteria Commentary The Gladstone deposit has a nominal drill hole spacing of 30 meters on the major mineralised veins. The resource estimate outlined in this document appropriately reflects the Competent Person's view of the deposits. **WKP** The ranges employed in classification of the WKP scoping resource model are slightly greater than ranges used in classification of other vein zones currently being mined within the larger Waihi operation, based on the demonstrated continuity of the EG vein over approximately 1,000 metres along strike. Indicated Resource is defined using an average distance to the three closest drill holes of 50 metres. The Mineral Resource classification is shown in Table 3-7. Table 3-7: Average Drill hole spacing required for resource classification EG Vein All Other Veins Average distance to 3 closest **Confidence Category** Average distance to 3 closest holes holes N/A N/A Measured Average distance to 3 Indicated closest holes < 28 m N/A Average distance to 3 Average distance to 3 Inferred closest holes < 45 m closest holes < 45 m Polygons are developed based on the results of this estimation pass for coding into the block model for the higher confidence category zones to overcome spotty distribution of classification criteria. The resource estimate outlined in this document appropriately reflects the Competent Person's view of the deposit. A tighter spacing of 22.5 meters has been implemented in the more complicated zones exhibiting strong brecciation and/or stockwork veining. Audits or The models are regularly cross checked by OceanaGold employees that are familiar with reviews the resource estimation practices employed on site. OceanaGold Group Geologist - Doug Corley has undertaken a peer review of the Martha Underground Model. No material issues were identified. OceanaGold Group Geologist – Wesly Randa has undertaken a peer review of the WKP Resource Model. No material issues were identified. Martha underground resource estimation protocols were independently reviewed and deemed fit for purpose in 2018 by Entech Pty Ltd during project study work. SRK was engaged to undertake an independent assessment of an earlier WKP resource estimate and concluded that: The conceptual geological model appears sound and consistent with the experience of nearby mineralisation and existing resources. SRK found no issues with the integrity of the database. SRK has no concerns with the QAQC. Lode boundaries are based on a specifically defined combination of structure mineralisation and grade and the model appears to adhere well to this set of rules



<ul> <li>SRK considers that the top-cuts employed in the estimate may and that the estimate may be conservative in grade (and ultim content).</li> <li>Grade estimation appears to be in the sub-blocks rather than this is not good practice as support volumes are not consisten does not consider this to be a material concern in the context the model.</li> <li>Resource classifications of Indicated and Inferred areas are compropriate.</li> <li>The Resource model and drilling are at a relatively early stage</li> </ul>	
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modelled, estimated and classified appropriately for the purpo	
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RSC concluded that;	
<ul> <li>Location, Density, Geology and Grade Data meets appropriate to allow for the estimation of Indicated Mineral Resources.</li> </ul>	e quality objectives
<ul> <li>OGL's quality assurance (QA) systems are generally of a high</li> </ul>	standard.
<ul> <li>The use of implicit modelling in the complex vein environment and considers it to have been applied effectively.</li> </ul>	to be good practice
Discussion of relative accuracy/confidence  MKP  In reviewing the nature of the WKP deposit it is considered appropriate modelling and estimation workflows used for the Waihi deposits to estire resource for this deposit. This opinion is formed based on the geologic detailed statistical evaluation of the data obtained through drilling.  Numerous methods have been used to validate the integrity of the r01: resource model. The validation has included:  validation of the new data,  a review of the interpretation, including classification shapes,  a review of the exploratory data analysis (EDA), including varia neighbourhoods,  global grade and tonnage comparisons with the previous mod  a visual sectional validation of the block model with interpretatt  Swath plots are generated using the Vulcan drift analysis tools  Martha Underground Resource  Table 3-9 summarizes the Waihi underground resource model reconciliation data from vario four years to 2021 show variable performance from year to year with a laverage performance; +8% for tonnes, -2% for grade and +7% for containing the properties.	mate the in-situ knowledge and the 22_WKP_NZTM  Degraphy and search el ion and drilling, and is.  ations for 2018 to ution.  Substitution and drilling and ition.



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		Table 3	3-9: Waih	i Undergro	ound Ma	odel to Mil	ll-Adjusted	d Mine Re	econciliatio	on.
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	Year	Mt	grade	Moz	Mt	grade	Moz	Mt	grade	Мо
	2021(3)	0.22	4.19	0.030	0.29	3.24	0.030	1.31	0.77	1.0
	2020	0.13	5.80	0.024	0.13	5.30	0.022	1.01	0.91	0.9
	2019	0.43	5.52	0.077	0.43	5.60	0.078	1.00	1.01	1.0
	2018	0.40	6.20	0.08	0.43	6.80	0.095	1.07	1.10	1.18
	Total	1.19	5.53	0.211	1.29	5.44	0.225	1.08	0.98	1.0
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review and will continue as mining progresses in 2022.



### Section 4. Estimation and Reporting of Ore Reserves

(Criteria listed in section 1, and where relevant in sections 2 and 3, also apply to this section.)

Criteria	Commentary							
Mineral Resource	The Mineral Resource estimate used as a basis for conversion to an Ore Reserves is described in Section 3 of this Table 1.							
estimate for conversion to Ore Reserves	Mineral Resources are reported inclusive of the Ore Reserves.							
Site Visits	The Competent Person for Underground Ore Reserves is David Townsend who has been employed at Waihi since 2016 and has been involved in the design and development of the underground mines since then.							
Study status	The type and level of study is a Feasibility Study as defined in Section 40 of the JORC Code, 2012 Edition.							
	The Feasibility Study for Martha underground was published by the Company in March 2021 and no material changes have been made since that time.							
	<ul> <li>Mining studies have been conducted for geotechnical stability, numerical modelling, mine design, mine planning, ventilation, power and infrastructure, cut-off grade, detailed cost estimation and economic evaluation.</li> </ul>							
	All permits have been granted to enable mining of Martha underground.							
	All permits have been granted to enable mining of MP4 to provide backfill for the Martha underground.							
	<ul> <li>Underground mining and ore processing at Waihi has been in continuous operation since 2004.</li> </ul>							
	The site has had a 16-year operating experience with mineral resource reconciliation and metallurgical recovery performance of the underground resources. Actual costs for underground mining, ore processing, G&A, and selling costs are known.							
	A mine plan has been developed which is technically achievable and economically viable. All Modifying Factors have been considered.							
	Consents are in place for all underground mining covered by this Section of the report and all planned mining methods are in accordance with the license, permit and consent conditions, principally related to placement of backfill, blast vibration limits, method of working and hydrogeological controls.							
Cut-off parameters	Cut-off grade is based on Ore Reserve metal prices of NZD 2,142 per ounce. A silver price of NZ\$26 per ounce for silver is applied as a by-product credit to the operating costs.							
	<ul> <li>Inputs to the calculation of cut-off grades for Martha underground include mining costs, metallurgical recoveries, treatment and refining costs, general and administrative costs, royalties and metal prices.</li> </ul>							
	<u>Correnso</u>							
	The following cut-off grades have been used to determine the underground Ore Reserve:							
	<ul> <li>Narrow vein ore development and stoping beyond designed limits 1.4 g/t Au,</li> </ul>							
	<ul> <li>Narrow vein ore development beyond stope limits 2.7 g/t Au,</li> </ul>							
	<ul> <li>Ore development and stoping beyond designed limits 2.4 g/t Au,</li> </ul>							
	<ul> <li>Ore development beyond stope limits 2.6 g/t Au,</li> </ul>							
	<ul> <li>Low grade development ore 1.8 g/t.</li> </ul>							



# Criteria Commentary Martha Underground

- Cut off grades take into account silver as a credit at a 2.7:1 ratio to gold and silver process recovery of 60%. Mining costs include:
  - o finance leases on mobile equipment,
  - o supply and placement of rockfill and CAF,
  - o additional mine development for placing fill in historic workings, and
  - footwall and crosscut development, additional ring drilling and higher proportions of remote mucking for the backfill remnant areas.
- Mining cut-off grades vary based on the mining method and are summarised in Table 4-1.

Table 4-1: MUG Cut-off Grade by Mining Method

Area	Cut-off grade (g/t Au)
Virgin Avoca mining	2.2
Avoca mining in remnant areas with CRF	2.9

## Mining factors or assumptions

#### **Martha Underground**

#### Mining Methods

The Martha underground is accessed via the existing Favona portal through the existing Trio and Correnso workings and shares the ventilation development and shafts as well as the Correnso workshop, Trio cribroom, and dewatering systems. Exploration drives were completed on 800<sup>1</sup> mRL and 920 mRL in 2018. Refer Figure 4-1 for the extent of mine development as at the end of 2021.

Figure 4-1: MUG Mine Access Development



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Note that the RL used for the underground mine is based on the Mt. Eden Grid with 1000m added to the mean sea level to avoid the need for negative levels.

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Criteria	Commentary
	Development of Martha underground commenced in mid-2019 and 2,169 m of lateral development and a 120 m ventilation raise were completed by the end of 2019 and a further 18,840 m of lateral development completed in 2020. Development up to end 2020 has been focussed on ramp accesses for Edward, Empire, Rex and Royal mine zones, ventilation connections, pumping well access drives, drilling platforms and back fill drives as well as the breakthroughs into the pit.
	• Based on the proposed mining method and equipment, historical experience, and orebody geometries, the development strategy for all underground areas involves mining of declines for access to five main mining areas. Access drives will be mined to develop drilling and loading levels, generally targeted to intersect the orebodies centrally. Access drives will be spaced at 18 m vertically over the height of the mine for most mining areas. Each access drive will have a dedicated sump, electrical recess and development for escape and return air raises. Ore drives will be developed in both directions along strike from the access drives. Stockpiles will be mined off the decline and in levels for truck loading. The development design used is in line with the Feasibility Study and aligns with current operating practices at Waihi.
	<ul> <li>Key differences with current operating practices involves the development of footwall drives, crosscuts and a pass system in selected locations mainly confined to Edward, Empire east and west to backfill the historical workings with CRF or RF. Cross cut spacing is generally at 20 m to 25 m spacing. Historical stopes are backfilled to provide both regional and local stability.</li> </ul>
	The mine design is shown in plan view in Figure 4-2 and long section in Figure 4-3.



Edward Veins & Upper Docline

Empire West & Decline

Royal West Vein & Docline

Royal Drill Drive

Royal Edward Vein & Royal East

A Decline

A Base Docline

Royal East

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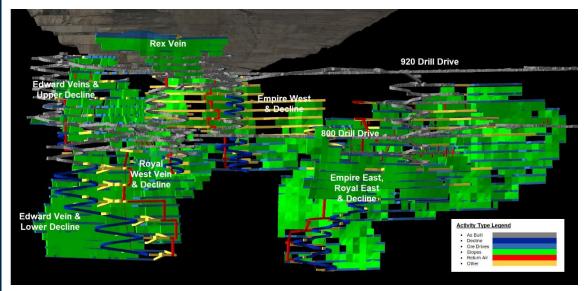
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Figure 4-2: Martha Underground Overview Plan View

Figure 4-3: Martha Underground Overview Long Section

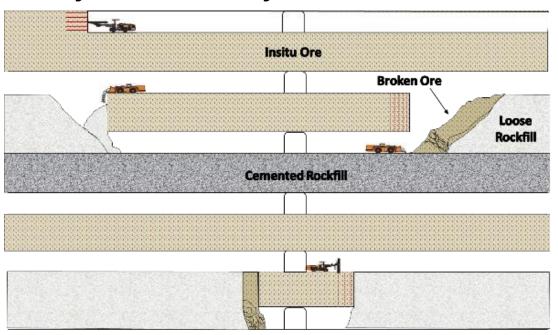


- Mining method selection work for the Martha underground was undertaken by SRK in 2011, 2016 and 2017 and confirmed by Entech in 2018 and 2020 and by OceanaGold in 2020. Four mining methods are proposed for the mine:
  - 1. Modified Avoca with rockfill in virgin (previously unmined) areas.
  - 2. Modified Avoca with rockfill in remnant areas adjacent to collapsed stopes separated by an intermediate pillar.
  - 3. Modified Avoca with rockfill in remnant areas adjacent historical stopes filled with engineered fill (CRF / CAF)
  - Bottom up side ring method with CRF/CAF/RF where skins adjacent to historical backfill are extracted.
- Much of the Ore Reserve can be extracted using the modified Avoca mining method, refer
  Figure 4-4, similar to the methods employed at Favona, Trio and Correnso. The modified
  Avoca method with RF is a semi-selective and productive underground mining method, and
  well suited for steeply dipping deposits of moderate thickness. It is typically one of the most
  productive and lower-cost mining methods applied across many different styles of
  mineralisation.



 Stope structural support is provided through a combination of cable bolting and uncemented RF. It is not planned to leave rib pillars unless there is limited access to the sub-level or recommended to maintain overall mine stability.

Figure 4-4: Modified Avoca Mining Method

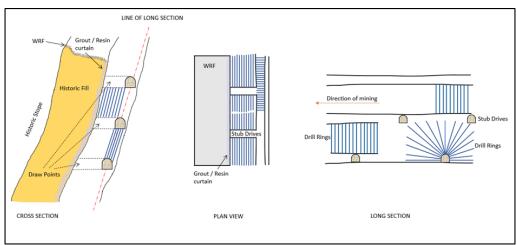


Source SRK Consulting Ltd

- A small proportion of the Ore Reserve will involve the extraction of remnant skins in the
  footwall or hangingwall of previously mined (historical) stopes, or the extraction of both
  remnant skins. Historical backfill may also be mined and experience with OP mining shows
  this material may be above the cut-off. However, as it is currently classified as Inferred
  Resource it is not included as Ore Reserve.
- Following detailed studies over the last nine years, three methods are proposed for the extraction of remnant areas, adjacent to historic workings, viz.
  - A modified Avoca method whereby the historic stope is backfilled with CRF prior to stoping and the remnant skin is extracted by conventional modified Avoca using RF in a bottom-up sequence that exposes the CRF.
  - 2. A modified Avoca method adjacent the collapsed historic stope where backfill with CRF is not feasible and a stand off from the historic wall of 3.5 m maintained with lower estimated recoveries, higher dilutions.
  - 3. A remote side ring method where the historic backfill is extracted together with remnant wall rock in a bottom-up sequence. The side ring method is described in detail below. The side ring method is described in detail below.
- The side ring mining method for the extraction of remnant skins will use conventional and remote drilling and loading methods, combined with remote LHD equipment. This method involves additional waste development adjacent to the remnant stopes, which increases overall development quantities and mining costs. Entech concluded that once established, the method is expected to achieve acceptable mining recovery with few safety issues anticipated. The proposed mining method is illustrated in Figure 4-5. This method is employed in the Empire west area and comprises a very small proportion of the Ore Reserve.



Figure 4-5: Remnant Mining Method



Source Entech Consulting Ltd, 2021.

- In general mining areas at MUG are designed with either a 15 m or 18 m level spacing, floor to
  floor. This is primarily to limit blast vibration, but this also assists hanging wall and footwall
  stability. This is in line with previously mined areas and has proven to be successful and
  efficient.
- Stopes are designed with dilution on both the footwall and the hanging wall based on geotechnical assessment for the immediate mining area, which when applied with the stope recovery factors reconciles with previous performance of stopes in active mining areas.
- Stope recovery factors consider the difficulties associated with recovering all ore from a stope, particularly under remote control operations. Additionally, it allows for the potential loss of metal due to excess dilution burying ore and limiting recovering of all the ore. Recovery and dilution factors are shown in Table 4-2.
- Geotechnical investigations and stope exposure recommendations for MUG were provided by Entech, Beck Engineering, and AMC. These have been advanced by onsite geotechnical personnel based on the small amount of stoping completed.
- Grade control drilling will be required as the underground develops to better define the
  mineralisation prior to mining. Some holes will be used as resource infill and to probe the
  areas with old voids in MUG. Chip sampling of underground drives will also be employed.
- As MUG targets a mix of old workings and new lodes, a conservative approach was adopted
  for the mine production and development which excluded all Indicated Mineral Resources
  within the previously heavily mined Martha veins or caved zones. This area will be reevaluated in future studies.

#### **Hydrogeology**

- GWS Limited Consulting (GWS) have modelled the groundwater system in Waihi since the late 1980s. Regular monitoring is compared to the modelled predictions and is discussed in the annual settlement and dewatering monitoring report submitted to the Regulators.
- GWS report that a shallow groundwater system associated with volcanic ash, alluvium and
  completely weathered rhyolite tephra is present at shallow depth. Monitoring data shows that
  it is unaffected by mine dewatering except immediately adjacent to the Martha Pit. Shallow
  groundwater levels are controlled principally by rainfall infiltration, low surface soil permeability
  and natural and assisted drainage to surface water systems.
- GWS report that the higher volumes of water in the deeper aquifer are contained primarily in the quartz vein, the historic underground workings and infiltrated through the open pit which is more permeable than the surrounding andesite country rock. This system has been drained from the mine dewatering system within the underground mine. Currently the water level is at approximately 640 mRL.



- Further drawdown of the water table is required to extract the Martha Underground resource.
   Permits are in place for the drawdown of the water table to 500 mRL. Boreholes have been installed and operational for further dewatering as part of the Martha underground. A slurry pump system has been installed on 790 mRL capable of handling the high level of entrained solids for the other minor pump stations.
- GWS estimate the average daily pumping rates to dewater to 500 mRL range from 14,000 m³/day to 16,700 m³/day.

#### Geotechnical Model

- The geotechnical model for stoping assessments was based on empirical modelling using Q ratings for the rock mass quality and applying the Mathews method to determine stable spans.
   Geotechnical modelling is impacted by mine design where level spacing was set by blast vibration limits and modelling had to ensure stable pillars were left.
- Geotechnical assessments indicate that rock mass conditions within the ore zones and immediately adjacent to the ore zones are generally of fair to very good quality. In general, the ground conditions do not require any special remediation other than standard first pass ground support.
- It has been proven that stable stope strike spans of up to 20 m can routinely be mined.
- 3D numerical modelling was undertaken to assess the global effects of mining including global mine stability, risk due to chimney failure of individual stopes, and the effects on ground surface subsidence and settlement. The numerical modelling concluded that the likely effects on ground surface stability due to mining would be negligible.
- The stability of the design has been checked with 3D numerical stress-strain analyses of the workings which included consideration for mine-scale faulting. The modelling results confirm that stopes and access drifts are predicted to remain stable during active mining.

#### Mining Recovery and Dilution

- Stopes are designed with dilution on both the footwall and the hanging wall based on geotechnical assessment for the immediate mining area, which when applied with the stope recovery factors reconciles with performance of stopes in active mining areas.
- Tonnage recovery factors shown in the table below for stoping include in-situ ore plus dilution
  material. Metal recovery factors consider the difficulties associated with recovering all ore from
  a stope, particularly under remote control operations. Additionally, it allows for the potential
  loss of metal due to excess dilution burying ore and limiting recovering of all the ore.

Table 4-2: Underground Mining Dilution & Recovery Factors



						OCEANAGOLD	
Criteria	Commentary						
	Tonnes	5%		96%	1.0	Based on Correnso	
	oz. Au		3%	96%	0.93	Based on Correnso	
	Proximal to Collapse (-	Proximal to Collapse (+3m pillar)					
	Tonnes	7%		93%	1.0	Increase – shorter panels	
	oz. Au		3%	93%	0.9	Allow Some panels to fail	
	Adjacent to Collapse or	Adjacent to Collapse or Historic Fill					
	Tonnes	25%		70%	0.88	Corners cannot be bogged out	
	oz. Au		5%	70%	0.67	High dilution in historic fill	
No Inferred Resource metal has been		peen inclu	ded in the Ore	e Reserve.			
	<ul> <li>Each individual design item was interrogated to report against each Mineral Resource category, and the average grade of each design item assessed allowing only contribution metal from Measured and Indicated Mineral Resource categories. As such, any Inferred Resource material was effectively included as diluting material at zero grade.</li> </ul>			ng only contribution of such, any Inferred			
						xtract the underground e heading Infrastructure	
	The metallurgical productions	cess at Wail	ni is well-te	ested and pro	ven technolo	gy having been in	

## Metallurgical factors or assumptions

- The metallurgical process at Waihi is well-tested and proven technology, having been in operation for 29 continuous years.
- Ore processing consists of five stages: comminution, leaching/adsorption, elution, electrowinning and smelting. Underground stockpile ore is reclaimed at between 40 to 100 tonnes per hour by front end loader and fed onto a static grizzly with an aperture of 200 mm.
- The processing plant has the capacity to treat up to 900,000 tonnes of Martha underground ore per annum.
- The recovery models developed for each of the Martha vein structures provided below are based on the reviewed leach test work results conducted on the historical, 2019 and 2020 samples. Multiple Linear Regression was used to predict gold recovery with the explanatory variables being gold head grade and arsenic content in the feed. Table 4-3 provides the recovery models developed for Edward, Empire, Martha, Royal and Rex domains.

Table 4-3 MUG Recovery Models

Domain	Recovery
Edward	Recovery (%) = $96.69 + (0.51 * Au ppm) - (0.077 * As ppm), r^2=0.38$
Empire	Recovery (%) = 93.74 + (1.33 * Au ppm) - (0.081 * As ppm),, r <sup>2</sup> =0.90
Martha	Recovery (%) = 76.41 + (2.68 * Au ppm) - (0.024 * As ppm), r <sup>2</sup> =0.55
Royal	Recovery (%) = 80.25 + (1.41 * Au ppm) + (0.023 * As ppm), r <sup>2</sup> =0.96
Rex	Recovery (%) = 91.92 + (0.78 * Au ppm) - (0.092 * As ppm), r2=0.87

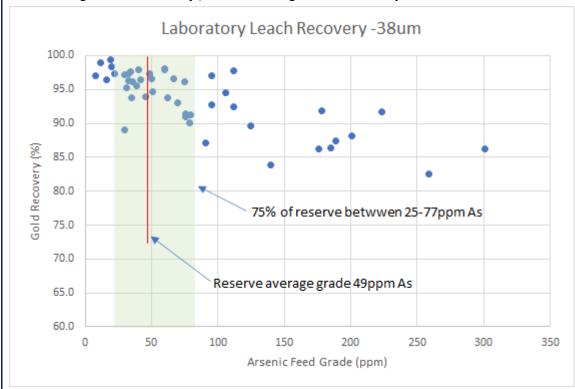
• The gold recovery models developed for Martha underground deposit are used to forecast gold recovery in the mine schedule on a yearly basis based on Gold and Arsenic feed grades. The average grade of the reserve is 49 ppm Arsenic and approximately 75% of the reserve between 25 ppm and 77 ppm Arsenic, the impact of arsenic grade on gold recovery for the ore composites tested is shown in Figure 4-6 below along with the averrage and modelled reserve





grade ranges. Applying the recovery models to the mine schedule indicates the total gold recovery for MUG is 94.9% for the Ore Reserve.

Figure 4-6: Recovery / Arsenic Feed grade Relationships



A review of the methodology used to estimate the metallurgical recoveries and test work was
undertaken by G Butcher Consulting Pty Ltd which endorsed the laboratory testing and
mathematical modelling methods used to develop the recovery algorithms and that the
selection of sampling locations and the representivity of the ore domains appears to have
been undertaken with diligence, although additional sampling and testing of the Rex and Royal
domains is recommended to improve the confidence of the models developed to date.

### Environmenta

- The Waihi operation holds the necessary permits, consents, certificates, licences, and agreements required to operate the Correnso and Martha underground mines.
- Environmental data has been collected over the last 33 years of Waihi operations and baseline data was collected prior to the start of operations and reported in the original mining license application. Data is routinely collected for noise levels, blast vibration, air quality, and discharge water quality from various sources, ground settlement and ground water levels. Data collected in relation to hydrogeology, open pit and tailings storage facility, geotechnical engineering, geochemistry, closure, and rehabilitation is peer reviewed on an annual basis by independent reviewers engaged by the Regional Council, District Council, and central Government
- Environmental studies conducted by independent consultants and company staff as part of the
  mining projects are extensive and provide sufficient information to support a consent
  application for mining in Waihi. The environmental effects-based reports were all
  independently reviewed by consultants employed by the regulators (consent issuers) and were
  also subject to an extensive hearing process where the issues were thoroughly assessed by
  independent commissioners.
- The 33-year operational history since attainment of commercial production in 1988 has provided a good understanding of performance of the waste rock dumps and tailings storage facility.



Criteria	Commentary				
	<ul> <li>All waste produced from the underground mine is classified as potentially acid forming and is returned underground as stope backfill. The Martha and Correnso consents require material to be classified according to acid forming potential, and PAF material requires lime dosing.</li> </ul>				
	Vibration modelling has been completed for all underground operations by Heilig and Partners to ensure mining methods can meet the consent conditions.				
Infrastructure	The Waihi operation has been in commercial production since 1988 and all mine site infrastructure has been completed to support the open pit and underground operations including; tailings storage facility, workshops, water treatment plant, and ore processing facilities.				
	The project is an active mining project with the majority of the infrastructure required for its ongoing operation already in place. Site access from major ports, international and domestic airports and roads are well established at the Waihi site. Supplies, equipment, and materials are trucked to the sites via the paved roads. As this is a gold project there are no concentrate shipping constraints. There are no material logistic limitations impact the project.				
	<ul> <li>New surface infrastructure comprises raising of the TSFs, provision of a duplicated 33kV power line, construction of a cement batch plant and refurbishment of the open pit crusher and overland conveyor.</li> </ul>				
Capital & Operating	Correnso Underground				
Costs	No capital costs are required for the remaining Ore Reserve in the Correnso underground. areas.				
	<ul> <li>Operating costs are well known from 15 years of continuous operations.</li> </ul>				
	Martha Underground				
	Capital costs are developed for growth and sustaining capital. Growth capital represents pre- production underground mining and capital required to increase production. OGC developed the sustaining capital cost estimate to account for underground mine development, mine equipment and TSF construction capital costs through the LOM, by applying the same estimating methodology as for growth capital.				
	<ul> <li>The capital cost estimate for the FS has an expected accuracy of ± 15%. Underground capital mine development costs are well known through the sites operating history as is the costs of salaries, wages, ground support, drilling, blasting and mobile plant consumables.</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>The estimate includes direct and indirect costs (such as engineering, procurement, construction and start-up of facilities) as well as owner's costs and contingency associated with mine and process facilities and on-site infrastructure.</li> </ul>				
	The following areas are included in the estimate:				
	<ul> <li>Mine (underground mine development, equipment fleet finance leases, cement backfill plant and supporting infrastructure and services).</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Process plant replacement of existing Waihi SAG Mill shell (currently being fabricated with known costs).</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Tailings Storage Facility raises to TSF1A and TSF2 estimated by independent consultants.</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>On-site infrastructure (water treatment and distribution, electrical substation and distribution, and other general facilities).</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Pit rim works including relocation of public roads, estimated by independent consultant.</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Property purchases above the Rex orebody.</li> </ul>				



#### Criteria Commentary Duplication of the 33kV line from Waikino to Waihi with a buried cable and new substation estimated by independent consultant. Incremental mine site rehabilitation. Engineering work, being in the range of 25–30% of total engineering for the project, was carried out to support the estimate. The capital costs including sustaining capital is outlined in Table 4-4. The range of accuracy for the capital cost estimate is + 15%. Table 4-4: Capital Costs Initial and Sustaining Growth **Sustaining MUG LOM** MUG LOM **Summary Capital Expenditure** Estimate USD M **Estimate USD M** General and Administration Costs 0.00 2.20 4.51 Processing 0.00 Open Pit Mining Martha Pit 4.20 0.00 **Underground Mining Martha** 25.50 114.37 TSF Constructions 0.00 12.19 Infrastructure 12.39 0.00 Rehabilitation 0.00 1.37 Total 37.89 138.84 The operating cost estimate is +/- 15%. This level of accuracy is attributed to the site operating history over a range of conditions. Table 4-5 summarizes the estimated operating costs and is approximately USD 115 / t for the Ore Reserve. Table 4-5: Operating Costs **LOM Estimate** LOM Estimate **Summary Operating Expenditure USD M USD / tonne** General and Administration Costs 80.11 17.97 Processing 134.29 30.12 Open Pit Mining Martha Pit 21.29 4.78 276.86 62.10 **Underground Mining Martha Total** 512.54 114.97 Revenue Detailed mine designs were undertaken for the underground Ore Reserves, Diluted and factors recovered grades were calculated for all material being mined, which were in turn assessed against the relevant cut-off grades for determination of inclusion within the Ore Reserve estimate. Head grades for material sent to the process plant directly correspond to mined grades calculated. Silver credits are not included in the revenue factors but as a by-product cost offset. All costs at the Waihi operation are based in New Zealand Dollars. Costs have been converted using the following exchange rate which is the long-term OceanaGold benchmark rate: USD 0.71 = NZD 1.00 Charges for transportation, treatment and refining charges are based on operational history and in part based on existing contracts that are periodically reviewed and renewed. Metal prices used in the economic evaluation were US\$1,500 per ounce for gold and US\$17 per ounce for silver, fixed for the life of the mine. Market Long-term market assessments are provided by a number of independent companies. There

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are no hedge contracts in respect of production from the Waihi operation.

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#### **Economic**

Criteria

- Mining costs, processing costs and general and administrative costs at Waihi are well understood, with 33 years of continuous operation.
- Assumptions for economic analysis include:
  - o Processing plant production rate of 0.9 Mtpa has been scheduled.
  - o Gold Price: USD 1,500 /oz.
  - o Exchange Rate: USD 0.71: NZD 1.00
  - o Metallurgical recovery average of 94.9% for MUG but varies based on Au, As grades,
  - Royalty payments include higher of 1% of net sale revenue or 5% accounting profit to the Crown, and 2% to a third-party specific to a localised area of Rex.
  - Revenue is recognised at the time of production.
  - o Discount 5%

**Commentary** 

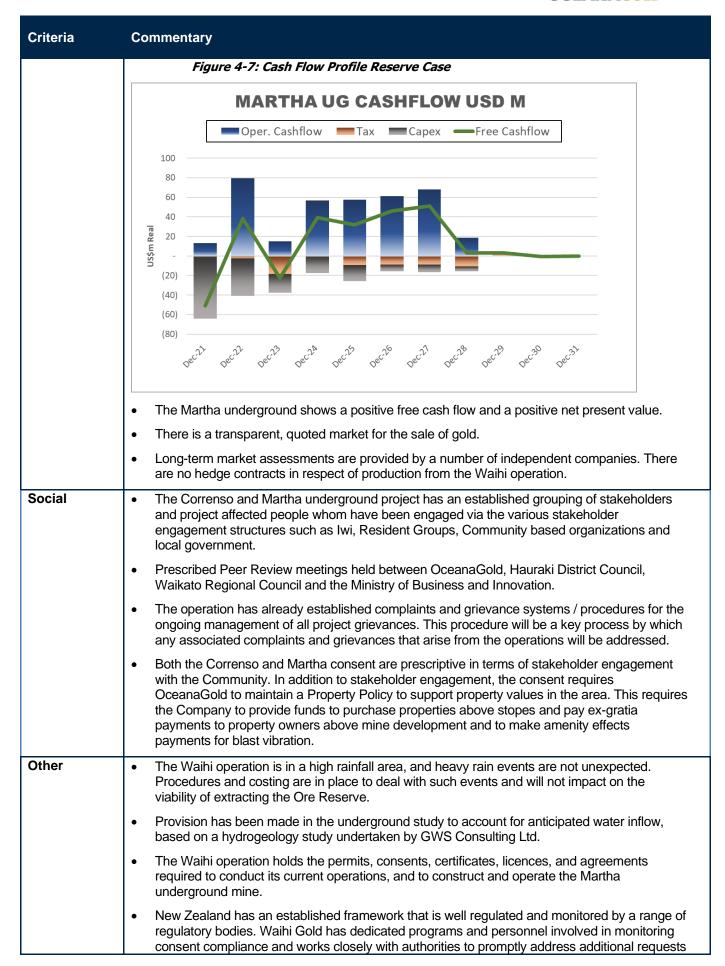
- Corporate tax rate 28%.
- The key economic results are as presented in Table 4-6, using 1 January 2021 as the
  reference commencement date. The cash flow summary is presented in Table 4-6 Cash Flow
  analysis is presented for both the Reserve case and the Inferred case.

Table 4-6: Key Economic Metrics

Financial Metric	Unit	Reserve Case	
Gold Price	\$/oz	1500	
Exchange Rate	USD:NZD	0.71	
Before Tax			
NPV <sub>5%</sub>	USD M	143	
Internal Rate of Return	%	47	
LOM Cumulative Free Cash Flow	USD M	193	
After Tax			
NPV <sub>5%</sub>	USD M	99.4	
Internal Rate of Return	%	36	
LOM Cumulative Free Cash Flow	USD M	139	
Payback Period	years	3.9	
Cash Costs C1	USD/oz.	839	
AISC	USD/oz.	1107	

• The LOM projections for the Ore Reserve free cashflow, are shown in Figure 4-7.







Criteria	Commentary
	for information. Risks associated with review and renewal of operating consents is, upon that basis, regarded as manageable within the ordinary course of business.
	Contracts are in place covering underground mining, transportation and refining of bullion, and the purchase and delivery of fuel, electricity supply, explosives, and other commodities. These agreements conform to industry norms.
	Waihi Gold maintains a number of operating permits for the importation of reagents into New Zealand. New Zealand has an established framework that is well regulated and monitored by a range of regulatory bodies. Risk associated with renewal of importation permits, is upon that basis regarded as manageable.
	There is no material, unresolved matters dependent upon a third party on which extraction of the Ore Reserve is contingent.
Classification	The Proved Ore Reserve is a sub-set of Measured Mineral Resources, and the Probable Ore Reserve is derived from Indicated Mineral Resources. Inferred Mineral Resource material has been included as dilution only, with no Inferred Resource metal included in the Ore Reserve estimate.
	No Probable Ore Reserves have been derived from Measured Mineral Resources.
	It is the opinion of the Competent Person for Ore Reserve estimation that the Mineral Resource classification adequately represents the degree of confidence in the orebody.
Audits or reviews	In 2017, OceanaGold conducted an internal technical review for the Waihi operation. The guiding principles for the review included quality of data, supporting information, methodologies employed, conformance to acceptance industry practice and professional standards, and site coverage and capability. The review concluded:
	<ul> <li>Historically the models at Waihi have reconciled well against production, providing confidence in the Ore Reserve estimates and the ability to deliver them.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The reconciliation process is well understood and well documented. Stopes are routinely closed out, with an analysis of mining performance, dilution and ore-loss.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The underground mine geology team is stable and is appropriately resourced for the level of geological complexity and production rate.</li> </ul>
Discussion of relative accuracy/ confidence	Reconciliation of actual production to the Mineral Resource model since the commencement of operations indicates that the estimate is representative of the deposit (see resource model versus mine versus mill reconciliation in "discussion of relative accuracy/ confidence" in Section 3).
	Planned mining performances were benchmarked against 10 years of existing mine performances for lateral advance, trucking, loading and stope drill, blast and fill.
	Metallurgical recoveries have been partly based on historical plant data processing Martha and Correnso ores over the last 30 years and from independent and Company laboratory testwork.
	Mining costs have been estimated from budget quotations, existing contracts, current labour rates, factored estimates or cost data from similar operations/projects.
	Processing and administration costs have been estimated from current costs projected forwards and adjusted to align with the mining plan.
	Cost estimate accuracy for the Feasibility Study is considered to be in the order of ±15%.