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## 1 SUMMARY

## 1.1 Description and Location of Property

The Macraes Project is located approximately 30km to the northwest of Palmerston in the Otago Region of the South Island, New Zealand (NZ). The mining operation occurs 1-2km to the east of the Macraes Flat township and is predominantly surrounded by farmland.

The Macraes mining and exploration tenements cover a contiguous area of 27,492 hectares.

Figure 1.1: General Location of the Macraes Project



### 1.2 Ownership

The Macraes Project is controlled by OceanaGold Corporation through its wholly owned subsidiary Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited ("Oceana").

## 1.3 Geology and Mineralization

The Macraes gold deposits are located within a low-angle (~15-20°) shear zone, the Hyde Macraes Shear Zone (HMSZ), which has been traced for at least 30km along strike. The mine is developed within this regionally continuous shallowly east dipping structure. The HMSZ consists of variably altered, deformed, and mineralized schist up to 150m thick, known as the Intrashear Schist. The thickest part of the shear zone consists of several mineralized zones stacked on metre-thick shears. These shears have ductile deformation textures overprinted by cataclasis (Craw et al., 1999). The Hangingwall shear can be up to 25m thick and is commonly darker coloured due to fine grained graphite and sheared sulphide minerals (McKeag et al., 1989).

There is a strong empirical correlation between gold, arsenic, scheelite, silicification and strain intensity within the HMSZ. Gold-scheelite-pyrite-arsenopyrite mineralization is associated with replacement and fissure quartz veins within D4 post-metamorphic shear zones. Shear parallel quartz veins and cataclastic shears contain the highest gold and scheelite grades (Lee et al. 1989).

The following four types of mineralization occur within the HMSZ at Macraes (Mitchell et al., 2006):

- 1) Mineralized schist. This style of mineralization involved hydrothermal replacement of schist minerals with sulphides and microcrystalline quartz. Mineralization was accompanied by only minor deformation.
- 2) Black sheared schist. This type of schist is pervaded by cm to mm scale anastamosing fine graphite and sulphide bearing microshears. This type of mineralization is typically proximal to the Hangingwall Shear. Scheelite mineralization occurs in the silicified cataclasitic shears.
- 3) Shear-parallel quartz veins. These veins lie within and/or adjacent to the black sheared schist, and have generally been deformed with the associated shears. The veins locally cross-cut the foliation in the host schist at low to moderate angles. Veins are mainly massive quartz, with some internal lamination and localized brecciation. Sulphide minerals are scattered through the quartz, aligned along laminae and stylolitic seams. These veins range from 1cm to > 2m. Scheelite mineralization is associated with quartz veining in some areas.
- 4) Stockworks. These veins occur in localized swarms that are confined to the Intrashear Schist. Individual swarms range from c. 100 to 2000m2 in area and consist of numerous (10 – 100) subparallel veins. Most of these veins formed subperpendicular to the shallow east dipping shear fabric of the Intrashear Schist. Stockwork veins are typically traceable for 1-5m vertically with most filling fractures that are 5 – 10cm thick, but can be up to 1m thick. Swarms of stockwork veins within the Intrashear Schist were lithologically controlled by the dimensions and locations of more competent pods of Intrashear Schist.

Gold is closely associated with pyrite and arsenopyrite in all of the above styles of mineralization. Rarely free gold up to 300µm occurs in quartz veins, but most gold is as 1-10µm scale blebs hosted in and near sulphide grains (Angus, 1993).

## 1.4 Exploration Concept

There is good potential for discovery at Macraes. The current exploration focus is two-pronged:

- for near-surface mineralisation at the northern end of the Macraes Line of Strike (MLOS) where little previous exploration has been conducted; and
- elsewhere for extensions down-dip of areas previously mined by open pit and underground methods.

#### 1.5 Status of Exploration and Resources

Exploration at the Macraes Project will continue with the objective of discovering further open pit resources along the MLOS. A combination of field mapping and soil sampling will be used to define drill targets for near-surface mineralization.

A combination of drilling collared from both surface and underground locations will target areas of high underground potential.

Resource estimates for the Coronation, Deepdell, Golden Point, Round Hill, Frasers, Golden Bar and Taylors deposits comprising the Macraes Project have been generated by Oceana. The Round Hill<sup>1</sup> resource has been added to the inventory due to increased gold price and was not included in the December 31, 2008 inventory.

The resource models were derived via geological and mineralization zone modelling of the individual deposits. Estimation involved the application of a variety of techniques including polygonal methods, Ordinary Kriging and Multiple Indicator Kriging. Technique selection was based on the quantity and spacing of available data, and the interpreted controls on, and styles of, mineralization under review.

The table below represents the Macraes Project Mineral Resource Statements as at June 30, 2009 reported in accordance with Canadian National Instrument 43-101, Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects of December 2005 (the Instrument) and the classifications adopted by Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM) Council in December 2005. Furthermore, the resource classification is also consistent with the Australasian Code for the Reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves of December 2004 (the Code) as prepared by the Joint Ore Reserves Committee (JORC) of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, Australian Institute of Geoscientists and Mineral Council of Australia. A detailed subdivision of these resources by deposit and material type, indicating the applicable cut-off grade in each case, is provided in section 17 of this report.

Resource Cut-off	Resource Area	Measured Indicated Measured & Indicated		Inferred Resource							
		Mt	Au g/t	Mt	Au g/t	Mt	Au g/t	Au Moz	Mt	Au g/t	Au Moz
0.5 g/t	Coronation			1.23	1.18	1.23	1.18	0.05	2.98	1.1	0.11
0.5 g/t	Deepdell	0.23	1.67			0.23	1.67	0.01	0.32	1.0	0.01
0.5 g/t	Golden Point								1.48	2.6	0.12
0.4 g/t	Round Hill			5.87	1.41	5.87	1.41	0.27	38.31	1.0	1.28
0.5 g/t	Frasers Pit	9.34	1.38	28.72	0.91	38.06	1.03	1.26	9.33	0.7	0.21
No cut-off	Frasers Underground P1 & P2	0.34	2.16	9.56	2.31	9.91	2.31	0.73	1.33	1.7	0.07
No cut-off	Frasers Underground Panel2 Deeps			0.34	3.90	0.34	3.90	0.04	0.54	4.1	0.07
No cut-off	Frasers Underground Panel2 Extension								2.22	2.6	0.19
0.5 g/t	Golden Bar	0.09	1.56	1.18	1.40	1.27	1.42	0.06	4.96	1.4	0.22
0.5 g/t	Taylors			0.28	1.50	0.28	1.50	0.01	0.41	1.1	0.01
0.5 g/t	Stockpiles	5.42	0.66			5.42	0.66	0.12			
	Macraes Total	15.42	1.15	47.19	1.30	62.61	1.26	2.55	61.88	1.2	2.30

Table 1.1: Macraes Project Mineral Resource Statement as at June 30, 2009

Mineral resources are inclusive of all ore reserves.

## 1.6 Development and Operations

The physical and financial projections presented in this report are based upon the Life of Mine Plan as at October, 2008 (LOMP08). LOMP08 has been depleted for mining as at June 30, 2009.

The Macraes Project is the largest gold producing operation in NZ and has been in operation since 1990. To June 30, 2009, approximately 2.7 million ounces of gold have been produced. The operation consists of a large-scale surface mine, an underground mine and an adjacent process plant inclusive of an autoclave for pressure oxidation of the ore. Since 2007, flotation concentrate from the Reefton mine has been transported by rail and road to utilise surplus autoclave capacity.

The Frasers Stages 4C and 5 are the only open pit stages currently being mined, and supply approximately 4.9Mt of ore per annum, while the Frasers Underground (FRUG) mine supplies a further

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The original Round Hill open pit commenced in 1990 and was mined to completion in July, 1998. The resource was subsequently removed from the resource inventory.

0.9Mt of ore per annum. Stockpiles provide supplementary feed when required. The combined production for the six months, ended June 30, 2009 was 118koz.

The Macraes process plant is capable of treating approximately 5.6Mtpa of ore and incorporates a semiautogenous grinding (SAG) mill, flotation circuit, autoclave for pressure oxidation of the concentrate, CIL plant and smelting facilities.

The current combined open pit, stockpile and underground reserves of 0.9Moz support a mine life at Macraes extending to 2013. The mine life at Macraes is expected to increase in subsequent Life of Mine (LOM) plans.

A breakdown of open pit, stockpile and underground reserves is shown in Table 1.2. The reserves are reported by category using a 0.5 g/t cut-off for open pit, a 0.8 g/t cut-off for underground development and a 1.52 g/t cut-off for underground stopes as at June 30, 2009. These reserves are a subset of the resources tabulated in Table 1.1. Note the estimated underground 1.9 g/t cut-off in the 2007 report has been adjusted due to revised economic assumptions used in the LOMP08 for the underground operation.

Reserve	Record Area	Proven		Probable		Total Reserve (Proven and Probable)			Resource
Grade	Reserve Area	Mt	Au g/t	Mt	Au g/t	Mt	Au g/t	Au Moz	Model
0.5 g/t	Coronation			0.81	1.37	0.81	1.37	0.04	CO01A
0.5 g/t	Frasers Pit	5.59	1.52	9.72	0.99	15.31	1.18	0.58	FR07A
1.52 g/t / 0.8 g/t	Frasers Under- ground P1 & P2	0.09	1.94	2.40	2.52	2.49	2.50	0.20	FRUG08
0.5 g/t	Stockpiles	5.42	0.66			5.42	0.66	0.12	Jun30, 09
	Macraes Total	11.10	1.10	12.93	1.30	24.03	1.21	0.93	Jun30, 09

 Table 1.2: Macraes Mineral Reserve Inventory as at June 30, 2009

Based on a gold price of NZ\$877/ounce

## 1.7 Conclusions and Recommendations

#### 1.7.1 Geology

The Macraes area is a mature exploration province and much of the near-surface, along-strike exploration potential has been tested. Good exploration potential remains at the Coronation prospect (located approximately 8km north of the current infrastructure) and areas immediately to the north. The areas to the south of Golden Bar also require further attention. Significant resource potential exists down dip/plunge of known open pits and drilling has been planned to test this.

The quality control database is incomplete so assessment of the data quality has been based on the available quality control database and reconciliation data. Based on this, the drilling data is considered to meet acceptable industry standards, subject to the qualifications below.

Reverse circulation (RC) percussion samples collected under wet drilling conditions remain in the exploration/resource database and represent a degree of risk. The factoring approach applied by Oceana to reduce the impact of the remaining wet RC percussion drilling is reasonable although it cannot account for local variability and down-hole contamination i.e. artificially extended ore zone widths.

The grade estimates have been constrained within suitable geological frameworks which are well established. Furthermore, available reconciliation data indicates the resource models represent robust estimates of metal and are generally acceptable estimators of tonnage and grade. Two deposits, Deepdell and Golden Bar, would require reinterpretation of the oxidation surfaces and extra allowances for dilution and ore loss, should cut-backs be considered. No cut-backs are planned for these deposits at this stage.

Oceana's mineral resource modelling process for the Frasers open pit is readily reproducible. In December 2006, Hellman and Schofield recommended that Oceana review the block support adjustments for Frasers open pit stockwork mineralization. The reconciliations have been reviewed on an ongoing basis since then.

Further infill drilling is planned from underground development to better define the local geological controls and the grade distribution at the FRUG.

#### 1.7.2 Mining

Macraes is mined by a combination of conventional open cut and underground retreat uphole stope methods along the line of strike.

The open pit mining operation utilises hydraulic excavators and rear dump diesel trucks to extract both overburden and ore. Blasting requires relatively light powder factors compared with some other operations due to the comparatively weak and fractured rock mass. Ore is blasted in 7.5m high benches and excavated in three, nominally 2.5m high flitches. Waste is blasted in 15m benches and excavated in four flitches.

The underground retreat uphole stope mining operation utilises electro-hydraulic development jumbos, diesel load-haul-dump units, diesel haul trucks and a production drill rig to extract both waste and ore. The uphole retreat stope voids are not backfilled. Instead the mine design utilises yeilding pillars between adjacent extracted stopes to gradually deform over a timeframe that permits ore extraction.

The LOMP08 schedule has factors applied to account for poor weather, public holidays, equipment availability, equipment utilisation, historically justified limitations on mine production and historically justified limitations on mill throughput.

The Frasers deposit provides the bulk of future reserves under LOMP08 so the operation is benefiting from fewer equipment moves, fewer haul roads to maintain and more homogeneous feed to the mill. Management will be able to concentrate on Frasers and further optimisation of LOM plans. Oceana plans to develop the Coronation deposit to the north, contingent on an access agreement with the land owners.

The open cut operation is owner-operated by Oceana whilst the underground operation is mined under an alliance agreement with Oceana providing management and technical guidance to the mining contractor who performs the physical mining tasks. A range of other contracts support the mining operations.

Oceana's performance at Macraes has shown that the mining equipment and mining methods are suited to the required mining rates and deposit geometry. Open pit and underground mine design procedures are appropriate and have been conducted in accordance with established industry standards and with input from appropriately qualified geotechnical specialists, hydrological specialists and consultants. Historical productivity and safety records are generally in line with or better than industry standards. The LOMP08 open pit and underground life of mine plan schedule has been prepared to 2013; the schedules rely only on reserves, and are considered appropriate and reasonable.

#### 1.7.3 Processing

Over the last eighteen years Oceana has developed considerable experience in development and operation of the complex ore processing technology required to optimise gold recovery from the Macraes refractory ores.

Emphasis is placed on the control of costs. The relatively high tonnage processed, the simple flotation reagent regime and economies resulting from concentration of the gold into a flotation product comprising between 1.5% and 3% of the ore mass treated reduce operating cost. Labour costs are also lower than in most comparable developed countries. The operating cost of the core sulphide process is due to low comminution costs (contributed to by the coarse grind, and relatively soft ore).

Plant utilisation has been maintained at about 95% which is at the high end of typical industry benchmarks. Gold recovery on open pit ore and underground combined, from July 2008 to June 2009 averaged 80.9%. Overall, recoveries are considered reasonable given the refractory nature of the ores.

Oceana, has reviewed 2008 performance in response to the Behre Dolbear Australia Pty Limited (BDA) consideration noted in the 2007 independent assessment. However, the open pit and underground ores are combined early in the process plant operation, achieving the combined average recovery of 80.9% noted above. That early combination of the ore streams precludes any definitive assessment of recovery from each ore stream, independently of the other.

It should be noted that the treatment of sulphide concentrate from the Reefton operation at Macraes utilises spare capacity in the autoclave circuit. In some years excess concentrate will be produced.

Oceana will bypass some low-preg robbing Macraes concentrate around the autoclave, feeding it directly to the CIL plant to enable all the highly refractory Reefton material to be oxidised.

#### 1.7.4 Infrastructure, Environment and Tenement Status

In 2008, Oceana commissioned the FRUG operation. This post-dated the 2007 BDA infrastructure assessment. Oceana continues to maintain appropriate infrastructure at Macraes, including road access, power, water supplies and administration facilities.

Environmental management and mitigation measures are maintained at Macraes, including ongoing monitoring to ensure compliance with resource consent conditions and permit requirements. These consents and permits are issued by the Ministry of Economic Development (MOED), the Otago Regional Council (ORC) and the Waitaki District Council (WDC). Tailings and waste rock disposal facilities are maintained and managed on an ongoing basis. Progressive rehabilitation is ongoing.

Consents are in place for additional uplifts to be constructed on tailings storage facilities (Mixed Tailings Impoundment and Southern Pit 11).

The project reserves, plant site, tailings dams and waste dumps are located on land that is covered by mining permits, and which Oceana owns or has access to mine. The sole exception is the Coronation deposit which is covered by an exploration permit and to which access is under negotiation. All material tenements and landholder agreements are in good standing and have been independently reviewed. There is sufficient consented tailings capacity for LOMP08 tailings.

There are no material compliance issues relating to the principal mining and processing operations. Oceana has consents for the creation of a Heritage and Art Park at the Macraes site as part of its mine closure and restoration strategy. Implementation of this Heritage and Art Park is now well underway, with various artworks completed or under consideration. Oceana is in partnership with Fish and Game, a semi-government organisation, to manage a Trout Hatchery on the Macraes mine site.

A draft closure and rehabilitation plan has been prepared and is being reviewed. Oceana intends to incorporate the closure plan into future LOM plans. Estimated costs for final closure may require review. As more of the Heritage and Art Park is developed a better knowledge of costs involved will be available.

#### 1.7.5 Production

Oceana has prepared LOMP08 production plans from reserves only which cover 2009-2013 for Macraes. The production rates forecast are consistent with recent performance and the anticipated grades. The mine production plans are considered reasonable for the purpose of long term scheduling.

During the 2009-2011 peak production years the open pit excavator fleet is planned to comprise two Caterpillar 5130's, one Caterpillar 5230 and one Hitachi EX3600, to load six Caterpillar 785 haul trucks and eleven Caterpillar 789 haul trucks. After mid-2011, Oceana is satisfied that there are sufficient working areas for the excavators to operate and there is reasonable opportunity to reassess the requirements.

During the 2009-2011 peak production years the underground operation in accordance with LOMP08 is planned to provide approximately ~15% of the Macraes ore using a fleet of two Tamrock H205D electrohydrualic jumbos, one Caterpillar 2900, one Caterpillar 1700 and two Tamrock 1400 LHD's in conjunction with four Tamrock 50D haul trucks. The underground ore is dumped at an in-pit stockpile for periodic rehandling by the open pit fleet to the process plant's run of mine stockpile. Planned production for 2009 to late 2011 is primarily stope ore with additional development ore when encountered within the mine design. LOMP08 has production during 2012 being solely derived from stope extraction. Oceana is satisfied with the accuracy of the September 2005 Frasers Underground Technical Study recommendations and conclusions and the 2008 underground life of mine schedule is considered reasonable for the purpose of long term scheduling.

The projected plant throughput fluctuates between 5.4Mt and 5.6Mt for 2009 to 2012. Projected recoveries have been reviewed as recommended by the 2007 BDA assessment.

#### 1.7.6 Management

The owner operator open pit mine and the alliance agreement underground mine are performing to expectation.

Oceana management has aggressively sought out new opportunities for cost reduction and increased efficiency. The mining and processing operations have concentrated on minimising production costs to maintain profitability. Oceana continues to pursue cost reduction innovations.

The general management approach is strongly safety-oriented and the safety performance statistics reflect that attention, with performances significantly better than industry averages.

#### 1.7.7 Capital and Operating Costs

Capital cost estimation and forecasting are considered reasonable and consistent with proposed development programmes and ongoing requirements. In practice, capital expenditures over the period LOMP08 may be more variable than forecast due to unforeseen problems, modifications, upgrades and introduction of new technology.

Capital expenditure provisions with LOMP08 include expenditures for capitalised mining costs totalling NZ\$106M and sustaining capital of NZ\$12M (including exploration) and are accurate to within ±15%.

Plant operating cost estimates for Macraes are generally considered reasonable and consistent with recent experience and trends, and are regarded as accurate to  $\pm 15\%$ .

#### 1.7.8 Environment

The Macraes gold mine is fully consented for environmental purposes, with actual and potential environmental effects regularly monitored and reported to the relevant agencies.

The site is achieving environmental compliance, with good internal reporting of environmental issues and performance. The site environmental documentation is appropriate and follows Environment Management Strategy (EMS) principles, although a full EMS is not in place. Documentation is reviewed and updated regularly.

Overall, no material environmental issues have been identified to limit the ongoing operation of the mine within the LOMP08.

## 2 INTRODUCTION

### 2.1 Report Preparation

This report has been prepared at the request of OceanaGold Corporation and Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited (Oceana).

OceanaGold Corporation is the ultimate holding company in which Oceana (New Zealand) Limited is a subsidiary. OceanaGold Corporation is the reporting issuer in Canada.

References in this report to "Oceana" include Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited, OceanaGold Corporation and their subsidiaries.

#### 2.1.1 Use of the Report

This report was prepared as a Canadian National Instrument 43-101 Technical Report for Oceana by internal qualified persons employed by Oceana. The quality of information, conclusions and estimates contained in this report is based upon:

- i) information available internally at the time of preparation;
- ii) data obtained from outside sources; and
- iii) the assumptions, conditions, and qualifications set forth in this report.

This report is intended to be used by Oceana and to be filed as a Technical Report with Canadian Securities regulatory authorities pursuant to Canadian provincial securities legislation. Except for the purposes legislated under Canadian provincial securities laws, any other use of this report by any third party is at that party's sole risk.

#### 2.1.2 Reporting Standards

The report has been prepared in accordance with Canadian National Instrument 43-101 for the 'Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects' of December 2005 (the Instrument) and the resource and reserve classifications adopted by CIM Council. This report complies with disclosure and reporting requirements set forth in the Instrument, Companion Policy 43-101CP, and Form 43-101F1.

This report has also been prepared in accordance with the 'Code for the Technical Assessment and Valuation of Mineral and Petroleum Assets and Securities for Independent Expert Reports' of 2005 (the "Valmin Code") as adopted by the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM), and is consistent with the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves' of December 2004 (the "JORC Code"), as prepared by the Joint Ore Reserves Committee of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, Australian Institute of Geoscientists and Minerals Council of Australia (JORC). The satisfaction of requirements under both the JORC and Valmin Codes is binding upon the authors as Members of the AusIMM.

The purpose of this report is to satisfy Part 4.2(5) of the Instrument relating to material changes since the previous technical report for the Macraes Project dated May 9, 2007 ("the 2007 Report"), which was prepared for Oceana by:

- RSG Global Consulting Pty Limited;
- Hellman and Schofield Pty Limited;
- Behre Dolbear Australia Pty Limited; and
- GHD Limited.

The addition of the Round Hill resource is considered to be a material change.

#### 2.1.3 Currency

All monetary amounts expressed in this report are in New Zealand dollars (NZ\$) unless otherwise stated.

## 2.2 Authors of the Report

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The authors are both members of AusIMM.

## 2.3 Qualifications and Experience of the Qualified Persons

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Mr Moore has been employed with OceanaGold since 1996 in a variety of project, mine geology, resource geology roles. He is currently the Principal Resource Geologist.

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## 3 SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The authors of this technical report have not relied upon other experts in its preparation, other than obtaining input from persons employed within Oceana who have provided information concerning legal, environmental or other matters relevant to this report.

The information used to prepare all sections relating to Mineral Resources and Reserves was furnished by Oceana, including (specifically in relation to Reserves) input from: Adrian Winchester (Mining Engineer – Projects), Matthew Mengel (Senior Mining Engineer, Frasers Underground Operation), Anthony Jones (Geotechnical Engineer, Frasers Underground Operation), Alex Zuhoski (Senior Mining Engineer, Frasers Open Pit Operation), Andrew Winneke (Geotechnical Engineer, Frasers Open-Pit Operation).

Oceana furnished all data, modelling, testwork and financial analysis to verify the information relating to Mineral Resources and Reserves and the conclusions regarding the resource and reserve estimates.

In so far as other persons have had input into the preparation of this report, the authors have conducted appropriate due diligence and consider such reliance to be reasonable.

A list of the publications and internal reports that were used in the preparation of this report, and to which specific reference is made in the body of this report, appears in section 23.

## 4 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

## 4.1 Area of Property

The Macraes Project has a total area of 27,492 hectares.

## 4.2 Location

The Macraes Project is located approximately 60km north of Dunedin in eastern Otago (Figure 4.1) and is situated about 2km northeast of the small township of Macraes Flat (Figure 4.2).

The central activity is mining from the Frasers open pit and the FRUG mine within Mining Permit (MP) 41 064. The process plant, several waste rock stacks and tailings impoundments are located within Mining Licence (ML) 32 3047.

The Project is located at, -45.36°S, 170.43°E (Latitude/Longitude – World Geodetic System 1984) or at 5,535,600mN, 2,308,500mE New Zealand Map Grid (New Zealand Geodetic Datum 1949).

A local grid has also been established for the Macraes Project. This grid is rotated 45° west of true north, parallel with the local trend of the mineralized structures.



#### Figure 4.1: Macraes Project Location Map

Macraes is predominantly surrounded by farmland (tussock and grassland for high country grazing) as shown in Figure 4.2.

#### Figure 4.2: Macraes Project



### 4.3 Tenure

Oceana holds a contiguous group of tenements to the north-west and south-east of Round Hill, covering approximately 35km of strike along the mineralized Hyde Macraes Shear Zone (HMSZ) as shown in Figure 4.1 and detailed in Table 4.1.

The tenements comprise a pipeline and a Mining Licence, a Mining Permit (MP) and Exploration Permits (EP) granted or applied for under the Mining Act 1971 or the Crown Minerals Act 1991.

An exploration permit, can have an initial term of five years with the right of extension of term, over 50% of the area (in one contiguous piece), for a further term of up to five years but not exceeding 10 years. An exploration permit can be converted into an appraisal permit for further terms exceeding the initial 10

years. The Crown Minerals Act 1991 allows for extensions of the permit areas subject to certain conditions for compliance.

 Table 4.1: Macraes Project Tenements

Tenement No	Licensee	Location Name	Date Commenced	Term/Expires	Area (Hectares approx.)	Interest In Permit
ML 32 3047	Oceana	Round Hill	31.10.1989	21yrs Oct 30, 2010	400	100%
PLL 32 3047-5	Oceana	Pipeline	31.10.1989	21yrs Oct 30, 2010	23	100%
MP 41 064	Oceana	Macraes Extension	01.02.1994	21yrs 9,610 Jan 31, 2015		100%
EP 40 472	Oceana	Stoneburn II	18.05.2001	2 <sup>nd</sup> term May 17, 2010	4,296	100%
EP 40 523	Oceana	Horseflat	11.09.2001	2 <sup>nd</sup> term 941 Sep 10, 2011		100%
EP 40 524	Oceana	Dunback	18.05.2001	Seeking extension	1,449	100%
EP 40 576	Oceana	Macraes North	28.10.2001	2 <sup>nd</sup> term Oct 27, 2011	3,434	100%
EP 40 822	Oceana	Taieri	07.12.2006	1 <sup>st</sup> term 3,970 Dec 06, 2011		100%
EP 40 842	Oceana	Hyde	30.01.2007	1 <sup>st</sup> term Jan 29, 2012	3,369	100%

## 4.4 Nature and Extent of Title

Land in the immediate vicinity of the Oceana mining operations, and most of the land in tenements ML 32 3047 and MP 41 064, is owned by Oceana. Land not used for active mining activities are leased at a market rental to local farmers. Oceana land ownership also extends beyond those two tenements as shown in Figure 4.3. Land outside the mining tenements is currently owned by a variety of landowners. However, a number of properties are under option to purchase by Oceana.

The granting of a mineral permit does not confer a right of access to land subject to the permit. A permit holder must arrange land access with the owner and occupier of the land before beginning any prospecting, exploration or mining for minerals on or in land (other than minimum impact activity as defined in the Crown Minerals Act 1991). Access arrangements are binding on successors in title provided they are registered against affected land titles where the term is longer than six months.

Any activity carried out below the surface of any land subject to a permit will not be considered, for the purposes of the Crown Minerals Act, to be prospecting, exploration or mining on or in the land and consequently not require an access arrangement, if the activity will not or is not likely to:

- a) cause any damage to the surface of the land or any loss or damage to the owner and/or occupier of the land; or
- b) have any prejudicial effect regarding the use and enjoyment of the land by the owner and/or occupier; or
- c) have any prejudicial effect regarding any possible future use of the surface of the land.



Figure 4.3: Macraes Project Farm Holdings and Mine Areas

### 4.5 Property Boundaries

In general Oceana property boundaries follow existing cadastral boundaries. Where Oceana boundaries have departed from these, the boundaries have been surveyed by registered surveyors.

#### 4.6 Location of Mineral Resources

Mineralized zones at Macraes are located along the surface trace of the HMSZ, a major northwestsoutheast trending structure (see section 7.3). All previous mining production and current resources are located along this zone. Figure 4.4 shows the location of mineral resources within Oceana's Macraes tenements. Local grid coordinates for the limits of the resource areas at Macraes are given in Table 4.2.



Figure 4.4: Macraes Project Mineral Resource Locations

#### Table 4.2: Macraes Resource Area Boundaries

Resource Area	Northing (	local grid)	Easting (I	ocal grid)
	From	То	From	То
Coronation	18,250	20,500	69,200	70,500
Deepdell	16,060	18,250	69,200	70,650
Golden Point	15,660	16,060	70,410	70,650
Round Hill	14,300	16,000	69,200	71,100
Frasers Open Pit	11,425	13,000	69,000	70,550
Frasers Underground	12,090	12,820	69,925	71,460
Golden Bar	5,300	6,500	70,500	71,400
Taylors	1,175	1,650	71,825	72,350

## 4.7 Royalties

Under the Mining Act 1971 no royalty on gold is payable to the Crown on ML 32 3047. A royalty of 2% of the gross proceeds from scheelite concentrate sold (if any) is payable to the Crown. The ML is covered also under a Royalty Agreement between OW Hopgood and Oceana, where Oceana pays Hopgood a royalty (5% if recovered by open cut mining and 3% if recovered by underground mining) on any gold, scheelite or other minerals recovered from the area which was formerly PL 31 595.

Under the Crown Minerals Act 1991 (MP 41 064) royalties are payable to the Crown annually in respect of all gold, silver and scheelite that are taken from the land pursuant to the mining permit. Royalties are calculated based on net sales revenue or accounting profits whichever is the greater. Royalties are generally calculated and payable at the following rates:

- a) no royalty is payable if net sales revenue from a permit is less than NZ\$100,000 for an annual reporting period or averages less than \$8,333 per month if the annual reporting period for the permit is less than 12 months. Where the permit is part of a production unit, the thresholds will apply to net sales revenues from all permits in the production unit;
- b) a royalty of 1% Ad Valorem is payable if net sales revenue from a permit is between NZ\$100,000 and NZ\$1,000,000; or
- c) a royalty of either 1% Ad Valorem or 5% of the accounting profits, whichever is greater, if the net sales revenue from a permit is more than NZ\$1,000,000.

### 4.8 Environmental Liabilities

#### 4.8.1 Overview

This report provides an overview of the principal environmental statutes that Oceana operates under in order to understand the extent of Oceana's environmental liabilities and how these liabilities arise.

There are two principal agencies that oversee Oceana's mining activities together with a number of secondary agencies. The two principal agencies are:

- Otago Regional Council; and
- Waitaki District Council

In order to undertake mining of Crown owned minerals (such as gold) there are three key consents and permits required:

- Resource consents to use land, water, and air;
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- Access arrangements with the owner of the land; and
- A permit under the Crown Minerals Act 1991.

The nature of the mining industry with ongoing exploration and mine site planning does mean that from time to time it is necessary to seek new approvals or variations to existing approvals. This report only considers the current known situation regarding present day (at the time of preparing the report) and forecast mining activities (known at the time of preparing the report).

#### 4.8.1.1 Resource Consents

Territorial authorities and regional councils have primary responsibility for administering the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). Their functions are defined within the RMA (sections 30 and 31 RMA) but in simple terms, relevant to Oceana's activities, territorial authorities manage the effects of land use change and noise, whilst regional councils manage effects associated with:

- water quality (surface, ground and coastal water);
- taking, damming, diversion of water;
- discharges of contaminants into or onto land, air, or water, and discharges of water into water; and
- the bed of any water body, and the planting of any plant in, on, or under that land.

In managing the effects of activities on the matters above, both territorial authorities and regional councils seek to give effect to the purpose of the RMA (section 5 RMA), which is "to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources". Sustainable management is defined by the RMA to mean managing the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources in a way, or at a rate, which enable people and communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural wellbeing and for their health and safety while:

- sustaining the potential of natural and physical resources (excluding minerals) to meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations;
- safeguarding the life-supporting capacity of air, water, soil, and ecosystems; and
- avoiding, remedying, or mitigating any adverse effects of activities on the environment.

Supporting the purpose of the RMA are a number of principles that persons exercising functions and powers under the RMA, in relation to managing the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources, shall recognise and provide for (section 6 RMA), have particular regard to (section 7 RMA), and take into account (section 8 RMA).

The term "effect" includes (section 3 RMA):

- any positive or adverse effect;
- any temporary or permanent effect;
- any past, present, or future effect;
- any cumulative effect which arises over time or in combination with other effects regardless of the scale, intensity, duration, or frequency of the effect, and also includes-
- any potential effect of high probability; and
- any potential effect of low probability which has a high potential impact.

The RMA places restrictions on the use of land (section 9 RMA), the subdivision of land (section 11 RMA), the use of the coastal marine area (Section 12 RMA), on certain uses of beds of lakes and rivers (section 13 RMA), water (section 14 RMA), and the discharge of contaminants into the environment (section 15

RMA). Activities that 'use' land, water, and air cannot legally occur unless they are permitted by a rule in a district or regional plan, or have a resource consent granted.

A resource consent is therefore permission from a territorial authority or regional council to undertake an activity that would otherwise contravene a statutory plan prepared under the RMA (or sections 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, or 15 RMA).

Applications for resource consents are typically processed in one of two ways. Non-notified applications (no general public submissions allowed) may occur when the environmental effects of the activity to be consented are considered to be no greater than minor and written approvals have been obtained from any deemed affected parties. Notified applications occur when the environmental effects of the activity to be consented may be greater than minor, and provide an opportunity for any person in New Zealand to make a submission supporting or opposing the application.

Consents are granted subject to conditions such as the requirement for an environmental bond to be paid by the consent holder, conditions to avoid, remedy, or mitigate significant adverse effects on the environment and provide for the monitoring of these effects. Failure to meet the conditions of consent may lead to prosecution, payment of fines, and in severe circumstances the cancellation of the consent. The maximum penalties available under the RMA are imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years, or a fine not exceeding \$200,000. If the offence is a continuing one, an additional fine may be imposed not exceeding \$10,000 for every day or part of a day during which the offence continues.

Oceana has been deemed, in obtaining the consents to license activities with environmental effects for this project, to have met the purpose and requirements of the RMA, which establishes a not insignificant threshold for the granting of such consents.

Oceana holds all required resource consents for the activities it undertakes. Compliance with the conditions of resource consents is discussed below.

#### 4.8.1.2 Crown Minerals Act 1991

The allocation of rights to prospect, explore or mine for minerals owned by the Crown is carried out by the issuing of permits under the Crown Minerals Act 1991 (CMA). "Crown owned" minerals include all naturally occurring gold and silver and some coal and other metallic and non-metallic minerals and aggregates. The CMA contains transitional provisions that allow mining licenses granted under the Mining Act 1971 (such as ML 32 3047) to remain in force.

#### 4.8.2 Resource Consents

Oceana holds a range of consents issued by the ORC and the WDC.

Consents have conditions placed on them detailing performance standards and monitoring frequency. Oceana reports on consents on a quarterly or annual basis, with these reports sent to the ORC and WDC, as appropriate.

Internal monthly reports are also prepared by Oceana. The quarterly and monthly reports identify general compliance with conditions of consent.

Seepage control in Maori Tommy Gully, below the Mixed Tailings Impoundment dam, is a previously identified issue reported by GHD in November 2005 (Report for Oceana Due Diligence). Seepage in Maori Tommy Gully that bypasses the preferential collection systems encounters a grout curtain across the gully, a line of detection bores, and finally a line of compliance bores. Seepage has been detected in the compliance bores. This was predicted to occur in early water management modelling.

The purpose of the grout curtain is to disperse seepage when it hits the curtain. This curtain is working to design. The plume is also behaving as expected, moving along the base of the gully. The seepage plume may be caused by leakage from the drains that go from the tails dam to sump B or by ground water seepage from the tails dam moving from the base of the dam to the sump. There are options to address either source. During mining operations Oceana can intercept if necessary. During restoration Oceana will have to intercept and manage for a period of 5-10 years post mining.

The seepage at this time is not considered material as the preferential pathway of conservatives into the Maori Tommy Gully is monitored and a management strategy included in the site closure plan.
The monthly reports note several incidents relating to minor floods, spills, overflows and dust levels. The monthly reports indicate some form of mitigation management has been implemented for each of these incidents. Improvements are noted throughout the year.

Total Suspended Particulate (TSP) monitoring of air occurs across the site for monitoring dust issues and compliance. On occasions there have been elevated readings but this is typically able to be explained by the proximity of the compliance site to an activity. There is no ongoing significant compliance issue associated with TSP levels.

The Annual Work and Rehabilitation Programme (AWRP) gives a detailed review of the proposed operation over the next year. This includes:

- an explanation of any departures from planned mining activities during the previous year;
- description of operations over the next year including detailed plans of proposed operations;
- description of any adverse effect that has arisen over the past year;
- description and evaluation of mitigation measures;
- a report of rehabilitation during the exercise of the consent and results;
- rehabilitation plan for the next year;
- plans for the next year showing actual contours at 5m intervals;
- calculation of costs to deal with any adverse affects on the environment;
- detailed calculation of costs of complying with all rehabilitation conditions of the consent;
- monitoring data; and
- bonding assessment and costs for rehabilitation and monitoring.

The AWRP is provided to compliance authorities as a tool for ensuring a 'no-surprises' approach in relation to Oceana's forward work plan, environmental compliance, and rehabilitation.

Rehabilitation activities are documented, and predominantly involve topsoiling, fertilizing and seeding completed waste rock stack areas, drill pads, and tailings dam faces. Plant pest spraying also occurs, and company owned land not required for mining is leased to local farmers. No material rehabilitation issues have been identified.

Heritage issues are managed under a Heritage Management Plan and to date this has focused on interpretation panels and walkways. No material heritage management issues have been identified.

In conclusion, the site is monitored and has a history of general compliance. Importantly, no significant recurring non-compliance issues are identifiable. Compliance limits for TSP, as noted above, have on occasion been exceeded but there has been no enforcement/abatement action by the ORC.

Environmental Bonds for Macraes Operation are discussed in section 21.5.

#### 4.8.3 Access Arrangements

Oceana is the owner of the majority of land in the immediate vicinity of the Macraes Operation, and most of the land within tenements ML 32 3047 and MP 41 064. A number of properties outside the mining tenements are under an option to purchase by Oceana.

The Coronation reserves for LOMP08 are located on land for which access to mine is under negotiation.

# 4.8.4 Mining Permits

Oceana has in place the necessary mining licenses and permits issued under the Mining Act 1971 and the Crown Minerals Act 1991 for life of mine mining requirements, and no material environmental liabilities emerged.

# 5 ACCESSIBILITY, CLIMATE, LOCAL RESOURCES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PHYSIOGRAPHY

# 5.1 Topography, Elevation and Vegetation

The project area is situated on an elevated (approximately 490m above sea level) plateau drained by a trellis pattern of north-westerly and north-easterly trending streams. Parts of the plateau are deeply dissected.

Vegetation is comprised of a combination of improved pasture and tussock grassland, while streams and gullies are choked by matagouri, gorse, thistles and wild rose. The predominant land use is stock grazing, with small areas covered by pine plantations.

# 5.2 Access to the Property

Access to the mine is by sealed highway from Dunedin, and then via sealed or metal roads from Middlemarch and Palmerston. There is good access along metal roads and farm tracks throughout the project area.

# 5.3 Proximity to Population Centres

The Macraes mine is within short driving distance to a number of populated centres:

- The Macraes plant site is approximately 6km from the Macraes Flat village. The village and surrounding farming community comprises approximately 40 families.
- Dunedin, a university city with a population of 119,000, is 102km away by road.
- Oamaru with a population of 11,000 is 105km by road.
- Palmerston, with a population of 800, is 37km by road.

Transport to the site is typically by vehicle. A domestic and international airport is located in Dunedin, which also has an operating seaport. A national trunk railway line from Christchurch to Dunedin passes through Palmerston.

# 5.4 Climate and Operating Season

As well as being elevated, the project area is also exposed, windy and dry, with high evaporation in the warmer part of the year. High temperatures are experienced during summer and occasional falls of snow during winter.

Rainfall averages about 550 millimetres per year, but can vary by about 80 millimetres per year depending on topography. There is little seasonal variation in rainfall, but monthly totals can be quite variable and the area is susceptible to long dry periods. Droughts, which last two or three years, have been recorded in the east Otago region every 10 to 20 years.

Climatic influence translates to a potential for 3-5 days lost mining time per year after occasional heavy rains or snowfall.

# 5.5 Infrastructure

### 5.5.1 Sufficiency of Surface Rights

Oceana has all necessary rights and permits for current and proposed mining operations at the Macraes Project, except for the landowner access to mine part of the Coronation reserve. Future discoveries may require new consents and conversion of ground currently held as an exploration permit to a subsequent mining permit prior to the commencement of mining.

#### 5.5.2 Power

Macraes is connected to the local power grid, which provides a reliable electrical power supply. The power line has adequate capacity to supply the mine at full operating limits.

#### 5.5.3 Water

Water is drawn from the Taieri River and pumped to the site. Through storage and active recycling, an adequate reservoir of process and potable water is maintained to enable continuous operation, even in times of drought conditions.

### 5.5.4 Mining Personnel

Mining, processing and support staff are drawn from the local region, with many living in the nearby towns or commuting from Dunedin. Recruitment of suitably skilled and experienced employees for all areas of the operation has been achieved and maintained.

### 5.5.5 Communications

Macraes is connected to the New Zealand Telecom system, providing both voice and internet access. The mine site utilises a local area network for computer connections.

A multi-channel radio network is utilised for operations communication in the mine and process plant.

### 5.5.6 Mining Infrastructure

The Macraes Project area is sufficient to contain the current open pit mines and underground, process plant, haulage roads, tailings storage areas and waste rock storage areas. Furthermore, sufficient surface area is available within Macraes project area for the construction of any infrastructure necessary for the potential development and mining of other deposits under consideration.

# 6 HISTORY

# 6.1 Mining History

The earliest alluvial mining in the district commenced at Murphy's Flat in 1862, with Macraes Flat, Deepdell and some parts of Horse Flat being worked soon after (Hamel, 1992). Murphy's Creek was the major early alluvial workings and there is evidence that all of its tributaries were being worked in the 1860's. The Murphy's Creek alluvial workings are reasonably well preserved and are considered to be of historic significance (Hamel, 1992).

Lode quartz mining commenced in the 1860's, but the scale of operations was very small. The Golden Point/Round Hill lode system was not discovered until 1889. Development of Golden Point commenced in 1889 and it became established as a significant scheelite and gold producer. From 1890 to 1933, it produced an estimated 13,000 ounces of gold and 800 tons of scheelite (Williamson, 1939). Other areas mined included Maritana, Golden Bell and Deepdell but quantities were small with a total reported of 8,463 tons of crushed ore for 1,630 ounces of gold and 50 tons scheelite (Williamson, 1939 as quoted in Ballentyne 1971). Lodes were worked for either scheelite or gold depending on the price at the time. This was due to the fact that the fine grinding required to liberate the gold resulted in poor recovery of scheelite.

Areas continued to be mined after 1939 as tungsten was in demand during the Second World War but gold prices were sharply reduced during this time. The scale of operations at this time was small and work was discontinuous, as a result records of production of ore at this time are poor. Local miners suggest that less than 100 tonnes of scheelite was mined since 1939 but estimates are widely varied (Petrie, 1970). It was a question of economics (due to preferential recoverability of gold or tungsten) not ore availability that controlled the scheelite industry at Macraes Flat.

The first lode worked in the Macraes field was probably the Duke of Edinburgh, described by Ulrich (1875). He also mentions the Golden Bar Reef and the Moonlight Reef, at the head of Macraes Flat, but gives no detail about them. In 1888, the Highlay Reef was discovered on the Mareburn, and the lode was soon traced to Golden Point, where it was opened out in 1889. Further prospecting soon resulted in the opening of other mines along the lode, some of them, however, being little more than surface workings.

The mines that have been worked, given in order eastward, are Mount Highlay, New Zealand Gold and Tungsten, Coronation, Golden Bell, Maritana, Deepdell, Golden Point, Round Hill, Innes, Mills', Griffins, Golden Ridge, Ounce and Golden Bar (Williamson, 1939).

#### Figure 6.1: Macraes Historical Mining Areas



### 6.2 Prior Ownership

The original tenements at Macraes were owned by Golden Point Mining Limited and BHP Gold Mines (New Zealand) Limited, owned by BHP Gold Mines Limited. During December 1989, Macraes Mining Company Limited (MMCL) obtained 100% ownership of these tenements. On May 14, 1999, Macraes Mining Company Limited changed its name to Gold and Resource Developments (New Zealand) Limited and again to GRD Macraes Limited on June 30, 2000. Finally on May 18, 2004, the name was changed to Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited.

### 6.3 Previous Work

This section details exploration activities conducted in the Macraes region prior to 1990 when MMCL acQuired the Macraes permits.

### 6.3.1 Geochemistry

#### 6.3.1.1 Stream Sediment Sampling

During 1987, an orientation stream sediment sampling survey was conducted by BHP Gold Mines (New Zealand) Limited (BHP), in the Round Hill Area. The results from a total of 64 samples taken showed total sediment fine fraction samples (-20# and -80#), gave the best results.

Although the bulk cyanide leach method returned lower-level results, this method was adopted for use on a regional basis due to ease of sample collection.

### 6.3.2 Geophysics

The first geophysical survey carried out over the HMSZ was by Homestake New Zealand Exploration Limited (HNZEL), in April 1985 (Robinson, 1986). It comprised an orientation induced potential (IP)/Resistivity survey totalling 8.35 line kilometres over Round Hill and Southern Pit.

The objective of the survey was to test the ability of IP to discriminate between ore grade Au-scheelitesulphide mineralization at Round Hill (intersected by diamond drilling) from weakly mineralized parts of the lode shear system south of Round Hill employing dipole-dipole and gradient array IP surveys. The survey lines were orientated both grid east, across the line of lode, and grid north, parallel with the strike of the lode system but across the trend of the Round Hill shoot. A dipole spacing of 50m was used.

Dipole-dipole traverses revealed chargeability responses more or less associated with outcrop of the main lode, however the anomaly was stronger than what would be expected from the sulphide content of the lode system (generally less than 1% total sulphide with maximum of 2-5% in sulfidic zones) and may be related to graphite associated with the shear system. A chargeable source near the centre of line 14900mN was associated with very weak mineralization intercepted in diamond drill hole (DDH) 5.

The surveys across the Round Hill Shoot failed to clearly discriminate between the shoot and weakly mineralized lode to the south. The gradient array surveys on these lines revealed anomalies in the vicinity of Ferguson's workings (Southern Pit - 14200-14400mN) in which graphitic rocks are exposed. In summary, IP chargeability anomalies may define a shear system of the Macraes type, especially if sufficient graphite is present, but the variability of sulphide content within the lode system is too low to discriminate between high grade mineralized shoots and low grade or barren parts of the lode system (Robinson, 1986).

In 1986, BP Oil New Zealand Limited (Minerals Division), (BP Oil), carried out a total of 32 line km of dipole-dipole IP/Resistivity surveying at Nunn's-New Zealand Gold and Tungsten, Frasers (south of the alluvial flats along Macraes Road), Golden Ridge, Golden Bar and Frasers East (Coochey, 1986; Moore, 1986). The bulk of this survey, 19 line km, was over Frasers and Golden Ridge. A comparative analysis of the IP survey results with subsequent drilling was not completed, however it appears that the results were similar to those of HNZEL.

On November 17, 1987, BP Oil undertook a down-hole geophysical survey on drill hole GRRC 14 (Moore, 1987). BPB Instrument Limited carried out the demonstration log recording dip-meter analysis, density logs, focused electric and resistivity logs, neutron-neutron and gamma logs. Moore reported that the logs which provided the most information and which correlated with the down-hole geology were resistivity, focused electric, density, and dip-meter analysis.

During 1987, the Ministry of Works and Development Central Laboratories used portable "OYO" equipment to log 13 holes on the eastern high wall side of the (then proposed) Round Hill pit (Brown, 1988). BPB Instruments Limited also logged one of these holes which enabled a comparison between the two contractors. The surveys were reasonably successful with a similarity of results between the two contractors. The results of the survey became very useful allowing for the interpretation of structures required for slope stability analysis.

### 6.3.3 Drilling

During 1970, Helpet Mining Company Limited drilled 28 holes in the Macraes Flat area exploring for tungsten mineralization. Core recovery was poor and mineralization was found to be sporadic and discontinuous. Kennecott Exploration (Australia) Pty Ltd also undertook exploration in the area in 1970-71, but their reconnaissance work did not include drilling.

In 1984, Homestake New Zealand Exploration Limited commenced exploration at Round Hill and by the end of 1986 had drilled over 5.5km of strike on the Deepdell, Round Hill and Frasers systems at 100 to 200m drill hole spacings. This drilling defined the Round Hill shoot which was amenable to open cast mining (Lee et al, 1989).

Following HNZEL's success in the Macraes Flat region, BP Oil obtained licences to the north-west and south-east of Macraes along the HMSZ. Between 1986 and 1988, BP Oil carried out drilling at Nunn's, Golden Ridge, Ounce, Golden Bar and Frasers East.

Drilling has continued at Round Hill and adjacent prospects since the purchase of HNZEL by BHP in 1987 and subsequently by MMCL in 1990 (see section 11).

## 6.4 Historical Estimates

There are no relevant historical resource estimates for the Macraes Operation compliant with NI 43-101 rules or CIM guidelines. The mine has been in production for approximately 18 years and resource estimates for the deposits have been routinely updated and refined over time. These estimates have been prepared in accordance with the JORC code (JORC, 2004) and its predecessors. The current CIM compliant resource estimates (as of June 30, 2009) are presented in section 17.

## 6.5 Previous Production

Historical production from the Macraes Goldfield is poorly recorded. The Golden Point mine produced an estimated 13,000 ounces of gold and 800 tons of scheelite from 1890 to 1933 (Williamson, 1939).

Since the commencement of open pit mining in 1990, the combined Macraes open pits have produced approximately 2.7Moz. Since 2000, annual gold production has ranged between 162koz and 184koz.





# 7 GEOLOGICAL SETTING

## 7.1 General

The Macraes gold deposits are located in a major, low-angle (~15-20°) structure known as the Hyde Macraes Shear Zone (HMSZ). This regionally continuous, late metamorphic deformation zone cuts greenschist facies metasedimentary rocks of the Otago Schist. The Otago Schist is a moderately high pressure metamorphic belt (Yardley, 1982; Mortimer, 2000) that formed by collisional amalgamation ("Rangitata I" Orogeny) of the Caples and Torlesse terranes in the Early-Middle Jurassic (Coombs et al., 1976; Bishop et al., 1985; Little et al., 1999).

The Otago Schist forms part of the more extensive Haast Schist that underlies about 10% of the New Zealand microcontinent (Mortimer, 1993a, b). To the south and west, the Otago Schist grades into mainly volcaniclastic, non-schistose greywacke and argillite of the Caples Terrane (Bishop et al., 1976). Caples Terrane greywackes comprise probable Late Paleozoic-Early Mesozoic, dominantly intraoceanic, magmatic arc lithologies, with lesser proportions of continental derived material (MacKinnon, 1983; Roser et al., 1993). To the north and east, the Otago Schist grades into non-schistose greywacke and argillite of quartzofeldspathic composition from the Torlesse Terrane (Coombs et al., 1976). Torlesse metasediments were derived from an active continental magmatic arc and granitic gneiss basement in the Permian-Late Triassic. Both terranes contain minor greenschist (metabasite) and quartzite (metachert) layers (MacKinnon, 1983).





# 7.2 Regional Geology

The Otago Schist straddles the Caples and Torlesse terranes, forming an approximately 150km wide northwest to southeast trending, broadly antiformal structure. It is composed predominantly of psammitic and pelitic greyschists (metamorphosed greywacke and argillite) with lesser amounts of greenschist (metabasite) (Craw, 1984; Mortimer, 1993a). In general, the schist is lithologically monotonous, without regionally extensive marker bands and lacks a recognisable lithostratigraphy. Metamorphic grade in the schist belt ranges from prehnite-pumpellyite facies in the northeast and southwest flanking non-schistose metagreywackes of the Torlesse and Caples terranes respectively, through pumpellyite-actinolite facies semischists to chlorite greenschist facies with local preservation of garnet-biotite-albite zone along the schist axis (Mortimer, 2000 and references therein). Texturally, the schist belt follows similar patterns to the metamorphic zones, grading from unfoliated metasedimentary rocks (greywackes and argillites) at the margins, through slates and phyllites (semi-schists) to strongly segregated and laminated schists and locally gneisses in the schist centre (Turnbull et al., 2001 and references therein).

At least four phases of deformation  $(D_1-D_4)$  can be attributed to the progressive fabric development of the Otago Schist (Craw, 1985 and references therein). The first phase of deformation  $(D_1)$  was characterised by ductile, isoclinal folding  $(F_1)$  of bedding  $(S_0)$  and development of a penetrative axial planar foliation  $(S_1)$ . This stage was accompanied by intense transposition of lithologic layering  $(S_0)$  with metamorphic/quartzalbite segregation veins  $(V_1)$  developed parallel to  $S_1$  (Turnbull, 1981; Craw, 1985). The second phase of deformation  $(D_2)$  folded  $S_1$  with generally tight-similar or isoclinal style folds (e.g., Turnbull, 1981; Craw, 1985). A penetrative axial planar foliation  $(S_2)$  is commonly developed and in most places lies subparallel to  $S_1$ .  $F_2$  folding of metamorphic segregation veins has produced rootless fold hinges that outline  $S_2$  (intrafolial folds). These detached fold hinges form a prominent quartz rodding lineation  $(L_2)$  (Craw, 1985). Mineral elongation lineations and foliation intersection lineations (e.g.,  $S_2$  and  $S_1$ - $S_0$  fabric) are typically parallel to  $L_2$  (Mortimer, 1993b). Nappe structures with  $S_1$  as the form surface are commonly developed (e.g., Wood, 1963, 1978; Means, 1963, 1966; Bishop, 1974; Turnbull, 1981; Craw, 1985). The first two stages of ductile deformation  $(D_1, D_2)$  accompanied regional metamorphism (Craw, 1985).

Phase 3 deformation (D<sub>3</sub>) produced localised folding that postdated the metamorphic peak.  $F_3$  folds show thickened and rounded hinge zones with attenuated limbs.  $F_3$  crenulations developed in the fold hinges define an L<sub>3</sub> lineation. Fold axial surfaces (S<sub>3</sub>) form at high angle to the penetrative foliation (S<sub>2</sub>-S<sub>1</sub>) (Wood, 1963; Means, 1963, 1966; Norris, 1977; Turnbull, 1981; Craw, 1985). The final phase of deformation (D<sub>4</sub>) is related to postmetamorphic mesoscopic angular kink folds and macroscopic warping (km-scale) of the penetrative foliation (Craw, 1985; Mortimer 1993a; Turnbull, 2000).

Not all the deformation phases are observed throughout the schist. In terms of geographic distribution, the flanking semischists of the schist belt have been through at least one transposition stage with only a single penetrative foliation recognised. The majority of primary structures such as bedding have been obliterated as they were flattened and transposed by early-generation folding ( $D_1$ ). The central schists have been overprinted by multiple deformation phases ( $D_2$ ,  $D_3$  etc.) with foliation transposed two or more times, producing mesoscopic and macroscopic folds together with possible overprinted metamorphic facies (Mortimer, 1993b, 2000).



Figure 7.2: Otago Geology Map

The age of peak Otago Schist metamorphism is around Early to Middle Jurassic (200-170Ma; Adams et al., 1985; Little et al., 1999), soon after Triassic accretion. The schist is then thought to have been held at mid to lower crustal depths until the Early Cretaceous (135±5Ma) after which it was rapidly unroofed at 0.6 - 1mm/y (Little et al., 1999). Exhumation of the schist was accompanied by extensional faulting (northwest and northeast oriented orthogonal fault pattern) and associated mineralization (Craw and Norris, 1991). Cover sediments unconformably lying on various schist textural zones demonstrate that deep structural

levels of the Otago Schist belt were exposed to erosion by the mid Cretaceous (e.g. Adams and Raine, 1988).

Regional extension occurred in the Middle Eocene through to the late Oligocene (Turnbull et al., 1975; Norris and Turnbull, 1993). The Early Miocene marked the inception of the Pacific-Australian Plate boundary and the initiation of the Alpine Fault as a throughgoing transform (Norris et al., 1990 and references therein). Reverse faults and upright folds deforming the otherwise gently dipping foliation of the Otago Schist are mostly related to Miocene-Pliocene crustal shortening in response to an increase in the component of convergence on the plate boundary (Norris et al., 1990). Many if not all of the reverse faults represent reactivated late Cretaceous extensional faults (Turnbull et al., 1975; Norris and Turnbull, 1993). Miocene-Recent right lateral strike slip movement on the Alpine fault displaced part of the Haast Schist (Marlborough Schist) c. 480km to the northeast, with displacement becoming more oblique over the last 10Ma (Molnar et al., 1975; De Mets et al., 1990; Sutherland, 1995). At present the Otago region is being deformed in response to oblique shortening with continued development of active reverse faults and folds (Jackson et al., 1996; Markley and Norris, 1999).

# 7.3 Local Geology

The HMSZ, which hosts gold mineralization is one of the largest Mesozoic structures mapped in the Otago Schist, traceable for at least 30km along strike. The HMSZ developed during uplift of the host schist through the brittle/ductile transition in the Late Jurassic (Craw et al., 1999; Craw, 2002). During this period, the region was undergoing late metamorphic compression with the HMSZ initiating as a thrust system. The sense of movement on the thrust was top-to-the-west (Teagle et al., 1990). The shear zone developed sub-parallel to the foliation, and the foliation was deformed into a duplex system, which resulted in the stacking and thickening of the Intrashear Schist. Shallow dipping fault-veins (shear-parallel quartz veins) formed sub-parallel to the principal shears and the enclosing foliation during the thrusting. These veins fill local extensional sites (metre scale) in the duplex thrust system. Stockwork veins occurred synkinematically with thrusting, as demonstrated by mutual cross-cutting relationships (Begbie & Craw, 2006). Formation of stockwork veins post-dated the main phase of ductile deformation of the Intrashear Schist.



#### Figure 7.3: Macraes Geology Map

The HMSZ consists of variably altered, deformed, and mineralized schist up to 150m thick, known as the Intrashear Schist (Mitchell et al., 2006 and references therein). The thickest part of the shear zone consists of several mineralized zones stacked on metre-thick shears. These shears have ductile

deformation textures overprinted by cataclasis (Craw et al., 1999). The HMSZ is hosted in lower greenschist facies (chlorite zone) schist and has been juxtaposed against upper greenschist facies schist along a normal fault, the Footwall Fault (Angus et al., 1997; Craw, 2002; Craw et al., 2004; Mortimer, 2000). This fault is younger than the HMSZ and truncates its base.

The boundary between mineralized HMSZ schist (Intrashear Schist) and unmineralized lower greenschist facies schist is commonly a well defined structure, the Hangingwall Shear. This shear ranges up to 25m thick and is typically black due to the presence of fine grained graphite and sheared sulphide minerals (McKeag et al., 1989). The Hangingwall Shear can be traced through the mined pits in the main mining area. Schist above the Hangingwall Shear is dominated by micaceous rock types which are fissile in outcrop (Petrie et al., 2005). Pods (1-10 m scale) of more massive feldspathic schist (psammitic) occur within this fissile schist (pelitic). The Intrashear Schist also has pods of massive schist surrounded by fissile schist. The Intrashear Schist is distinguished from the hangingwall schist units by subtle but pervasive alteration including the addition of graphite and sulphides, replacement of titanite by rutile, and decomposition of epidote (Craw et al., 1999).

# 7.4 Deposit Geology

### 7.4.1 Overview

At present, mining is concentrated in two areas: Frasers Open Pit and Frasers Underground (FRUG). FRUG is the down-dip extension of the open pit mine and comprises two zones of mineralization: Panel 1 and Panel 2.

### 7.4.2 Frasers Open Pit

The Frasers open pit deposit is defined by the Hangingwall shear. In outcrop, the shear dips  $15^{\circ}$  to  $20^{\circ}$  to the east and is ~5 m thick. At depth, the dip of the shear flattens to around 5° to  $10^{\circ}$  and develops into a ~20m to 30m thick high grade zone of quartz cataclasite and lode schist. This interpreted ramp-flat geometry is relatively common at Frasers.

Within the Frasers pit, gold mineralization comprises a combination of Hangingwall, shear-parallel quartz veins, and stockwork veins. Hangingwall shear and stockwork veins account for the majority of mineralization within the Frasers pit, although there are a number of shear-parallel quartz veins. These veins typically splay off the Hangingwall and dip at between 5° and 10° to the east. A large amount of irregular mineralization occurs between the base of the Hangingwall and the Footwall Fault. This is stockwork mineralization and generally appears in the drilling as clusters of elevated gold grades. Stockwork mineralization refers to mixtures of quartz veins and concordant lodes, which appear discontinuous at the resource drilling scale. The Footwall Fault lies between 80m and 120m below the Hangingwall Shear and is easily identified in drill holes as a 10m wide zone of shearing. To date, no economic mineralization has been located below the Footwall Fault.

Gold-scheelite-pyrite-arsenopyrite mineralization is associated with replacement and fissure quartz veins within D4 post-metamorphic shear zones (Lee et al. 1989). Within the Frasers pit scheelite mineralization is predominantly found in proximity to the hangingwall shear. It is associated with gold mineralization, associated quartz veining, and displays complex crosscutting relationships.





### 7.4.3 Frasers Underground

#### 7.4.3.1 Panel 1

FRUG Panel 1 encompasses the down-dip continuation of the Hangingwall shear mined in the Frasers open pit, which is known to extend approximately 600m beyond the limit of the open pit design. The thickest, most mineralized part of Panel 1 trends approximately northeast (050°) and tapers in width from approximately 350m at its western end (around 70,050mE) to approximately 150m width at the eastern limit of drilling (70,500mE), where it abuts the Macraes Fault Zone (MFZ).

Figure 7.5: Frasers Underground Mine Design, December 2008



Mineralization is contained within the Intrashear Schist which is generally 80m to 100m thick, with the higher gold grades confined to the upper part, which is dominated by cataclasite, lode schist and local stockwork pelite lithologies. Numerous drill holes have penetrated through the Intrashear Schist into the Footwall Psammite, particularly at the western end of Panel 1 where the Footwall Fault is at a relatively shallow depth (<500m). Drill holes at the eastern end of Panel 1 have generally intersected the Hangingwall at around 320m to 340m depth (190mRL to 170mRL) and have been terminated within the Intrashear Schist, but beyond the limit of significant mineralization.

Mineralization within Panel 1 is consistent with the ore delineated in the Frasers open pit. The highest gold grades (up to 56.6 g/t Au) are contained within the strongly developed and visually distinguishable zone within the upper hangingwall characterised by quartz cataclasite and silicified breccias. This typically forms a well mineralized, continuous zone approximately 10m to 15m thick, with a grade of approximately 3 g/t Au. Less intensely mineralized lode schist is typically developed lower in the hangingwall package.

The package of mineralized rock is observed to thin abruptly at the margins of Panel 1, where the intensity of the Hangingwall shear weakens markedly. The exact location, nature and geological controls on this transition are not well constrained by drilling. Stockwork mineralization beneath the Hangingwall is not well developed below Panel 1 and is mainly limited to patchy development of quartz veining with comparatively low grades (from 0.1 to 5.0 g/t Au) with low apparent continuity at the scale of the current drilling. The stockwork mineralization density decreases rapidly towards the peripheries of Panel 1 and is generally absent where the Hangingwall is weakly developed. The density and grade of stockwork mineralization at Macraes is generally observed to increase where there is a change in Hangingwall orientation suggesting an overall structural control. The northern limit of Panel 1 (approximately 12,650mN at surface) is defined by the east striking MFZ. Ground conditions deteriorate significantly proximal to and within this fault zone, with a marked decrease in logged rock quality designation (RQD) and corresponding increase in fracture frequency rates.

Figure 7.6: Frasers Underground Panel 1 Schematic Cross Section



#### 7.4.3.2 Panel 2

Panel 2 is located 300m to the southeast of Panel 1, separated by a zone of weakly mineralized Hangingwall approximately 300m wide centred on 70,500mE. Drilling intersections to date indicate that Panel 2 has a plan dimension of approximately 450m wide by 700m long down-dip, extending from about 70,600E. The Panel 2 mineralization also trends northeast (050°), similar to the trend of mineralization within Panel 1. This mineralization trend has also been observed at Innes Mills, Southern Pit and Deepdell and is considered to reflect the macroscopic structure of the HMSZ.

The southern margin of Panel 2 is defined by nine drill holes. The weak development of the Hangingwall in these holes suggests that the southern boundary of the panel area lies at around 12,100mN. Neither the northern boundary of Panel 2, nor the area between Panel 1, the MFZ and Panel 2 have been adequately constrained by drilling and further work is required to determine if there is potentially economic mineralization in this area. The HMSZ in the Panel 2 area occurs at a depth of 370m (150mRL) at its western end, while the Hangingwall shear was located at 670m depth (-120mRL) at its most easterly intersection. The structure consistently shows a 15° to 20° east dip through the Panel 2 area. No significant flattening of the Hangingwall, as observed within Panel 1 or the Frasers pit, occurs within the Panel. This dip consistency may explain some of the observed differences in mineralization style between the Panel 2 areas.

Hangingwall mineralization within Panel 2 is characterised by quartz cataclasite and zones of mineralized lode schist material. The Hangingwall is generally around 10 - 12m in thickness but locally ranges from 5m (on northern boundary) up to 20m thickness. Mineralized intersections vary in grade between 1.0 and 4.1 g/t Au and are typically higher average grade than in Panel 1. A zone of consistently higher grade mineralization occurs in the rocks immediately below Hangingwall contact, with an average thickness of approximately 7m. There is only limited development of mineralized lode schist and stockwork beneath the Hangingwall zone.

A second mineralized structure on the south eastern margin of Panel 2 has been intersected in 7 drill holes, below the Hangingwall. This mineralization has been named Panel 2 Deeps and is interpreted as potentially a low angle concordant lode in association with a zone of strongly developed stockwork. This style of mineralization is relatively common at Macraes and has been mined in the Frasers Stage1 pit and Innes Mills Stage 4 pit. In mid 2008 the Frasers Underground mine main access decline passed through the Panel 2 Deeps area and intersected 45m @ 3.40 g/t which loosely confirmed the low angle concordant lode interpretation. Late in 2008 a further 11 diamond drill holes for 580m were drilled adjacent to the mineralization intersected in the main decline and to follow up exploration drill hole intersections. The

drilling intersected some strong Au mineralization (Figure 7.7) but has also indicated that the gold mineralization is structurally more complex than first thought.



Figure 7.7: Frasers Underground Panel 2 Deeps Drilling Intersections

There is evidence in the southeast corner of Panel 2 for narrow mineralized structures occurring up to 25m above the logged Hangingwall. These "ghost shears" occur elsewhere in the Frasers deposit and may be associated with folding or a step change in the relative level (RL) of the main mineralized Hangingwall. There is an associated thickening of the mineralization and locally increased grade, potentially making this area an attractive exploration target. However, the geometry of these structures is generally difficult to define and cannot be confidently interpolated between drill holes at the current drill spacing.

The Footwall Fault has been intersected in only a few drill holes beneath Panel 2 due to the depth of this structure. As anticipated, significant mineralization grades were restricted to within 30m of the Hangingwall contact.

Drilling around the northeastern margin of Panel 2 indicates that the mineralized shoot extends a further 100m to the northeast and remains open in this direction. The shoot is expected to continue a further 150m until the Panel 2 extension area intersects the MFZ. Five drill holes on the northwestern margin of the shoot show a reduction in grade and thickness of mineralized Hangingwall around 12,700mN. The shoot remains unconstrained by drilling on the eastern side.

# 8 DEPOSIT TYPES

# 8.1 Orogenic Gold Deposits

The Macraes deposit is an example of an orogenic style gold deposit. This style of deposit is recognized to be broadly synchronous with deformation, metamorphism, and magmatism during lithospheric-scale continental-margin orogeny (Groves et al., 1998). Most orogenic gold deposits like Macraes occur in greenschist facies rocks. Orogenic deposits typically formed on retrograde portions of pressure-temperature time paths during the last increments of crustal shortening and thus postdate regional metamorphism of the host rocks (Powell et al., 1991 and references therein). Orogenic deposits can be subdivided into epizonal, mesozonal, and hypozonal based on pressure-temperature conditions of ore formation. The Macraes deposit falls into the mesozonal category with mineralization having occurred near to the brittle-ductile transition at about 300°C.

In orogenic deposits the association between gold and greenschist grade rocks is commonly thought to be related to: 1) the large fluid volume created during the amphibolite and/or greenschist transition and released into the greenschist zone; 2) the structurally favourable brittle-ductile zone that lies just above this transition; 3) fluid focusing and phase separation that are most likely to occur as fluids ascend into the greenschist pressure-temperature regime and/or gold solubility shows a sharp drop under greenschist facies temperatures (Phillips, 1991). Fluid migration along fault-fracture networks was likely to be driven by episodes of major pressure fluctuations during seismic events.





# 9 MINERALIZATION

## 9.1 Mineralized Zones

The mineralization at Macraes is principally developed within the gently northeast dipping HMSZ, though anomalous grades are also recorded in narrow, steeply dipping quartz veins locally occurring in the hangingwall schists, collectively known as the Eastern Lodes (Figure 9.1). Mining to date has occurred along a continuous strike length of 6km in numerous staged open pits, three smaller discrete satellite pits immediately to the north, and at Golden Bar, approximately 7km to the south.





Within the shear zone, mineralization is constrained between the Hangingwall Shear and the Footwall Fault. Schists above the Hangingwall Shear and below the Footwall Fault are barren. Economic mineralization is typically restricted to the upper part of the HMSZ. The Hangingwall Shear, which varies from 1m to >30m in thickness contains the most continuous and consistent mineralization. This zone is locally underlain by extensive but low grade stockwork zones which may be developed over a width of up to 100m.

Higher grade zones of mineralization within the shear zone form tabular shoots that may have strike lengths of >300m and extend up to 800m down-dip (i.e. Frasers and Round Hill). These zones are observed to trend towards the north, oblique to the shear zone dip direction. This orientation is interpreted to be due to the interaction of the HMSZ with folds within the host schist units, creating a preferred lineation direction for mineralization.

Mineralization distribution is broadly consistent along the HMSZ but shows considerable variability in grade, width, continuity and geometry at mine-scale. This variability is attributed to the local development of the HMSZ structure during mineralization and the influence of host rock lithology, particularly with respect to competency contrasts.

## 9.2 Mineralization Types

The following four types of mineralization occur within the HMSZ at Macraes (Mitchell et al., 2006):

- Mineralized schist. This style of mineralization involved hydrothermal replacement of schist minerals with disseminated sulphides and microcrystalline quartz. Mineralization was accompanied by only minor deformation.
- Black sheared schist. This type of schist is pervaded by cm to mm scale anastamosing fine graphite and sulphide bearing microshears. This type of mineralization is typically proximal to the Hangingwall Shear. Scheelite mineralization occurs in the silicified cataclasitic shears.
- Shear-parallel quartz veins. These veins lie within and/or adjacent to the black sheared schist, and have generally been deformed with the associated shears. The veins locally cross-cut the foliation in the host schist at low to moderate angles. Veins are mainly massive quartz, with some internal lamination and localized brecciation. Sulphide minerals are scattered through the quartz, aligned along laminae and stylolitic seams. These veins range from 1cm to >2m. . Scheelite mineralization is associated with quartz veining in some areas.
- Stockworks. These veins occur in localized swarms that are confined to the Intrashear Schist. Individual swarms range from c. 100 to 2000 m2 in area and consist of numerous (10 – 100) subparallel veins. Most of these veins formed subperpendicular to the shallow east dipping shear fabric of the Intrashear Schist. Stockwork veins are typically traceable for 1-5m vertically with most filling fractures that are 5 – 10cm thick, but can be up to 1m thick. Swarms of stockwork veins within the Intrashear Schist were lithologically controlled by the dimensions and locations of more competent pods of Intrashear Schist.

Gold is closely associated with pyrite and arsenopyrite in all of the above styles of mineralization. Rarely free gold up to 300µm occurs in quartz veins, but most gold occurs as 1-10µm scale blebs hosted in and near sulphide grains (Angus, 1993).

Scheelite mineralization is associated with gold mineralization and quartz veining and displays complex crosscutting relationships. McKeag (1987) documented its occurrence in at least three veining generations.

# 10 EXPLORATION

# 10.1 Geology

### 10.1.1 Geological Mapping

Detailed geological mapping has been completed along the strike of the HMSZ. Fact and interpreted geology is shown in Figure 10.1.





# 10.2 Geophysics

#### 10.2.1 Seismic Surveys

In 1991, a seismic refraction analysis was carried out at Frasers under Brown et al. (1991). Four lines, approximately 500m apart, were placed across the alluvial flat adjacent to the Macraes road with another two lines along the valley. These enabled the location of major fault zones, and provided data for modelling surfaces on the base of the alluvium and the base of the weathered rock.

During 1994, the Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences (IGNS) undertook a trial seismic survey of three lines across the mineralized shear zone at Southern Pit and Innes Mills to indicate whether the seismic method could successfully delineate the main shear zone between the upper psammite and the pelite which hosts strong concordant shearing (Woodward and Ravens, 1994). While reflections at depth identify the position of the Northern Gully Fault (Woodward and Ravens, 1994), the results indicated that the seismic method was not appropriate and boundaries and faults defined by the interpretation of seismic data do not appear convincing.

A further seismic study was completed in late 2004 by the University of Otago, in collaboration with the IGNS and Oceana (Leslie et al., 2005). A 2.6km seismic reflection survey composed of two parallel lines, offset by 200 m and overlapping by 400 m, was carried out at the Frasers Underground area. The lines were oriented parallel to the HMSZ dip-direction, crossing from the confirmed underground gold resource at Frasers (Panel 2) to a lesser known region of the Eastern Lodes. Numerous drill-holes and the Frasers mine exposures define the geology beneath Line 1, allowing for reliable comparisons between seismic and geological datasets, and a well-constrained interpretation. Further east, beneath Line 2, the geology was less well known.

Bands of well-defined reflections up to 90m wide and more subtle, discontinuous reflections were "mapped" throughout the seismic sections. Dipping discontinuities and truncations of reflections were also observed. A distinct upper seismic unit, containing mostly east-dipping reflections, was resolved from a lower unit with variable east and west-dipping reflections. Reflections appear to mimic the orientation of schist fabric in the Hangingwall and Footwall of the HMSZ, and the upper and lower seismic units correlate with the general structure of the HMSZ. The transition zone from upper to lower seismic units dips gently east but its position is subjective and internal details are variable. Structures within the HMSZ could not be positioned definitively without prior knowledge.

### 10.2.2 Electromagnetic Survey

The Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences, during 1994, also carried out an electromagnetic (EM) modelling exercise at Innes-Mills and Frasers North (Caldwell, 1994). Down-hole resistivity logging was carried out in several holes at Innes-Mills and Frasers North so that four EM exploration techniques, listed as follows, could be modelled: LOTEM (long offset time domain electromagnetic soundings); CSAMT (controlled source audio frequency magneto-tellurics); TEM (time domain EM soundings); and coplanar loop-loop such as is used in helicopter electromagnetics (HEM) surveys (Funnell and Caldwell, 1994).

The results show that apart from the TEM method, where limitations of the 3D modelling programme prevented a realistic assessment, all the methods appear to be able to resolve a body with a resistivity contrast of 2 or greater. The theoretical results suggest that either a CSAMT or helicopter EM survey is the best option for exploration at Macraes Flat (Caldwell, 1994).

#### 10.2.3 Magnetics and DIGHEM

A digital helicopter electromagnetic (DIGHEM) airborne geophysical survey was flown for MMCL in December 1995 by Geoterrex Limited. Two blocks were flown; one on the north of Round Hill, in the Deepdell area (151 line km), and one to the south of Innes Mills (212 line km). The DIGHEM survey areas flown in December 1995 are shown on Figure 10.2.

East-west (Macraes Grid), flight lines were flown at 50m spacing, with a terrain clearance of 40m for the magnetometer sensor and 30m for the electromagnetic sensor. A Sercel real-time differential global positioning system (GPS) provided in-flight navigation control and a video camera recorded flight path terrain passing beneath the helicopter. A DIGHEM electromagnetic system was used.

Figure 10.2: Macraes Geophysical Survey Locations



Electromagnetic data was acquired every 3m along survey lines, testing the 450, 900, 5500, 7,200 and 56,000Hz frequencies. Magnetic data was captured utilising a caesium split-beam total field magnetic sensor with sample intervals of 0.1 seconds.

The DIGHEM survey was interpreted as having the ability to map the HMSZ larger cross-structures and stratigraphic units in the hangingwall succession. However, the system was likely to be limited to about 50 to 75m depth. Aeromagnetic data collected with the DIGHEM survey contained subtle magnetic characters capable of identifying structures and lithological variation not evident in existing surface mapping.

A follow-up DIGHEM airborne geophysical survey was flown for MMCL, by Geoterrex during February and March 1997. Two blocks were flown, each 6km wide. One block, called the Macraes Block, covered from the north of Round Hill, in the Deepdell area, south to the Golden Bar area (1,320 line km), The other block, called the Stoneburn Block, covered from the south of Golden Bar to the southern end of Macraes tenement coverage; the southern boundary of the Stoneburn 3 Extension (1,920 line km). The survey areas flown are shown on Figure 10.2 and processed images in Figure 10.3.

Survey specifications were as follows. East-west (Macraes Grid), flight lines were flown at 50m spacing, with a terrain clearance of 40m for the magnetometer sensor and 30m for the electromagnetic sensor. A Figuro Starfix real-time differential GPS system provided in-flight navigation control and a video camera recorded flight path terrain passing beneath the helicopter. A DIGHEM electromagnetic system was used. The instrument array was towed using an Aerospatiale AS350B Ecureuil (Squirrel) turbine helicopter.

Electromagnetic data was acquired every 3m along survey lines, testing the 450, 900, 5500, 7,200 and 56,000Hz frequencies. Magnetic data was captured utilising a caesium split-beam total field magnetic sensor with sample intervals of 0.1 seconds.

Magnetic and DIGHEM data was interpreted by Craven (1998) of Southern Geoscience Consultants Pty Ltd.





### 10.2.4 RESOLVE EM and Magnetics

In August 2007 Fugro completed an extensive airborne electromagnetic (EM) and magnetic geophysical survey over Otago using a helicopter-borne "RESOLVE<sub>TM</sub>" EM system combined with a magnetometer for Glass Earth Gold Limited. The survey included coverage over most of the Oceana tenement package at Macraes, for which Glass Earth agreed to supply all data collected within Oceana tenements and a 2.5km buffer zone in every direction.

The survey was flown along east-west (Macraes Grid) flight lines with 300m spacings, infilled to 150m spacing in a central zone (Figure 10.2). Terrain clearance averaged 30m. Electromagnetic data were acquired every 3m and testing the 400, 1800, 8,200, 40,000, 140,000 Hz frequencies.

The raw data plus resistivity, calculated vertical gradient and total field magnetic maps were finally provided to Oceana by Glass Earth September 2008. However, deliverable items not provided include vertical differential conductivity sections for 10% of the lines, multi-channel stacked profiles, logistics report and flight path videos.

During October 2008 Southern Geoscience Consultants Pty Ltd converted the 1997 DIGHEM data from Macraes Grid to NZMG to directly compare with the Glass Earth EM survey. In the areas covered with both surveys there was good correspondence in spatial location and anomalies but the 1997 data resolved more detail.

### 10.3 Geochemistry

#### 10.3.1 Stream Sediment Sampling

Further stream sediment sampling was undertaken in 1991 (Grieve, 1991), in 1994 (Bleakley, 1994) and during 1995. As of June 30, 1997, 803 BLEG (bulk leach extractable gold) stream sediment samples had been collected on the Macraes Project area to complete first pass sampling and infill anomalous catchments. 241 total sediment fine fraction (TSFF) stream sediment samples were also collected. The location of all stream sediment samples collected on the project is shown as Figure 10.4





Bulk leach extractable gold (BLEG) samples consisted of approximately 2 to 3kg (dry weight), of -2mm sediment, collected from multiple points ranging from trap sites in active creek channels to over bank fines. Many samples were collected from creeks with low water flow and small active sediment content. Sediment from these creeks consisted of organic-rich fine silts and clays trapped by vegetation. Recent orientation sampling from creeks draining known mineralization (i.e, the Frasers and Golden Ridge Prospects), produced assays from 78.7 to 3,353ppb gold and 40 to 170ppm arsenic.

Total Sediment Fine Fraction (TSFF) samples were also collected for the first time during early 1997. The samples consisted of 1 to 2kg of -1mm sediment collected from the same trap site as the BLEG samples. These samples were then analysed for a multi-element suite using the Inductively Coupled Plasma (ICP) analytical technique.

### 10.3.2 Soil Sampling

Soil sampling of B horizon soils using a hand or motorised hand auger has been carried out over a large part of the Macraes permit areas. Samples are routinely analysed for arsenic, with some samples also analysed for gold and tungsten.

A total of approximately 16,500 soil samples have been collected at Macraes and analysed for gold and/or arsenic, the latter being interpreted to be the most reliable path finder element. The location of all soil samples collected on the project is shown as Figure 10.5.



For conventional sampling, a 2kg unsieved sample was collected from 0.25 to 1m depth using a mechanical auger at each station. Samples usually reached the soil/bedrock interface and consisted of B and C horizon material. Samples were analysed for arsenic, which is interpreted to be the most reliable path finder element.

During 1997, two new soil geochemistry techniques were trialed. A two-phase orientation survey testing the Mobile Metal Ion (MMI) technique was conducted, with a total of 604 samples collected. The technique is based on the location of 'blind' mineralization through the detection of highly mobile ionic species, including gold, which is shed from mineralization at depth and moves up through the substrate to become weakly bound to soil particles. A very weak solute is used followed by ICP-MS analysis. The results of the orientation were inconclusive and the programme was suspended.

In addition, considerable work has been conducted on determining whether ICP-OES multi-element suites are more effective at discriminating lithological variations and highlighting mineralization at the Macraes Project. Work included a 607 sample orientation survey, and an 848 sample follow up survey taken over various areas of the line of strike.

An extensive soil program planned over the eastern parts of Hyde, Macraes North and Taieri exploration permits was started in November 2008. To date, 3,037 samples have been collected and dispatched to SGS Westport for sample preparation, analytical work is by ICP\_MS at SGS Waihi for Au, As, Sb and W.

# 10.4 Trenching

It is estimated that approximately 16,500m of trenches has been excavated at Macraes, with approximately 5,200 trench rock samples collected.

Trenches are mapped and rock chip sampled, with samples traditionally analysed for gold  $\pm$  arsenic,  $\pm$  tungsten. In general, the soil profile is shallow in the Macraes area allowing trenching to be undertaken by light (12 tonnes), excavators in most areas. Although stream beds and areas of extensive alluvial cover present some difficulties, trenching has proven to be an excellent exploration tool for geological mapping and geochemical sampling.

Trenches are mapped at 1:100 scale with horizontal channel samples collected over geological intervals from 0.5 to 6m. Samples were submitted to the AMDEL laboratory on site for gold, arsenic and tungsten analysis.

### 10.5 Remote Sensing

In 1994, MMCL purchased a 10m resolution, monochrome 1990 Spot image of the eastern Otago region.

Digital satellite imagery over the Macraes Operation was purchased from Digital Globe Limited in July 2005, March 2006, March 2007 and January 2008. The Quickbird satellite imagery is in the visible spectrum, with a resolution of 5m.

# 10.6 Aerial Photography

Colour aerial photography was flown by New Zealand Aerial Mapping Limited during January 1996. Photography was captured at a nominal scale of 1:30,000. 1:5,000 colour enlargements were produced as an aid to programme planning, geological mapping and interpretation. 1:5,000 black and white orthophotographs have been rectified differentially to the Macraes local grid.

Updated colour aerial photography was flown over the Macraes area in March 2005 by Terralink International Limited. Images were supplied as 0.5m resolution digital orthophotographs on the Macraes local grid.

# 10.7 Exploration Statement

Exploration surveys and investigations of the Macraes area detailed above have been carried out by Oceana, except where a contractor or consultant has been identified.

# 11 DRILLING

### 11.1 Summary

At May 2009 approximately 725,000m in about 5,600 holes have been drilled in the Macraes Goldfield (Figure 1.1). The majority of holes (>90%) completed to delineate open pit resources are RC percussion drilling, with limited diamond drilling confirmation. Diamond drilling tails have also been completed where groundwater inflows degraded RC percussion sample quality. Drilling on FRUG is dominated by diamond drilling due to the depth of mineralization. Thirty aircore holes sample the tailings dams to assess the scheelite content.

The Mineral Resource inventory is based on the results of 503,657m of drilling in 3,561 holes used in nine resource estimates. Four companies, BP Minerals, Homestake, BHP and Oceana have drilled the holes with over 90% of the drilling being completed by Oceana. A breakdown of drilling by resource area as at May 2009 are summarised in Table 11.1.

Resource Area	Holes used in the Current Resource Estimates				
	Holes	Metres			
Coronation	99	8143			
Deepdell	330	29,048			
Golden Point	13	2,971			
Round Hill	1,440	158,800			
Frasers	1,092	168,754			
Frasers Underground	228	93,415			
Golden Bar	277	39,047			
Taylors	82	3,479			
Total	3,561	503,657			

#### Table 11.1: Drilling Summary by Resource Area





# 11.2 Historical Drilling

Limited information is available regarding the specific details of drilling prior to 1990. Drilling was principally completed on the near surface parts of Golden Point, Round Hill, Southern Pit, Innes Mills and Frasers (Figure 11.2). All resources associated with this drilling, with the exception of Round Hill, have been mined.





### 11.3 Oceana

Details of the drilling completed by Oceana post 1990 is shown in Table 11.2. Where known, the details of the drilling method, contractors used to drill holes and the type of drill rigs has been supplied. Historical drilling (pre-1990) completed by Homestake and BHP mineralis has been included where available.

Table 11.2:	Macraes	Drilling	Summary
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Year	Hole Type	No. Holes	No. Metres	Contractor	Drill Rig	Prospects	
1984	DD	15	2163	unknown	unknown	Round Hill	
1985	DD	453	6097	unknown	unknown	Round Hill, Fergussons, Golder Point, Deep Dell, Frasers, Maritana	
	RAB	63	3343	unknown	unknown	Round Hill, Fergussons, Deep Del Innes Mills	
1986	DD	5	937	unknown	unknown	Round Hill, Maritana	
	RC	11	708	unknown	unknown	Round Hill	
	RAB	2	152	unknown	unknown	Tates	
1987	DD	5	207	unknown	unknown	Round Hill	
	RC/DD	7	1023	unknown	unknown	Round Hill	
	RC	272	19263	unknown	unknown	Round Hill, Golden Bar, Ounce, Macraes Nth, Frasers, Southern Pit, Golden Point,	
1988	DD	3	870	unknown	unknown	Round Hill	
	RC/DD	22	3201	unknown	unknown	Round Hill, Golden Point	
	RC	167	13469	unknown	unknown	Round Hill, Frasers, Southern Pit, Golden Point, Innes Mills	
	RAB	8	8	unknown	unknown	Round Hill, Innes Mills	
1989	Diamo nd	6	205	unknown	unknown	Round Hill	
1990 - 1991	RC	378	19,884	unknown	unknown	Round Hill, Southern Pit, Innes Mills, Frasers	
	DD	11	225	unknown	unknown	Southern Pit, Innes Mills, Frasers	
	Open hole	4	64	unknown	unknown	Innes Mills, Frasers, Golden Ridge	
1992	Open hole	69	1,625	unknown	unknown	Coronation, Macraes North	
	RC	247	28,499	unknown	unknown	Round Hill, Southern Pit, Golden Point, Deepdell, Macraes North	
1993	DD	2	412	unknown	unknown	Round Hill	
	RC/DD	1	436	unknown	T685W	Frasers	
	RC	40	7,152	unknown	unknown	Round Hill, Frasers Golden Ridge	
	Open Hole	1	24	unknown	unknown		
1994 - 1997	DD	56	6,634	Ausdrill	unknown	Deepdell, Innes Mills, Frasers, Ounce, Golden Bar	
	RC/DD	185	47,273	Ausdrill	Schramm25M, T685W, IR-T4, UDR650, UDR1000, HYDRILL	various	
	RC	2,225	329,603	Ausdrill	Schramm25M, T685W, IR-T4, UDR1000	various	
	RAB	18	589	unknown	unknown	Macraes North	
1998 - 1999	DD	6	370	unknown	unknown	Southern Pit	
	RC/DD	21	3,720	Ausdrill	T685W	Innes Mills, Frasers	
	RC	542	42,163	unknown	T685W	various	
2000 - 2001	RC/DD	53	12,377	unknown	T685W	Innes Mills, Frasers	
	RC	69	6,663	unknown	T685W	Deepdell, Golden Point, Innes Mills, Golden Ridge, Macraes North	
	RC	3	200	McNeil Drilling	UDR650	Southern Pit	
	DD	1	40	unknown	unknown	Round Hill	
	RC	82	7,460	unknown	T685W, UDR650	Round Hill, Innes Mills, Frasers, SP18, SP22, Coronation, Deepdell	

Year	Hole Type	No. Holes	No. Metres	Contractor	Drill Rig	Prospects	
	RC/DD	7	2,747	Ausdrill	T685W	Frasers	
2002 - 2003	RC/DD	7	805	Major Pontil	T685W	Golden Bar	
	RC	160	8,808	Major Pontil	T685W	Golden Ridge, Golden Bar, Frasers	
	RC/DD	29	11,583	Major Pontil	T685W, UDR650, Schramm25M	Frasers	
	RC	178	10,524	Major Pontil	Schramm25M	Stoneburn, Eastern Lodes, Macraes North, Golden Ridge	
2004	RC/DD	116	52,890	Boart Longyear	UDR650, UDR1000, CS1000	Frasers	
	RC	23	1,592	Washingtons	SchrammT660H	Deepdell, Frasers	
2005	DD	21	5,629	Boart Longyear	LF90, UDR650, UDR1000	Round Hill, Golden Point, Frasers	
	RC/DD	61	26,868	Boart Longyear, Washingtons	LF90, UDR650, UDR1000, CS1000, FOREMOST	Innes Mills, Frasers	
	RC	18	930	Washingtons	CP650	Southern Pit	
2006	RC	45	1,787	Washingtons	SchrammT660H	Golden Ridge, Frasers	
	DD	1	377	Boart Longyear	UDR650	Frasers	
2007	RC/DD	19	9,197	Boart Longyear	LF90, UDR650	Golden Point Extension, Frasers Underground Panel 2	
2008	AC	30	1,296	McNeill Drilling	Edson	Tailings Dams: MTD and SP11	
	RC	44	3,787	Boart Longyear	UDR650	Golden Ridge, Coronation	
	RC/DD	26	11,718	Boart Longyear	LF90, UDR650	Frasers Underground, Golden Point/Round Hill Extension, Trig 569, Coronation	
2009 (30/06 /09)	AC	37	805	McNeil drilling	Edson	Mixed Tails Dam (MTD) and Horse Flat	

### 11.4 Surveys

All drill hole collars were surveyed using the Macraes local grid to  $\pm$  10mm accuracy in easting, northing and elevation.

Prior to March 1994, down-hole deviation surveys were not completed on any of the RC percussion or percussion drill holes. For holes drilled since March 1994, down-hole deviation surveys have been attempted on all RC percussion holes that exceeded 50m in depth, using an Eastman single shot or multi-shot camera. Holes are generally surveyed at 50m intervals to the end of the hole.

Diamond holes are routinely surveyed every 25m to 50m. Current survey equipment is typically an electronic single shot or multi-shot camera. Survey information is routinely recorded in an *acQuire* geological database.

Aircore holes do not have down-hole surveys.

# 11.5 Logging Procedures

RC percussion and Horse Flat aircore program drill holes are geologically logged at one-metre intervals, with each metre being classified into one of thirteen summary rock codes listed in Table 11.3. Rock code classification is based on a combination of textural and mineralogical properties.

Diamond drill core is photographed and then geologically logged at one metre intervals using the same thirteen summary rock codes and additional detailed pre, post and syn-mineralization structure and mineralogy are recorded. The summary rock codes are plotted on cross sections and are used in combination with the assays to develop a geological interpretation, which usually consists of three elements.

These elements are the Hangingwall Shear, concordant lodes and stockwork. The Hangingwall and concordant lodes consist of a combination of Cataclasite, Quartz Cataclasite, Silicified Breccia and Lode Schist. In general the Hangingwall has greater proportion of cataclasite lithologies logged than the concordant lodes, which typically consist of more Lode Schist lithologies. The stockwork mineralization is identified on cross sections by a combination of Stockwork and Quartz vein lithologies.

Drill hole information is stored as hard copy drill logs and in an *acQuire* database. For holes prior to 1994 only collar, interval and assay information has been entered into the database, while for all holes from 1994 onward the database contains all logged information.

Aircore drilling holes on the tailings dams are geologically logged using two codes only: 'C' records the schist boulders and gravel used to build mattresses, causeways and embankment lifts; 'T' is used to record tailings material of fine-medium grained sand. The distinction is easily recognized by field technicians and the contacts are typically defined to within a decimetre by the drilling crew. The colour the tailings material is usually a monotonous grey although thin (<2m) horizons of yellow-brown oxidation staining are noted and can be correlated between holes.

Cataclasite	quartz poor (< 15%) dark-grey/black fine grained cataclasite.
Quartz Cataclasite	quartz rich (>15%) < 50% dark grey/black fine grained cataclasite.
Lode Schist	weakly sheared schist with minor cataclasite/brecciated quartz.
Silicified breccia	> 50% brecciated quartz veins. Generally associated with cataclasite.
Quartz vein	> 50% banded or milky quartz veins with no associated brecciation or cataclasis.
Stockwork	from trace to 50% banded or milky quartz veins with no associated brecciation or cataclasis and hosted by either pelitic or psammitic schist.
Alluvial	transported cover.
Fault	light to medium grey gauge or pug without sulphide and mineralized quartz, ie, not associated with mineralization.
Pelite	massive to laminated med to dark grey mica-quartz-chlorite & graphitic schist
Semi-pelite	thinly laminated pelite and psammite with more than 50% pelitic layers.
Semi- psammite	inter-layered psammite & pelite with more than 50% psammitic layers > 1 cm thick.
Psammite	massive light grey-green quartz-felspar-mica-schist. 90% psammite.
Greenschist	light green/brown massive quartz-mica schist

Table 11.3: Summary of Rock Code Descriptions

# 11.6 Drilling Orientation

Drill holes at Macraes have typically been collared vertically, although most diamond drill holes targeting potential underground resources are started with an inclination of ca. -75° oriented towards the northwest. Down-hole survey information indicates that within a shallow depth (~100m) the holes can significantly deviate, generally veering perpendicular to the schist foliation and to the HMSZ orientation. Exceptions to this trend may occur where the foliation orientation has been disrupted, or where the schists are cut by later fault zones.

# 12 SAMPLING METHOD AND APPROACH

# 12.1 Introduction

The diamond drilling sampling approach has remained relatively constant over the life of the project while the sampling of the percussion drilling has changed dependant on the drilling method. A discussion of the sampling methods applied is provided below.

Drilling has typically been conducted on a regularly-spaced grid. Measured deviation of drill holes indicates that holes quickly trend sub-perpendicular to the host schist foliation direction and consequently drilling intersections typically represent the true width of the mineralized shear zone.

# 12.2 RC Percussion Sampling

The percussion drilling methods have varied substantially over the life of the project. Early drilling was open hole percussion where the drill cuttings are returned outside the drill rod and captured in a stuffing box on the drill collar prior to being sampled via a cyclone. This drilling method is historically of a lesser quality than face sampling RC due to down-hole sample contamination and loss of sample.

Subsequent to the open hole percussion programmes, RC percussion drilling was completed using a crossover sampling sub. This method of RC percussion drilling collects the drill cuttings via a sampling tool (the crossover sub) which was positioned in the drill string above the RC hammer. The sample quality of this form of RC percussion drilling is superior to that of the open hole percussion, however down-hole contamination is still more prevalent than samples collected with a face sampling RC hammer.

Programmes of RC percussion drilling since 1990 were completed with a face sampling RC hammer. This technology is considered to provide the most representative sample.

Sampling of the RC percussion drilling has been completed by trained Oceana employees and is supervised by Oceana technical staff. Definition of sampling intervals for RC percussion drilling has generally been based on 1m intervals, over the full depth of the drill hole.

Sampling of RC percussion drill holes is completed using the methods detailed below:

- RC cuttings from the drill hole are blown into a trailer-mounted or rig-mounted cyclone, then pass through a tiered riffle splitter. At the completion of each metre, the overall sample is split into a smaller analytical "A" split and larger "B" split. Both samples are collected in uniquely numbered polythene bags;
- Where the drilling sample is considered to be mineralized, the full A split is sent for analysis. Where geology is less well constrained, all A split samples are analysed. The B split is taken to a storage area, to be kept for any further possible test work that may be required; and
- Where the drilling sample is collected from rocks considered to be unmineralized (i.e. schist sequence overlying the HMSZ) then composite samples may be collected. In this case, six subsamples are collected from the B samples, transferred to a new bag, and submitted for analysis. Anomalous assay results from composite samples are verified by analysis of the original A splits.

Sample tickets were used in the sampling process with one half (identical halves) of each ticket placed in the sample bag.

Once the entire metre had been sampled and placed in the polythene bag, along with the sample ticket, the bag was closed and sealed. Certified standards and blanks were also regularly inserted into the sample sequence as part of the quality control protocols. Samples were transported directly to the on-site laboratory for preparation and subsequent analyses, along with a dispatch sheet. Bags were transported by Oceana personnel.

Prior to 1998, samples were collected from wet percussion drilling. The wet RC percussion drilling is further discussed later in the text and remains a material data quality issue. The sampling of wet RC percussion/percussion drilling is considered fundamentally flawed and has been discontinued since 1998. The recent (Oceana) RC percussion drilling sampling protocols were assessed by external consultants in 2007 and were considered acceptable and consistent with industry standards. Historical drilling completed

by Homestake and BHP had defined sampling protocols, which included the logging of moisture content and some twin drilling. Where holes were not wet, a good correlation was observed. These historical drilling practises are considered to be acceptable to the company. All resources associated with this drilling, with the exception of Round Hill (see section 17.6.3), have been mined.

# 12.3 Diamond Core Sampling

After drill core has been geologically logged and photographed, the sections of core considered to be mineralized, or proximal to mineralized zones are cut in half using a core saw. The drill core was sampled in 1m intervals by trained and supervised technicians and geologists. Each metre was sampled by taking the same half of each piece of core for that metre (i.e. leaving the half with the orientation line and / or metre marks in the tray) and placing them into the appropriate sample bag.

Definition of sampling intervals for diamond drilling are based on geological intervals or 1m intervals, within and beyond the margins of mineralized zones identified during logging. Higher grade intervals within a lower grade intersection are characterised by more abundant sulphide mineralization and generally can be detected visually during core logging. The 1m sampling interval established by Oceana is considered to be sufficient to define these higher grade intervals.

Sample tickets were also used in the sampling process with one half (identical halves) of each ticket placed in the sample bag.

Once the entire metre had been sampled and placed in the polythene bag, along with the sample ticket, the bag was closed and sealed. Certified standards and blanks were also regularly inserted into the sample sequence as part of the quality control protocols. Samples were transported directly to the on-site laboratory for preparation and subsequent analyses, along with a dispatch sheet. Bags were transported by Oceana personnel.

The diamond drilling and sampling is consistent with industry standard practice.

# 12.4 Aircore Sampling

An Edson aircore rig was used in September 2008 and January 2009 to sample the tailings dams (both the Mixed Tails and SP11) as part of a project to assess the contained scheelite and gold resource. This technique is a fast and conveniant method to sample the tailings although excessive torque on the rod string limited final depths to ~90m.

Water injection is used during drilling to maintain recovery of the unconsolidated tailings and consequently the samples are saturated. Therefore, a sample from each 1m interval down-hole is contained in a prenumbered calico bag, fastened directly beneath the cyclone. The bag is securely tied with as much water and suspended fines contained as possible. Inevitably, some water along with suspended fine material is lost through spillage and overflow.

The calico bags are left on the ground in the field to de-water for a day, and then are transported directly to the on-site laboratory for preparation and subsequent analyses, along with a despatch sheet. Bags were transported by Oceana personnel. Certified standards (both gold and tungsten) and blanks are regularly inserted into the sample sequence as part of the quality control protocols.

# 12.5 Sample Quality

### 12.5.1 Summary

The sample quality for diamond drilling is considered to be high. Sample quality for RC percussion drilling is lower than for diamond drilling but generally sufficient to define the position and grade of mineralization. Where RC sample quality issues have caused a grade bias, this bias has been addressed (section 12.2).

### 12.5.2 Sample Recovery

Sample recovery from RC percussion drilling and diamond drill core is routinely recorded in geological logs and recovery data is stored in an acQuire database. Recovery is generally high and there is no observed correlation between recovery and grade.

### 12.5.3 RC Percussion Wet Sampling Bias

The potential for wet sampling bias for RC percussion drilling was first recognised at Frasers in June 1997. Since that time, biases have also been identified at Golden Bar, Innes Mills and Round Hill. Areas affected by biases have been mitigated by factoring and subsequently mined at Frasers, Innes Mills (removed from the resource inventory after completing the open pit) and Golden Bar. The approach appears to have been successful. Golden Bar and Round Hill biases are discussed in their respective resource estimate chapters. Frasers wet sampling biases are discussed below.

At Frasers, 23 twin drill holes have been completed to determine the degree of wet sample bias. A statistical analysis can be found in Moore (2001). In summary, the report concludes that wet RC percussion bias and the degree of down-hole contamination varies from hole to hole and is a result of a combination of factors.

Wet sampling bias has been addressed in two ways:

- By replacing wet sampled RC percussion drill holes with their corresponding diamond or dry RC twins; or
- In cases where no twin drill hole exists, globally determined wet sample bias correction factors have been used to factor gold grades for wet RC percussion drill hole samples.

A series of grade dependent factors were obtained by discretising both wet and dry twin sample populations and comparing the respective class means<sup>2</sup>. By this method, the set of factors were derived and applied to the remaining wet samples. The factoring however, takes no account of local variation, or down-hole contamination.

Percentile	Class Me	ans (g/t Au)	Wet	Ratio	Applied
(%)	Twin	Wet	Threshold		Factor
10	0.07	0.20	0.32	2.85	2.85
20	0.32	0.50	0.63	1.57	1.57
30	0.61	0.82	1.01	1.34	1.28
40	0.96	1.21	1.37	1.27	1.28
50	1.23	1.52	1.63	1.24	1.28
60	1.54	1.90	2.18	1.23	1.28
70	1.89	2.44	2.65	1.29	1.28
80	2.32	2.97	3.28	1.28	1.28
90	2.90	3.73	4.26	1.29	1.28
95	3.72	5.25	6.16	1.41	1.41
97.5	5.06	7.61	8.22	1.50	1.50
99	6.22	10.37	12.50	1.67	1.67
Тор	6.88	19.90		2.89	1.67

#### Table 12.1: Wet Bias Factor

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The factors were obtained for Hangingwall mineralization only, although applied to all wet samples.
# 12.6 Definition of Sample Intervals

Definition of sampling intervals for RC percussion drilling has generally been based on 1m intervals through mineralized zones, or more recently, over the full depth of the drill hole.

Definition of sampling intervals for diamond drilling are based on geological intervals or 1m intervals, within and beyond the margins of mineralized zones identified during logging.

Higher grade intervals within a lower grade intersection are characterised by more abundant sulphide mineralization and generally can be detected visually during core logging. The 1m sampling interval established by Oceana is considered to be sufficient to define these higher grade intervals.

Sampling intervals in aircore holes on the tailings dams include all intersections of tailings material. If the hole is collared in on the embankment, then sampling is not started until the first tailings material is recovered (typically ca. 7m depth).

Drilling has typically been conducted on a regularly-spaced grid. Measured deviation of drill holes indicates that holes quickly trend sub-perpendicular to the host schist foliation direction and consequently drilling intersections typically represent the true width of the mineralized shear zone.

# 12.7 Summary of Mineralized Widths

The majority of mineralized intersections have been accounted for in the resource estimates for the Macraes Project (see section 17).

# 13 SAMPLE PREPARATION, ANALYSES AND SECURITY

## 13.1 Sample Preparation Statement

Half cut core samples (diamond drill core) and drill cuttings (RC percussion drilling) samples from the Oceana drilling programmes at Macraes were collected from the source drill samples by employees of Oceana.

Subsequent sample preparation and assay was not conducted by any employee, officer, director or associate of Oceana.

# 13.2 Sample Preparation, Assay and Analytical Procedures

### 13.2.1 AMDEL Limited

Since 1990, RC percussion drill chips and diamond drill core samples from the Oceana drilling programmes at Macraes have typically undergone sample preparation and assay for Au, As and S by AMDEL Limited (AMDEL) at the Macraes Flat Laboratory, New Zealand.

Sample preparation of geological samples by AMDEL routinely includes drying, crushing (to 4mm), splitting (if required) to a maximum of 1kg and pulverising to obtain an analytical sample of 250g with >95% passing 75µm. A sample preparation flowsheet taken from the AMDEL procedures (NZ-MSPM-1046) is shown in Figure 13.1.

Assay sub-sample size, digest and analysis the prepared samples is completed as per the techniques shown in Table 13.1.

Element	Sub - Sample Size (g)	Digest	Analysis	Detection Limit (ppm)
Gold	50	Fire Assay/Aqua Regia	AAS	0.01
Arsenic	0.2 - 1	Perchloric/Mixed Acid	AAS	10
Sulphur	0.25 - 0.5	N/A	Leco	100
Tungsten (WO <sub>3</sub> )	0.2	Sodium perchloride	ICP-OES	0.001%

### Table 13.1: Assay Techniques

More recent WO<sub>3</sub> Analysis undertaken by Oceana for the aircore drilling between September 2008 and January 2009 (see section 12.4) has been performed by NZLabs in Auckland (a subsidiary of AMDEL). Sample preparation is undertaken on site and pulps sent to the Auckland Laboratory for analysis. The analytical method for tungsten (reported as WO<sub>3</sub>) is preparation of a fusion bead from a 0.2g sample followed by ICP-OES.

Note: No W0<sub>3</sub> resources are included in the resource inventory.

### 13.2.2 Historical Analysis

From commencement of the project to when Macraes mining took over in 1988 (i.e. under Homestake and BHP), various laboratories and analytical methods have been used for gold and tungsten analysis. The majority of these methods are documented and appear to be the valid methods of the day. Assay methods and detection limits are shown in Table 13.2.

With the exception of some drill holes at Round Hill, all the resources associated with areas drilled, sampled and assayed by Homestake and BHP have now been mined out.

Table 13.2:	Historical	Laboratories	and Assay	Techniques
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Year	Company	Element	Laboratory	Analysis	Detection Limit
Pre 87	Homestake	Gold	Analabs (Auckland)	FA-AAS	0.001 ppm
		Tungsten (WO <sub>3</sub> )	Analabs (Perth)	XRF	0.002 %
1987	BHP	Gold	Analabs (Auckland)	CFA	
		Tungsten (WO <sub>3</sub> )	Analabs (Cairns)	PP XRF	
1988	BHP	Gold	Graysons (Auckland or Plamerston)	CFA	
		Tungsten (WO <sub>3</sub> )	Southland Co- operative Phosphate Company Ltd	PP-XRF	
1989	Macraes	Gold	Graysons (Macraes)	FA-AAS	0.01 ppm
		Tungsten (WO <sub>3</sub> )	Enviromet (Sydney)	ICP	0.002%

# 13.3 Sample Security

Oceana managed drilling has been sampled and submitted to the AMDEL laboratory by trained Oceana staff. Once the samples have been submitted to the laboratory, AMDEL staff process the samples and have completed all aspects of the assaying independent of the Oceana personnel.

No measures are in place to ensure the samples' security however the substantial reconciliation data supports the veracity of the data.

Figure 13.1: Geological Sample Preparation Flowsheet



# 13.4 Statement of Sample and Assaying Adequacy

The adoption of the analytical methods, including fire assay for gold, is entirely appropriate. Sufficient quality control data exists to allow review of the analytical performance of assay laboratories for the recent drilling only.

The sampling methods, sample preparation procedures and analytical techniques are all considered appropriate when supported with the production and reconciliation data.

# 14 DATA VERIFICATION

# 14.1 Introduction

In early 2007, external consultants reviewed the data collection protocols and quality control procedures. The current practises have not changed since this review.

The Macraes Project has a long history of exploration and mining. Data collection protocols and quality control procedure have varied substantially over this period. The analytical quality is monitored by the submission of certified standards, blanks, laboratory duplicates and field duplicates. In addition to the quality control data, a substantial amount of reconciliation data is available and has been used as the final measure of data quality.

# 14.2 Drill hole Database

### 14.2.1 Historical Data

Homestake and subsequently BHP data was stored digitally and transferred to Macraes Mining when BHP left the project. Original Au assay data was recorded in parts per million and grams per tonne format. Tungsten was recorded in parts per million or percentage  $WO_3$  format to 3 significant figures. This data was entered into the Macraes Mining Techbase Database with all tungsten data recorded as percentage  $WO_3$ . The percentage values were rounded to 2 decimal places. Repeat analyses were combined and the average result recorded in Techbase.

Digital data and metadata for all drilling post 1994 was captured in the Techbase database.

In 2002 the acQuire geoscientific database was installed and Techbase assay data transferred to acQuire. Tungsten assays in acQuire are denoted as W but represent WO<sub>3</sub> values (checks against historical digital files and original reports confirm this).

### 14.2.2 Recent Data

The drill hole database is stored in *acQuire* geoscientific database software with the assay data directly loaded from digital data supplied by AMDEL. A review of the drill hole database and data flow processes was completed by external consultants in 2005, including random checks of the drill hole database against laboratory assay data during the site visit with no material errors identified. While no exhaustive review of the data has been completed, the mining and reconciliation data can be used as a check of the data robustness.

Oceana consider the drill hole database management is appropriate and the final database to be robust.

# 14.3 Comparison of Wet RC Percussion Drilling

The Macraes Project database contains surface diamond and RC percussion drill holes and trench samples, although the assaying from the trench samples has been excluded from resource estimates. Various authors have investigated the differences between the wet RC percussion drilling and the dry RC percussion and diamond drilling.

During the period from 1997 to 1998, 17 diamond drill hole twins were sighted to test the potential bias in wet RC percussion drilling at the Frasers deposit. In 2000 / 2001, further drilling brought the total number of usable drill hole twins for Frasers to 23. In addition, 10 drill holes (3 RC and 7 diamond-tailed drill holes) were drilled at Golden Bar.

To date, two studies have been completed on the Frasers deposit wet RC percussion bias issue. The first was completed post the completion of the 1998 drilling programme (Angus & Doyle, 1998) and the second post the 2000 drilling programme (Moore, 2001). Both studies conclude wet RC percussion bias exist and the degree of down-hole contamination varies from hole-to-hole and is a result of a combination of factors. Other studies have been completed for individual deposits such as Golden Bar, where wet RC percussion drilling is considered an issue. These studies are discussed as part of the resource estimation discussions later in the text.

Oceana have attempted to mitigate the potential deleterious effects of the wet sampling bias by replacing wet sampled RC percussion drill holes with their corresponding diamond or dry RC percussion twins or, in cases where no twin drill hole existed, globally determined wet sample bias factors.

The bias factoring was completed by determining a series of grade dependent factors, obtained by discretising both wet and dry twin sample populations into deciles and comparing the respective class means. By this method, a set of factors was derived for Frasers (Table 14.1) and subsequently applied to the remaining wet samples. The factoring, however, takes no account of local variation and little account of down-hole contamination.

	Class M	eans (g/t)	Wet		Applied
Percentile (%)	Twin	Wet	Threshold	Ratio	Factor
10	0.07	0.20	0.32	0.35	0.35
20	0.32	0.50	0.63	0.64	0.64
30	0.61	0.82	1.01	0.78	0.78
40	0.96	1.21	1.37	0.78	0.78
50	1.23	1.52	1.63	0.81	0.78
60	1.54	1.90	2.18	0.81	0.78
70	1.89	2.44	2.65	0.78	0.78
80	2.32	2.97	3.28	0.78	0.78
90	2.90	3.73	4.26	0.78	0.78
95	3.72	5.25	6.16	0.71	0.88
97.5	5.06	7.61	8.22	0.67	0.67
99	6.22	10.37	12.50	0.60	0.60
Тор	6.88	19.90		0.35	0.60

Table 14.1: Wet Bias Factor

A substantial issue remains with the wet RC percussion drilling. The above comparison has been limited to the Hangingwall zones, as Oceana believe the chaotic nature of the stockwork precludes meaningful comparison of twin holes. The approach is limited by the nature of the biases; no local variability is modelled, and it is not possible to distinguish between grade bias versus down-hole contamination. No appropriate method exists to adjust the wet RC percussion for bias, however the factors are a reasonable global correction for open pit grade estimation when replacement drilling is not available.

At Frasers, the wet RC percussion drilling impacts the resource estimates most significantly at depth (Stage 4 and 5 open pits). Despite grade factoring and drilling of twin holes, a moderate risk still remains at the bottom of the Frasers Stage 5 pit. The FR05 resource model predictions will be regularly monitored to gauge the success of the factoring. Further discussion on the wet RC percussion drilling, where applicable, is provided on a deposit by deposit basis.

# 14.4 Analysis of Assay Quality Control Data

### 14.4.1 Summary

The Company has undertaken detailed statistical analysis of the available exploration assay quality control data for the Macraes Project on drilling completed since the 2007 Report. The 2007 analysis, relating to data prior to this, is detailed in the appendix (section 24). Oceana concur with the comments in the 2007 report.

The statistical analysis resulted in a number of interpretive plots from which the analytical accuracy and precision over specific grade ranges has been assessed. The types of plots produced are briefly described below:

- Thompson and Howarth Plot showing the mean relative percentage error of grouped assay pairs across the entire grade range, used to visualise precision levels by comparing against given control lines.
- Rank % Absolute Mean Paired Relative Difference (AMPRD) which ranks all assay pairs in terms of precision levels measured as the absolute relative difference from the mean of the assay pairs), used to visualise relative precision levels and to determine the percentage of the

assay pairs population occurring at a certain precision level. This is double the Half Absolute Relative Difference (HARD) value.

- Mean Paired Relative Difference (MPRD) used as another way of illustrating relative precision levels by showing the range of mean paired relative difference over the grade range with the sign retained, thus allowing negative or positive differences to be computed. This plot gives an overall impression of precision and also shows whether or not there is significant bias between the assay pairs by illustrating the MPRD between the assay pairs. This is double the Half Relative Difference (HRD) value.
- Scatter Plot is a simple correlation plot of the value of assay 1 against assay 2 (check assay). This plot allows an overall visualization of precision and bias over selected grade ranges. Correlation coefficients are also used.
- Quantile-Quantile (Q-Q) Plot is a means where the marginal distributions of two datasets can be compared. Similar distributions should be noted if the data is unbiased.

### 14.4.2 Exploration Drill Data

Oceana has reviewed a series of quality control data from the AcQuire database which relates to AMDEL assaying only. The data available for review comprised certified standards, blanks, duplicates and field duplicates.

A brief discussion of the investigation is provided below.

### 14.4.2.1 Standards for Gold

The standards database available for review comprises 165 Rocklabs Au Standards assays. The source and details of these data is well documented. The plots for the gold standards are shown in Figure 14.1. Summary statistics of the standards data is presented in Table 14.2.

Standard	ST12	ST31	SJ32	SJ32 mixed stds removed <1.1 g/t	SN38	SN38 mixed stds removed <2.8 g/t	SJ39
	(Au)	(Au)	(Au)		(Au)		(Au)
Expected Value	0.819	0.996	2.645	2.645	8.573	8.573	2.64
Expected Value Range	0.76- 0.88	0.94- 1.05	2.51- 2.78	2.51-2.78	8.26- 8.89	8.26-8.89	2.48- 2.81
Count	53	31	34	32	16	13	31
Mean	0.86	1.02	2.49	2.58	6.29	7.48	2.70
Median	0.82	1.01	2.585	2.60	7.60	7.74	2.59
Minimum	0.65	0.64	0.86	2.13	0.01	4.01	1.58
Maximum	2.53	1.95	3.1	3.01	8.52	8.52	7.91
Std Deviation	0.24	0.19	0.43	0.17	2.72	1.16	0.98
% in Tolerance	79.25	67.74	61.76	65.62	12.5	15.38	70.97
Std Error	0.03	0.03	0.73	0.03	0.68	0.32	0.18
%RSD	28.06	18.88	17.18	6.46	10.82	15.48	36.41
Total Bias	0.05	0.02	-0.06	-0.02	-0.27	-0.13	0.02

### Table 14.2: Macraes Exploration – Summary of Certified Gold Standards

Figure 14.1: Various Standards for Gold











Substantial mixing of standards is noted as displayed in Figure 14.1. Incorrectly assigned standards have been excluded from the analysis where appropriate.

When considering all the standards data (including the mixed data), 108 (65.4%) of the 165 standards are within a  $\pm 2$ SD accuracy range. When mixed standards are excluded, 67.5% of the standards are within a  $\pm 2$ SD accuracy range.

With the exception of SN38, the standards reveal a relative bias measure of less than 5%, which is considered to be acceptable. Standard SN38 has performed poorly, although it should be noted that in no case has the laboratory overstated the grade for this standard.

### 14.4.2.2 Standards for W03

This report includes a preliminary review of  $WO_3$  analyses. Work is ongoing. Note that no  $WO_3$  resources are included in the Oceana resource inventory.

The  $WO_3$  standards database available for review presents only 61  $WO_3$  Standards assays. These are summarized in Table 14.3.

Standard	CT-1 (WO <sub>3</sub> )	CT-1 mixed stds removed <0.13%	TLG-1 (WO₃)	TLG-1 mixed stds removed >1.3%	MP-2 (WO <sub>3</sub> )
Expected Value	1.31	1.31	0.11	0.11	0.82
Expected Value Range	1.29-1.33	1.29-1.33	0.10-0.11	0.10-0.11	0.79-0.84
Count	31	29	29	28	30
Mean	1.28	1.36	0.16	0.12	0.87
Median	1.38	1.39	0.11	0.11	0.87
Minimum	0.11	1.19	0.07	0.07	0.65
Maximum	1.46	1.46	1.35	0.46	0.95
Std Deviation	0.31	0.08	0.23	0.07	0.06
% in Tolerance	16.13	17.24	62.07	64.29	20.00
Std Error	0.06	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.01
%RSD	24.54	5.65	144.44	10.61	6.54
Total Bias	-0.03	0.03	0.55	0.14	0.05

Table 14.3: Macraes Exploration – Summary of Certified W0<sub>3</sub> Standards

The total number of analyses for each standard is low, making detection of potential biases difficult.

When considering all the  $WO_3$  standards data (including the mixed data), 29 (47.5%) of the standards are within a ±2SD accuracy range.

Some follow-up is required to look further into the reproducibility for W03 standard, TLG-1.

For the other two standards (CT-1 and MP-2), it appears that minor biases may be present, although given the low numbers of data, it difficult to be sure.

### 14.4.2.3 Laboratory Repeats

Laboratory repeats (duplicate 50g samples of the sample pulp collected after pulverization) have been assessed. The following data is presented as quality control statistics:

- Figure 14.2: Quality Control Statistics All Gold Data Laboratory Repeats;
- Figure 14.3: Quality Control Statistics Diamond Drilling Gold Assay (Au g/t) Laboratory Repeats;
- Figure 14.4: Quality Control Statistics Percussion Drilling Gold Assay (Au g/t) Laboratory Repeats;
- Figure 14.5: Quality Control Statistics All Sulphur Data (S %) Laboratory Repeats;
- Figure 14.6: Quality Control Statistics All Arsenic Data (As ppm) Laboratory Repeats;
- Figure 14.7: Quality Control Statistics All Tungsten Data (WO3 %) Laboratory Repeats; and
- Figure 14.8: Quality Control Statistics All Tungsten Data (WO3 %) Umpire Laboratory Duplicates.

Very good correlation is noted for the gold data with the linear correlation generally >0.94. No apparent bias is evident. No significant difference is noted for the laboratory repeats for the data grouped by sample type (diamond and percussion drilling).

The sulphur and arsenic repeat data set also show strong correlation between the original and repeat assay (r = 0.99 for sulphur and r = 0.99 for arsenic). As with gold, no bias is noted in these data sets.

### Figure 14.2: Quality Control Statistics – All Gold Data – Laboratory Repeats

Au_FA_ppm			
	Value	Check Value	units
No. Pairs	921	921	
Minimum	0.01	0.01	g/t
Maximum	6.99	6.70	g/t
Mean	0.28	0.28	g/t
Median	0.04	0.04	g/t
Std Deviation	0.63	0.61	
Coefficient of Variation	2.25	2.20	
Correlation Coefficient	0.96		
Bias	-0.01		



Precision Control Lines based on a Precision of 10% Note. A point is not charted where the Absolute paired difference is zero









### Figure 14.3: Quality Control Statistics - Diamond Drilling - Gold Assay (Au g/t) Laboratory Repeats

Au_FA_ppm			
	Value	Check Value	units
No. Pairs	294	294	
Minimum	0.01	0.01	g/t
Maximum	6.24	6.70	g/t
Mean	0.41	0.41	g/t
Median	0.08	0.07	g/t
Std Deviation	0.81	0.82	
Coefficient of Variation	1.98	1.99	
Correlation			
Coefficient	0.94		
Bias	0.01		



Precision Control Lines based on a Precision of 10% Note. A point is not charted where the Absolute paired difference is zero





### Figure 14.4: Quality Control Statistics - Percussion Drilling - Gold Assay (Au g/t) Laboratory Repeats

Au_FA_ppm			
	Value	Check Value	units
No. Pairs	526	526	
Minimum	0.01	0.01	g/t
Maximum	6.99	6.09	g/t
Mean	0.19	0.18	g/t
Median	0.02	0.02	g/t
Std			
Deviation	0.55	0.49	
Coefficient of			
Variation	2.83	2.72	
Correlation			
Coefficient	0.98		
Bias	-0.06		



Precision Control Lines based on a Precision of 10% Note: A point is not charted where the Absolute paired difference is zero





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### Figure 14.5: Quality Control Statistics – All Sulphur Data (S %) – Laboratory Repeats

S_LECO_pct			
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	Value	Value	units
No. Pairs	398	398	
Minimum	0.01	0.01	%
Maximum	1.13	1.12	%
Mean	0.16	0.16	%
Median	0.11	0.11	%
Std Deviation	0.18	0.18	
Coefficient of			
Variation	1.08	1.10	
Correlation			
Coefficient	0.99		
Bias	0.01		



Precision Control Lines based on a Precision of 10% Note: A point is not charted where the Atvolvte paired difference is zero





### Figure 14.6: Quality Control Statistics – All Arsenic Data (As ppm) – Laboratory Repeats

As_1006_ppm			
	Value	Check Value	units
No. Pairs	866	866	
Minimum	50	50	ppm
Maximum	15800	15700	ppm
Mean	544.98	537.36	ppm
Median	100.00	50.00	ppm
Std Deviation	1323.07	1296.99	
Coefficient of Variation	2.43	2.41	
Correlation			
Coefficient	0.99		
Bias	-0.01		



Precision Control Lines based on a Precision of 10% Note. A point is not charted where the Absolute paired difference is zero





### Figure 14.7: Quality Control Statistics – All Tungsten Data (WO<sub>3</sub> %) – Laboratory Repeats

WO3_ICP_pct			
	Value	Check Value	units
No. Pairs	190	190	
Minimum	0.01	0.01	%
Maximum	0.68	0.64	%
Mean	0.06	0.06	%
Median	0.05	0.05	%
Std Deviation	0.07	0.06	
Coefficient of Variation	1.08	1.04	
Correlation Coefficient	0.99		
Bias	-0.02		



Precision Control Lines based on a Precision of 10% Note. A point is not charted where the Absolute paired difference is zero





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### 14.4.2.4 Umpire Laboratory Duplicates for W0<sub>3</sub>

Umpire Laboratory Duplicate  $W0_3$  assays (duplicate sample from pulp residue) sent to a different laboratory and analysed using the same method were recently completed. Figure 14.8 contains the quality control statistics from umpire laboratory duplicates for all Tungsten ( $WO_3$ ) data. Comparison of the two sets of analyses shows reasonable agreement for the mean, maximum, and standard deviations (the medians however do differ but the QQ plot in Figure 14.9 shows that the medians do not fairly reflect global population differences).

WO <sub>3</sub> _ICP_pct			
		Check	
	Value	Value	units
No. Pairs	100	100	
Minimum	0.01	0.01	%
Maximum	4.50	4.67	%
Mean	0.64	0.62	%
Median	0.44	0.36	%
Std Deviation	0.77	0.76	
Coefficient of			
Variation	1.20	1.23	
Correlation			
Coefficient	0.98		
Bias	-0.04		

Figure 14.8: Quality Control Statistics – All Tungsten Data (WO<sub>3</sub> %) – Umpire Laboratory Duplicates



MPRD by Mean Grade: WO3\_ICP\_pct 180.00 150.00 120.00 90.00 60.00 30.00 MPRD **.**:. 0.00 ÷ -30.00 -60.00 -90.00 -120.00 -150.00 -180.00 0.00 0.50 1.00 1.50 2.00 2.50 3.00 3.50 4.00 4.50 Mean Error Normal Error Warning Threshold

LAB REPLICATE DATA



Figure 14.9: Medians Compared on QQ Plot



### 14.4.2.5 Field Duplicates

Field duplicates represent a second sample collected at the RC percussion drill rig which are then submitted for assay using the same analytical approach as the original sample and provide a measure of the total error including sampling error.

A limited field duplicate data set is available for gold (Figure 14.10). This data, which admittedly is limited, shows that the duplicate samples have poorly reproduced the original assays with the linear correlation coefficient calculated at 0.70. Only 22% of the data is within  $\pm 10\%$  precision (AMPRD) while approximately 46% of the data are  $\pm 20\%$ . These field duplicates are resplit from the bulk sample after the initial assays have returned. It is recognised that this is a biased selection process. A revised duplication allocation has since been implemented. This ensures one sample targets mineralization in the hangingwall (HW). The second duplicate is selected 30m below or at the bottom of the drill hole, whichever is less. This procedure results in 50% of the duplicates from mineralization below the hangingwall irrespective of sample at the same time selecting duplicates from mineralization below the hangingwall irrespective of sample grade.

Relatively few sulphur data are available for analysis. Based on the available data, the field duplicates indicate an acceptable level of precision is being achieved in sampling when only sulphur is considered. Sulphur shows the duplicate samples have reasonably reproduced the original assays with the linear correlation coefficient calculated at 0.91. Only 35% of the data is within  $\pm 10\%$  precision (AMPRD) while approximately 65% of the data are  $\pm 20\%$ . Figure 14.11 shows the quality control charts for sulphur.

Au_FA_ppm			
	Value	Check Value	units
No. Pairs	41	41	
Minimum	0.01	0.01	g/t
Maximum	5.57	3.16	g/t
Mean	1.15	0.94	g/t
Median	0.90	0.39	g/t
Std			
Deviation	1.18	1.01	
Coefficient of			
Variation	1.02	1.07	
Correlation			
Coefficient	0.70		
Bias	-0.19		



Figure 14.10: Quality Control Statistics – All Gold Data – Field Duplicates



Precision Control Lines based on a Precision of 10%

Note. A point is not charted where the Absolute paired difference is zero







Figure 14.11: Quality Control Statistics – All Sulphur Data – Field Duplicates

S_LECO_pct			
	Value	Check Value	units
No. Pairs	34	34	%
Minimum	0.01	0.01	%
Maximum	1.14	1.08	%
Mean	0.35	0.32	%
Median	0.21	0.19	%
Std Deviation	0.30	0.30	
Coefficient of Variation	0.86	0.93	
Correlation Coefficient	0.91		
Bias	-0.09		



Precision Control Lines based on a Precision of 10%

Note. A point is not charted where the Absolute paired difference is zero





### 14.4.3 Quality Control Investigation Summary

Based on the quality control database assessed by Oceana, acceptable levels of assay precision and accuracy are generally being achieved by AMDEL. The conclusion is supported by the available reconciliation data.

# 14.5 Summary

Due to the long exploration and mining history of the project, the quality control database is incomplete for the Macraes Project making complete and thorough investigation impossible. The risk associated with the incomplete quality control data set is offset by the available mining and reconciliation data which supports the quality of the data.

Notwithstanding the limitations in the data set, the available recovery and QAQC data indicates the assay data meets acceptable limits of accuracy and precision and is therefore suitable for the purposes of grade estimation. The bias associated with the wet RC percussion drilling remains a material item and while Oceana have taken steps to mitigate the risks associated with this data set, ultimately only removal of this data can ensure no negative effects in the grade estimates. A risk remains with these wet samples. During 2009 and 2010 it is expected that further twin drilling will replace a proportion of the remaining wet samples at Frasers and Round Hill.

In addition to the assay data, the survey data both collar and down-the-hole survey, is considered to be robust and present little risk.

# 15 ADJACENT PROPERTIES

There are no adjacent properties that impact on the potential merit of the Macraes Project. The mineral permits contain all known significant gold mineralization in the area.

# 16 MINERAL PROCESSING AND METALLURGICAL TESTING

# 16.1 Introduction

Macraes flotation flowsheet underwent a number of modifications in 2008. These included the replacement of previous columns with new OK-330 tank cells and reconfiguration of the cleaner section, incorporating previous rougher scavengers as new cleaners. Changes in the configuration of the carbon-in-leach (CIL) section also occurred in early 2008, to facilitate direct leaching of Macraes concentrate at various times.

These changes led to flotation and CIL recoveries being determined empirically from recent plant performance rather than being based on previous or new laboratory test work.

# 16.2 Throughput

Tonnes treated each month were calculated using throughput models for each of the two SAG mills. The throughput model is based on feed gold grade and throughput for period January 2007 to July 2008.

The main SAG mill (processing approximately 80% feed) ML-01 model predicted decreased throughput as feed gold grade increased. ML-500 throughput was not affected by feed gold grade. Same feed gold grade used for both models, as mill feed grades were not sampled or back calculated.

# 16.3 Mass Pull

As a proportion of feed tonnes are recovered to the concentrate stream, the tails tonnes are less than 100% of feed tonnes. This proportion needs to be known to correctly calculate recovery.

The mass pull to the concentrate stream was calculated from a model based on feed sulphur grade, which was generated from daily data from the period April 01, 2008 to August 31, 2008.

# 16.4 Flotation Tails Gold Grade

Tails gold grade was calculated from a model based on recent plant performance.

# 16.5 Flotation Recovery

Flotation recovery was calculated using the mass pull and flotation tails gold grade models. For each month a different flotation recovery was expected.

# 16.6 CIL Recoveries

Macraes and Reefton CIL recoveries were based on actual CIL performance over May, June and July 2008. Macraes' CIL recovery was 93.3% and Reefton's CIL recovery was 94.3%.

All Reefton concentrate was scheduled to be treated through the autoclave and be recovered at the Reefton CIL recovery. Macraes concentrate was treated through the autoclave during the remaining time available each month. Any excess Macraes concentrate was scheduled for direct leach, where it was scheduled to be sent to the CIL section without being treated through the autoclave. Macraes concentrate treated through the autoclave had the Macraes CIL recovery applied. Macraes concentrate treated by direct leach was recovered at 7% less than the Macraes CIL rate. The 7% reduction for direct leach was based on the plant performance of Macraes concentrate over May, June and July 2008.

# 16.7 Overall Recovery

The same flotation and CIL recoveries were used for the open cut and underground mines at Macraes. Overall recoveries for Macraes and FRUG in 2009 ranged from 80.1% to 83.6% (excluding 76.3% recovery expected during autoclave re-brick shutdown in April 2009). Yearly recoveries for Macraes open cut and underground mines are presented in Table 16.1. They do not include Reefton nor oxide ore treated in 2013.

Year	Flotation Recovery (%)	CIL Recovery (%)	Overall Recovery (%)
2009	89.2	91.8	81.9
2010	88.6	91.7	81.2
2011	88.3	92.8	81.9
2012	88.7	93.3	82.8
2013	84.6	93.1	78.8

Table 16.1: Recoveries used in LOMP08 for Macraes Open Cut and FRUG Mines

# 16.8 Future Ore

It is believed the process for calculating flotation and CIL recoveries used are appropriate for predicting expected performance when treating future ores over the remaining LOM.

### 16.9 Issues

Allocation of gold between Macraes open cut and underground mines has been an issue. Higher underground gold grades could reasonably be expected to return higher recoveries and produce concentrates with higher gold grades. In practice, measuring actual flotation recovery and concentrate grades produced individually by FRUG or Macraes open cut ores is not possible. These differences, although not affecting total gold recovered, do impact on the financial performance of both mines. Investigations to more 'accurately' measure and allocate gold between Macraes open cut and FRUG mines will continue through 2009.

# 17 MINERAL RESOURCE AND MINERAL RESERVE ESTIMATES FOR GOLD

# 17.1 Mineral Resource Inventory

Mineral Resource estimates compliant with CIM standards for the Macraes Project as at June 30, 2009 by resource category and deposit are shown in Table 17.1. The Measured and Indicated Mineral Resource totals 62.61Mt at an average grade of 1.26 g/t Au for a total of 2.55Moz of gold. The Round Hill resource, has been added to the inventory and did not appear on the previous, December 31, 2008 inventory.

Resource Cut-off	Resource Area	Measured		Measured Indicated		Measured & Indicated		Inferred Resource			
		Mt	Au g/t	Mt	Au g/t	Mt	Au g/t	Au Moz	Mt	Au g/t	Au Moz
0.5 g/t	Coronation			1.23	1.18	1.23	1.18	0.05	2.98	1.1	0.11
0.5 g/t	Deepdell	0.23	1.67			0.23	1.67	0.01	0.32	1.0	0.01
0.5 g/t	Golden Point								1.48	2.6	0.12
0.4 g/t	Round Hill			5.87	1.41	5.87	1.41	0.27	38.31	1.0	1.28
0.5 g/t	Frasers Pit	9.34	1.38	28.72	0.91	38.06	1.03	1.26	9.33	0.7	0.21
No cut-off	Frasers Underground P1 & P2	0.34	2.16	9.56	2.31	9.91	2.31	0.73	1.33	1.7	0.07
No cut-off	Frasers Underground Panel2 Deeps			0.34	3.90	0.34	3.90	0.04	0.54	4.1	0.07
No cut-off	Frasers Underground Panel2 Extension								2.22	2.6	0.19
0.5 g/t	Golden Bar	0.09	1.56	1.18	1.40	1.27	1.42	0.06	4.96	1.4	0.22
0.5 g/t	Taylors			0.28	1.50	0.28	1.50	0.01	0.41	1.1	0.01
0.5 g/t	Stockpiles	5.42	0.66			5.42	0.66	0.12			
	Macraes Total	15.42	1.15	47.19	1.30	62.61	1.26	2.55	61.88	1.2	2.30

Table 17.1: Macraes Resource Inventory as at June 30, 2009

All Mineral Reserves reported are fully included in the Mineral Resources reported for the same deposit.

# 17.2 Qualified Persons Responsible for Resource Estimates

Mr Jonathan Moore, Resource Geologist, Oceana is the Qualified Person responsible for the Macraes Project resource estimates. This section summarises the methodology used by Oceana and its consultants to prepare and classify the Mineral Resource estimates for the Macraes Project.

# 17.3 Coronation

### 17.3.1 Introduction

The Coronation resource area extends from the northern boundary of the Deepdell resource area (local grid coordinates 18,250mN to 20,500mN; 69,200mE to 70,500mE).

The resource estimate presented in this report was completed in June 2009, subsequent to recently completed infill drilling and will be integrated into reserve calculations as soon as is practical. The resource model used currently for reserves is fully documented in the previous Macraes NI 43-101 technical report dated May, 2007.

The revised resource estimate adds 1koz of indicated resource and 96koz of inferred resource.

### 17.3.2 Database

The Coronation deposit is defined by 65 drill holes completed in three phases of drilling. The first phase was completed in 1998, when 13 RC percussion holes for 600m were completed as part of exploration drilling to test the strike extension of the HMSZ. A second phase of RC percussion drilling was completed

in 2001 when 18 holes for 1,284m were drilled. The third phase was completed in late 2008 and comprised 33 RC drill holes for 2,966m as well as a single diamond drill hole for 163m. This has brought the drill hole density to between 50 x 50m and 50 x 100m for much of the resource area. The location of the drill hole collars is shown on Figure 17.1: Coronation Deposit - Drill Hole Collar Plan, with the drilling statistics provided in Table 17.2. No diamond drilling has been completed on the deposit and only one RC percussion drill hole has drilled through the Footwall Fault.

### Table 17.2: Coronation Deposit - Drilling Summary

	CO09 Resource Estimate				
Hole Type	Number	Metres	Percentage		
Percussion	-	-	-		
Reverse Circulation	64	4,850	97		
Diamond* (DDH & RCD)	1	163	3		
Total	65	5,013	100		





### 17.3.3 Geological Model

The HMSZ at Coronation manifests as a predominately pelitic package of schist up to 90m thick. The package is constrained above by the Hangingwall Shear and below by the Footwall Fault as shown on Figure 17.2. The geology of the Coronation deposit is comparatively simple. It comprises the Hangingwall Shear which has a generally planar geometry and dips 15° to 20° to the east. A second, less extensive shear has been interpreted immediately below the Hangingwall Shear. A north-south subvertical fault has been interpreted to offset both mineralised shears.

All geological wireframes were constructed in *MINESIGHT*. Due to the overwhelming proportion of RC drilling (RC chip logging is considerably less definitive than diamond core logging), gold grades were used as a proxy for geology. This approach provides a good basis for the upper shear surface. The lower surface however is less defined although can be reasonably approximated by a 0.25 g/t Au to 0.50 g/t Au lower grade cut-off.

The bulk mining (overburden) surface was built approximately 10m above the Hangingwall. Similarly, the footwall plane was approximated by stepping down 50m below the lower lode footwall surface. All samples between the footwall and the bulk mining surface, not captured by the upper or lower lode wireframe, were deemed unconstrained mineralization and comprise the grade control zone.

The Coronation resource estimate uses large block MIK recoverable resource estimates, which is the approach used to estimate most of the resources at Macraes.

An oxide surface was constructed on the basis of logged colour, perceived degree of weathering and sulphur grade.





### 17.3.4 Historic Mining

The Coronation lode was probably discovered during the late 1880's when the Macraes Flat area was the subject of intensive prospecting for reef gold (Petchy, 1998). Two main areas of gold workings can still be distinguished, the Coronation workings and water races related to alluvial workings.

From the limited evidence available, it would appear that the Coronation area was first worked during 1888 with a second period of activity in 1911/1912. The historic workings do not impinge on the resource reported.

### 17.3.5 Statistical Analysis

The drill hole data was coded with the mineralization interpretation. Based on this coding, 1m composites (down-the-hole composites) were generated and applied to subsequent statistical and geostatistical evaluations.

A total of 2,709 one metre composites were available for investigation. Table 17.3 presents the statistical summary for the composites grouped by domain. The upper lode (Domain 1) captures the majority of the anomalous mineralization and returns a mean grade of 1.16 g/t Au and a coefficient of variation (CV) of 0.85. The spatially limited lower lode (Domain 2) contains 51 composites and has a mean grade of 1.34 g/t Au and CV of 0.98. The grade control zone (Domain 3) captures 2,472 data with the mean grade and CV calculated at 0.07 and 3.6 respectively.

The histogram in Figure 17.3 and Figure 17.4 show positively skewed distributions for the Domains 1 and 2 composites respectively. No histogram is shown for Domain 3.

Domain	Number	Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum	CV
1	186	1.16	0.94	0.00	5.92	0.85
2	51	1.34	1.10	0.00	5.45	0.88
3	2,472	0.07	0.02	0.00	9.75	3.6

Table 17.3: Coronation Deposit - Summary Statistics 1m Gold (g/t Au) Composites



Figure 17.3: Coronation Deposit - Domain 1 Histogram Plot 1m gold (g/t Au) Composites



### Figure 17.4: Coronation Deposit - Domain 2 Histogram Plot 1m gold (g/t Au) Composites

### 17.3.6 Variography

Despite the low number of samples, multiple indicator kriging was used.

Experimental variograms were generated for the Coronation deposit based on only 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 0.9 and 0.95 probablity indicators. As a conservative measure, the Domain 1, 95% indicator, top class mean was replaced with the median for this class.

### 17.3.7 Block Model

A regular block model was constructed for the purposes of grade estimation with extents from 69,200mE to 70,500mE, 19,000mN to 21,000mN, and 400 to 730mRL. A 25mE x 25mN x 2.5mRL parent cell size was used. A bulk density was applied based on weathering. Oxidised material was assigned a bulk density of 2.5 t/m<sup>3</sup>, while fresh material was assigned a 2.6 t/m<sup>3</sup> bulk density.

Table 17.4 summarises the Coronation block model parameters.

	Resource Estimate Limits				
	Limits	Block Size			
Easting	69,200 – 70,500	25.0 m			
Northing	19,000 – 21,000	25.0 m			
RL	400 – 730	2.5 m			

Table 17.4: Coronation Deposit - Block Model Parameters

### 17.3.8 Grade Estimation

Grade estimation was completed in Hellman and Schofield proprietary GS3 software.

The sample search parameters are presented below in Table 17.5.

Domain	X,Y,Z Search	Rotations	Minimum Number of Samples	Maximum Number of Samples	Octant #
1 Primary Search	60, 60, 10	Y 12	16	48	4
1 Secondary Search	78, 78, 13	Y 12	16	48	4
1 Tertiary Search	78, 78, 13	Y 12	8	48	4
2 Primary Search	60, 60, 10	Y 12	16	48	4
2 Secondary Search	78, 78, 13	Y 12	16	48	4
2 Tertiary Search	78, 78, 13	Y 12	8	48	4
3 Primary Search	25, 25, 10	Y 12	16	48	4
3 Secondary Search	32.5, 32.5, 13	Y 12	16	48	4
3 Tertiary Search	32.5, 32.5, 13	Y 12	8	48	4

Table 17.5: Coronation Deposit - Sample Search Parameters

Both visual and statistical comparisons of the grade estimate versus the input composites have been completed. Table 17.6 below shows the mean estimated grades are significantly lower than the original composite means as a result of clustering.

Table 17.6: Coronation Deposit - Comparison of Model to Composite Mean Grades

	Au Means (g/t)					
Domain	1	2	3			
Composite Mean	1.16	1.34	NA			
Model Mean	1.02	1.19	NA			

### 17.3.9 Resource Reporting

Table 17.7 below presents the resource classification scheme that was used for Coronation by Oceana. The scheme uses a combination of geological confidence and drilling density.

Table 17.7: Coronation Deposit - Resource Classification Methodology

	Measured	Indicated	Inferred	
1 and 2	N/A	Aprox 75 x 75 metres	100 x 100 metres	
3	N/A	none	32.5 x 32.5 metres	

Areas of the Hangingwall resource drilled to 75 by 75m have been classified as indicated. Areas drilled up to 100 by 100m have been classified as inferred. This classification is supported by the substantial mining and reconciliation history at Macraes from which an understanding of the geological controls and local variability of mineralization has been gained. Infill drilling is intended to bring the target volume to at least 37 by 37m prior to mining.

The Coronation deposit Mineral Resource, by material type, cut-off grade and classification is presented in Table 17.8

	0.50 g/t Cut-off						
	Sulp	hide	Oxide		Total		
	Tonnes	Grade	Tonnes	Grade	Tonnes	Grade	<b>Contained Gold</b>
Category	(Mt)	(g/t Au)	(Mt)	(g/t Au)	(Mt)	(g/t Au)	(koz)
Indicated	1.14	1.18	0.09	1.14	1.23	1.18	47
Inferred	2.88	1.12	0.10	1.15	2.98	1.12	107

Table 17.8: Coronation Deposit - Mineral Resource Grouped by Resource Category

Note: Mt = million tonnes, koz = 000's contained ounces

# 17.4 Deepdell

### 17.4.1 Introduction

The Deepdell deposit is located between the Coronation and Golden Point deposits. Oceana and its consultants have estimated the resources at Deepdell using MIK grade interpolation. Significant production has been reported from Deepdell, representing 2.41Mt at a grade of 1.53 g/t Au for some 118koz when applying a 0.5 g/t Au lower cut-off grade.

### 17.4.2 Resource Database

The resource estimation database comprises both drilling data and trench data. In total 330 drill holes for 29,048m were applied to resource estimation. Drilling statistics are provided as Table 17.9 with Figure 17.5 displaying the drill hole collars.

Table 17.9:	Deepdell Deposit - Drilling Summary	
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	DD01a Resource Estimate			Prospect Total		
Hole Туре	Number	Metres	Percentage	Number	Metres	Percentage
Percussion	5	310	1.1	5	310	1.1
Reverse Circulation	309	27,260	93.8	313	27,998	94.0
Diamond* (DDH & RCD)	16	1,478	5.1	16	1,478	5.1
Total	330	29,048	100.0	334	29,786	100.0

\*Diamond figures include holes drilled with an RC percussion pre-collar and tailed with diamond core.

In addition to the drilling, 5 trenches totalling 990m were excavated across the surface expression of the Hangingwall and associated soil arsenic anomalies. The mapping and sampling information for each trench was converted into a sub-horizontal drill hole and was used in the geological interpretation of the resource. The trench assay data was not used to interpolate resource estimate grades.





### 17.4.3 Geological Model

The HMSZ at Deepdell consists of a 50 to 60m thick pelite, constrained by the hangingwall and footwall shears. The geology of Deepdell North is comparatively simple. It comprises the hangingwall shear, which has a planar geometry and dips 15° to 20° to the east. Beneath the hangingwall shear, 3 sub parallel shears have been identified. These shears are generally thin (less than 3m thick), weakly mineralized, do not have the continuity of the hangingwall and are not economically significant.

At Deepdell South the hangingwall shear geometry is a little more complex (Figure 17.6). The hangingwall shear has been rotated into a south to south-east orientation and is cut by a northeast-southwest striking fault. The western portion of the hangingwall dips at 20° to 25° to the south-east while the eastern section dips at 35° to 40° to the south-west. The hangingwall shear is well developed to approximately 70,400mE where it is either offset by a north-south trending fault or is pinched out against a fault. At both Deepdell North and Deepdell South stockwork development is relatively poor.





A complex fault zone separates Deepdell South from Deepdell North. Four east-west trending faults, which terminate against a northeast – southwest trending fault, have been interpreted. From Deepdell South to Deepdell North the effect of these faults is to uplift the hangingwall and progressively displace the hangingwall outcrop position to the west.

Three lodes have been historically mined in the Deepdell area, namely: Golden Bell, Maritana and Deepdell. The Golden Bell and Maritana lodes are located on the hangingwall psammite-pelite contact (hangingwall shear) and were mined for gold. The Deepdell lode is located in the hangingwall psammite and was historically mined for scheelite. No resource estimate has been compiled for the Deepdell lode.

At Deepdell three styles of mineralization have been interpreted, the hangingwall shear, east dipping concordant lodes and unconstrained stockwork. The same interpretation approach that has been used for Frasers, Innes Mills, Southern Pit, Round Hill and Golden Point has been used at Deepdell. This involves the collective use of geological logging and 3D geometric correlation to interpret the upper contact of the shears. Where possible, the same approach has been used for the lower contacts. Where this is not possible, an approximate 0.4 g/t cut-off has been used to estimate the position of the lower shear contacts. Mine reconciliation since 1991 has shown this to be a reasonable approach.

The mineralization styles and the respective codes identified at Deepdell are shown in Table 17.10.

Mineralization Style	Domain Codes		
Hangingwall Shear Zone	102, 103, 104, 111 to 115		
East Dipping Concordant Lodes	301 to 303		
Unconstrained Stockwork	501		

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The stockwork at Deepdell has been modelled as unconstrained. In the resource estimate the stockwork interpolation is constrained by the bulk mining surface, topographic surface and the footwall shear.
Figure 17.7: Deepdell Deposit - Drilling and Interpreted Domains



### 17.4.4 Statistical and Geostatistical Analysis

Statistical analysis has been based on 1m composites coded with the mineralization/geological interpretation. The composite data has generated as 1m run length composites.

Summary statistics for the gold data, grouped by interpreted domain, is shown in Table 17.11. Similar statistics are noted for the domain groupings (ie: hangingwall zones etc) with the highest mean grade reported for Domain 301. No high grade cutting has been applied during estimation although the highest bin grade used in the MIK estimation has been modelled with the median bin grade as opposed the mean bin grade. This effectively reduces the influence of high grade data and replicates the benefit of high grade cutting.

Domain	Number	Mean	Minimum Maximum		Std Dev	CV
103	728	1.52	0.01	25.0	1.97	1.30
104	31	1.02	0.06	9.50	1.68	1.65
111	142	1.82	0.01	8.05	1.42	0.78
112	356	1.82	0.01	8.13	1.18	0.65
113	42	1.45	0.20	4.62	1.05	0.72
114	31	1.25	0.52	2.64	0.53	0.42
115	25	1.63	0.19	7.31	1.57	0.96
301	100	1.25	0.37	4.83	0.85	0.68
501	17,859	0.10	0.01	25.75	0.66	6.60

Table 17.11: Deepdell Deposit - Summary of Gold (g/t) 1m Composite Statistics

Indicator variograms were generated by Snowden Mining Industry Consultants Pty Ltd using VISOR software for the 103/104, 111, 112, 301 Domains and a combined Domain of 102, 302, 303, 501. Variogram models were fitted using nested spherical models for the first and second structures. Only the 103/104 Domain showed interpretable structure with all other domains having insufficient composite data to produce robust variography. Therefore, Oceana based the strike and dip planes on the observed trends in the data. Indicator cut-offs used for the multiple indicator kriging are tabulated in Table 17.12 while indicator variogram parameters are tabulated in Table 17.13 and Table 17.14.

Table 17.12:	Deepdell	Deposit -	<ul> <li>Indicator</li> </ul>	Cut-offs
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Percent	103/104	111	112	113	114	115	301	501
5.0	0.40	0.40	0.10	0.42			0.10	0.10
10.0	0.58	0.64	0.57	0.56	0.78	0.42	0.56	0.11
20.0	0.73	0.86	0.71	0.77	0.81	0.69	0.64	0.12
30.0	0.88	0.99	0.90	0.86	0.94	0.89	0.74	0.14
40.0	1.05	1.19	1.09	0.98	0.97	0.92	0.87	0.17
50.0	1.28	1.32	1.42	1.15	1.11	1.20	1.01	0.21
60.0	1.57	1.83	1.73	1.47	1.15	1.39	1.10	0.25
70.0	1.96	2.36	2.23	1.94	1.42	1.61	1.36	0.30
80.0	2.58	2.86	2.87	3.25	1.68	1.93	1.73	0.39
90.0	3.52	3.46	3.92	4.21	1.98	2.86	2.06	0.52
95.0	4.59	4.88	4.52	4.48	2.11		2.47	0.83
97.5		5.36	5.03				4.13	1.30
Median Above Last Class	7.91	5.85	5.58	4.59	2.47	4.25	4.71	2.82

Table 17.13: Deepdell Deposit - Indicator Variogram Parameters Domains 103/104

							Rotation Paran		meters	
Ind Cut- off	Class Mean	Percentile	C0	C1(sph)	C2(sph)	R1(xyz)	R2(xyz)	New N	Dip N	Dip E
0.40	0.20	5	0.20	0.60	0.20	60x40x3.5	75x120x5	0	0	-15
0.58	0.49	10	0.20	0.60	0.20	60x40x3.5	75x120x5	0	0	-15
0.73	0.66	20	0.20	0.60	0.20	60x40x3.5	75x120x5	0	0	-15
0.88	0.81	30	0.20	0.65	0.15	50x40x1.5	50x80x4	0	0	-15
1.05	0.97	40	0.20	0.60	0.20	50x40x1.5	50x80x4	0	0	-15
1.28	1.17	50	0.20	0.80		55x55x2.5		0	0	-15
1.57	1.43	60	0.70	0.16	0.14	20x25x4.0	55x55x4	0	0	-15
1.96	1.77	70	0.70	0.16	0.14	20x25x4.0	55x55x4	0	0	-15
2.58	2.27	80	0.70	0.16	0.14	20x25x4.0	55x55x4	0	0	-15
3.52	3.05	90	0.70	0.16	0.14	20x25x4.0	55x55x4	0	0	-15
4.59	4.06	95	0.70	0.16	0.14	20x25x4.0	55x55x4	0	0	-15
5.99	5.29	100	0.70	0.16	0.14	20x25x4.0	55x55x4	0	0	-15

Rotation parameters above are for domain 103/104 only. For Domains 111 to 115, 301 and 501 the median variogram was applied to all the indicators shown in Table 17.12. The variogram parameters used are shown in Table 17.14.

						Rotation Parameters		eters
Domain	CO	C1(sph)	C2(sph)	R1(xyz)	R2(xyz)	New N	Dip N	Dip E
111	0.32	0.68		45x45x3		-50	0	30
112	0.59	0.29	0.12	30x39x4.5	30x65x4.5	0	20	-10
113	0.59	0.29	0.12	30x39x4.5	30x65x4.5	0	0	-12.5
114	0.59	0.29	0.12	30x39x4.5	30x65x4.5	0	0	-20
115	0.59	0.29	0.12	30x39x4.5	30x65x4.5	0	0	0
301	0.20	0.80		50x60x2.0		0	0	0
501	0.65	0.23	0.12	25x25x3.5	50x80x17	0	0	-10

Table 17.14: Deepdell Deposit - Indicator Variogram Parameters Domains 111 to 115, 301 and 501

### 17.4.5 Block Model

A regular block model was constructed for the purposes of grade estimation, as summarised in Table 17.15. A 10m x 5m x 2.5m parent cell size was used. Given the relative data spacing the selected block size is inappropriate and will result in an over smoothed grade estimate.

Table 17.15:	Deepdell Deposit	- Resource Estimate I	Limits and Block Model	Dimensions
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	DD01a				
	Limits	Block Size			
Easting	69,700 - 70,550	10.0 m			
Northing	16,300 - 17,600	5.0 m			
RL	250 - 525	2.5 m			

A bulk density of 2.6 t/m<sup>3</sup> has been applied to all blocks for resource reporting.

### 17.4.6 Grade Estimation

Multiple Indicator Kriging and median Indicator Kriging (medIK) have been used to estimate the various domains at Deepdell. Domains 103 and 104 have been estimated by MIK and all other domains have been estimated by medIK. All estimation has been completed in *MINESIGHT*.

The estimation sample search parameters applied in estimation are summarised in Table 17.16. The grade estimate reports only whole block grades which have been estimated by multiplying the mean grade of each indicator class (median grade above the highest indicator threshold) by the estimated intraclass probability estimated in the MIK and medIK runs. The indicator thresholds and mean/median grades are presented in Table 17.6.

As displayed below in Table 17.16, the minimum number of composites used for kriging was 2 and the maximum number was 50. Block discretization of  $4 \times 2 \times 1$  was used. Domain control was used in estimation wherein only data coded as that domain was used in the estimation of that domain.

Domain	Minimum Number of Samples	Maximum Number of Samples	Octant Constraint	Sample Search Distances X,Y,Z (m)	X,Y,Z Discretization	Maximum Samples per Drill Hole
103	2	50	none	50, 50, 10	4, 2, 1	5
104	2	50	none	50, 50, 10	4, 2, 1	5
111	2	50	none	50, 50, 10	4, 2, 1	5
112	2	50	none	50, 50, 10	4, 2, 1	5
113	2	50	none	50, 50, 10	4, 2, 1	5
114	2	50	none	50, 50, 10	4, 2, 1	5
115	2	50	none	50, 50, 10	4, 2, 1	5
301	2	50	none	50, 50, 10	4, 2, 1	5
501	2	50	none	50, 50, 25	4, 2, 1	5

Table 17.16: Deepdell Deposit - Sample Search Parameters

### 17.4.7 Validation and Reconciliation

Oceana validated the resource estimate visually and statistically.

The resource estimate was plotted on screen in section and plan and viewed in 3D in *MINESIGHT*. Aspects checked included geological coding, classification coding, weathering state, and grade interpolation. The block grades were visually compared to surrounding composite grades and considered to reasonably reflect the input data. The mean composite grade versus average model grade, calculated for each domain (Table 17.17), shows adequate reproduction of the input data. P. Blackney of Snowden Mining Industry Consultants Pty Ltd (Snowden, 1999) completed a review of the kriging parameters and the resultant resource estimates and considered the estimates acceptable.

Domain	Sample Mean	Model Mean
103	1.52	1.60
104	1.02	1.05
111	1.82	1.69
112	1.82	1.53
113	1.45	1.32
114	1.25	1.07
115	1.63	1.47
301	1.25	1.21
501	0.10	0.04

Table 17.17: Deepdell Deposit - Comparison of Input Composites versus Block Model Grades (g/t Au)

Oceana have completed a detailed assessment of the mining reconciliation. Mining at Deepdell commenced with Deepdell North Stage 1 in March 2001. Mining of Deepdell North Stage 1 was completed in April of 2002, Deepdell North Stage 2 in January 2003, and Deepdell South in October 2003.

The reconciliation of the resource estimate for oxide and sulphide ore types at two mining cut-offs is shown below in Table 17.18 to Table 17.20.

Table 17.18: Deepdell Deposit - Reconciliation at 0.5 g/t for Resource Estimate Versus Mined Oxide
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		Survey Adjusted Grade Control								Va	riance	•
		Unfacto	Unfactored Factored			Resource Estimate			Factored GC / Estimate			
Year	Estimate	Tonnes	g/t	Tonnes	g/t	oz	Tonnes	g/t	oz	Tonnes	g/t	oz
2001	DD99a	259,331	1.62	259,331	1.62	13,507	242,251	1.60	12,462	1.07	1.01	1.08
2002	DD01a	5,256	1.21	5,256	1.21	204	5,844	0.82	155	0.90	1.46	1.31
2003 <sup>3</sup>	DD01a	262,108	1.37	262,108	1.43	12,051	384,955	1.78	22,030	0.68	0.80	0.55
Total		526,695	1.49	526,695	1.52	25,761	633,050	1.70	34,647	0.83	0.89	0.74

Table 17.19:	Deepdell Deposit ·	Reconciliation a	t 0.7 g/t for	Resource E	stimate Versu	s Mined Sulphide
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		Survey Adjusted Grade Control								Va	Variance			
		Unfactored		F	actored		Resour	ce Est	imate	Facto Es	ored G timate	C / oz		
Year	Estimate	Tonnes	Tonnes	Tonnes	Tonnes	oz	Tonnes	g/t	Oz	Tonnes	g/t	oz		
2001	DD99a	579,822	1.69	579,822	1.52	28,386	502,320	1.66	26,809	1.15	0.92	1.06		
2002	DD01a	483,381	1.42	483,381	1.42	22,065	387,443	1.59	19,836	1.25	0.89	1.11		
2003	DD01a	820,212	1.50	820,212	1.60	42,193	650,136	1.86	38,878	1.26	0.86	1.09		
Total		1,883,415	1.54	1,883,415	1,883,415 1.53 92,644 1		1,539,899	1.73	85,524	1.22	0.89	1.08		

 Table 17.20:
 Deepdell Deposit - Reconciliation Resource Estimate Versus Mined Oxide at 0.5 g/t and Sulphide at 0.7 g/t

		Sur	vey Adj	usted Grade	e Contr	ol				Va	riance	ince			
		Unfactored		Fa	ictored		Resour	ce Est	timate	Facto Es	ored G timate	iC /			
Year	Estimate	Tonnes	g/t	Tonnes	Tonnes g/t oz To		Tonnes	g/t	Oz	Tonnes	g/t	oz			
2001	DD99a	839,153	1.67	839,153	1.55	41,893	744,571	1.64	39,271	1.13	0.95	1.07			
2002	DD01a	488,637	1.42	488,637	1.42	22,269	393,287	1.58	19,991	1.24	0.90	1.11			
2003	DD01a	1,082,320	1.47	1,082,320	1.56	54,243	1,035,091	1.83	60,909	1.05	0.85	0.89			
Total		2,410,110	1.53	2,410,110	2,410,110 1.53 118,406 2,		2,172,949	1.72	120,171	1.11	0.89	0.99			

Over the period 2001 to 2003, the resource model under-predicted tonnes by 11%, over-predicted grade by 11%, and over-predicted contained gold by 1%. The comparison between grade control predicted

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Note factoring was only applied to oxide in 2003

tonnes and survey-adjusted tonnes for the same period (2,346kt versus 2,410kt) suggests mining dilution in the order of 3%, which is insufficient to account for the tonnage disparity seen in the resource estimate reconciliation. The difference is interpreted to represent the selectivity assumed in the resource modelling constraint interpretation. The small block modelling methodology was superseded at Oceana from 2002 onwards, although because no further production was anticipated in the short term at Deepdell, the model was not rebuilt.

In 2003 the ore from Deepdell was sourced from the Deepdell South Stage pit. Unlike Deepdell North Stages 1 and 2 the oxide/sulphide boundary interpretation was significantly deeper than was encountered during mining. This is shown in the poor oxide/sulphide tonnage reconciliation for 2003 in Table 17.18 and Table 17.19. Improved definition of the oxide/sulphide surface is required to improve the resource confidence for oxide zones.

Based on the above reported mining reconciliation, the estimates are considered robust if sufficient ore loss and dilution modifiers are applied as part of the mine planning process used in reserve conversion.

### 17.4.8 Resource Reporting

Resource classification polygons were drawn around the area of 25m x 25m drilling as shown on Figure 17.5 and were used to classify the resource estimate according to the criteria shown in Table 17.21.

All the area between the Deepdell North resource classification polygon and the Deepdell South resource classification polygon is regarded as Inferred due to the complexity of the geology. With consideration of the long mine history at Macraes and the relatively high confidence in the geological interpretation of the hangingwall mineralization zones, Oceana believes the resource classification scheme is reasonable. Despite this, the confidence in the grade estimates for the small volume of mineralization based on 50m x 50m spaced drilling could be increased with infill drilling.

	Drilling Density (metres)								
Mineralization Style	25 x 25	50 x 50	100 x 100						
Hangingwall	Measured	Measured	Indicated						
Concordant Lodes	Measured	Indicated	Inferred						
Unconstrained Stockwork	Inferred	Inferred	-						

 Table 17.21: Deepdell Deposit - Resource Classification Methodology

The Mineral Resource for Deepdell, at the block cut-off of 0.5 g/t, is shown in Table 17.22. Based on the reconciliation data, the mining modifiers showed be reviewed if mining is considered.

### Table 17.22: Deepdell Deposit - Resource Estimate as at June 30, 2009

				0.5 g/t Cut-off							
	Sulp	ohide	Ox	ide		Total					
Category	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t Au)	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t Au)	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t Au)	Contained Gold (koz)				
Measured	0.19	1.71	0.05	1.55	0.23	1.67	13				
Indicated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Inferred	0.29	1.0	0.04	1.7	0.32	1.0	11				

Note: Mt = million tonnes, koz = 000's contained ounces

## 17.5 Golden Point

### 17.5.1 Introduction

Golden Point is located approximately 4km north of the Frasers Open Pit and has been considered a valid higher grade underground target. The estimated resource sits approximately 200m to the east of the eastern edge of the Round Hill resource (see Figure 17.14). Oceana therefore drilled the down-dip extensions of Hangingwall mineralization at Golden Point as well as Round Hill and Innes Mills.

Four holes were drilled down-dip of the Golden Point pit toe (now back-filled) in 2007/2008, targeting higher grade Hangingwall mineralization previously intersected in drill holes DDH4772 and DDW4775. In total 1512.4m was completed with stratapac or PQ collars followed by HQ diamond coring. All holes intersected the Hangingwall Shear, although the width of mineralization thinned down-dip to 5m at DDH4919. In total, the Golden Point deposit database comprises 524 holes for 88,892.8m of drilling.

### 17.5.2 Historic Workings

Three lodes at Golden Point were mined historically. The lodes were named the Home Reef (equivalent to the Hangingwall Shear), the Dip Reef and the Low Reef. The mine workings were digitised from old mine plans and turned into 3-D wireframe solids which were used to assist with geological interpretation. When building the geological interpretation on paper and in *MINESIGHT* the areas of known historical workings were excluded from the wireframe. On this basis it was considered that the volume of ore removed by previous mining has also been removed from the resource estimate.

The old workings were predominantly at the northern end of Golden Point. The Golden Point Stage II cut back was centred on the northern end of Golden Point and was designed to recover a higher grade part of the resource. During 2000, Golden Point Stage II was mined to completion and in the process mined out all the known historical workings.

### 17.5.3 Geological Modelling

Gold mineralization around the Golden Point workings is contained within four shear structures which vary in thickness from 2 to 10m (Figure 17.8). The lodes dip gently to the east (10° to 15°) and are predominantly quartz veins and quartz breccia.

To the south of the Golden Point workings, infill drilling has allowed improved definition of the concordant lodes occurring below the Hangingwall shear. In this area the concordant lodes exhibit an anastomosing geometry with a number of bifurcations occurring in both the east-west and north-south orientations. Lodes typically thicken in the regions of convergence. The stockwork mineralization that comprises a large proportion of the adjacent Round Hill mineralization is noticeably absent at Golden Point.





A geological interpretation was generated by extending the existing (defined in the pit region) Hangingwall interpretation into the area of new drilling. The upper and lower hangingwall contacts were interpreted using a combination of logged geology and gold assays. These were entered as points in *MINESIGHT* 3D software and were used to construct a 3D wireframe solid which has been extrapolated 50m down-dip beyond intersections.



Figure 17.9: Golden Point - Oblique View (Looking Down to NNW) of Underground Resource and Drill Holes

### 17.5.4 Sample Statistics

The Golden Point resource estimate is based on 8 drill holes. Two of these, DDH4772 and DDW4775, were drilled during 2005, three, RCH4068, RCD4069, and RCD4070, were drilled prior to 2005, and three, RCD4892, RCD4893 and RCD4894 were drilled during 2007.

Summary statistics of the 1m composite data captured within the interpretation is presented in Table 17.24. The significant intercepts captured in the interpretation are summarised below in Table 17.23.

Hole Type	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Grade (g/t Au)
RCH4068	258	265	7	1.04
RCD4069	220	227	7	6.63
RCD4070	219	225	6	4.35
DDH4772	274	281	7	2.24
DDW4775	247	257	10	2.17
RCD4893	289	296	7	2.19
RCD4894	293	304	11	2.07
RCD4895	258	265	7	1.04

 Table 17.23: Golden Point - Hangingwall Drill Hole Intersection Summary

### Table 17.24: Golden Point - Hangingwall Sample Statistics

Number	62
Mean (g/t Au)	2.75
Median (g/t Au)	1.72
Mean of 75m x 75m cells	2.55

### 17.5.5 Resource Estimate

A polygonal grade estimate was generated by Oceana within the area 70,410mE to 70,650mE, 15,660mN to 16,060mN, and 145mRL to 260mRL.

The estimate was generated for the hangingwall mineralization only and is constrained within the wireframe constructed from the drill hole intersections listed in Table 17.23. Based on the wireframe volume and a bulk density of 2.60 t/m<sup>3</sup>, a mineralization tonnage of 1.48Mt has been calculated. The grade was assigned based on a 75m x 75m cell declustered mean grade of the composite data.

Table 17.25 the resource is quoted at a 0.0 g/t Au cut-off.

Table 17.25:	Golden	<b>Point Deposit</b>	- Grade	Tonnage	Report
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		Inferred					
	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (Au g/t)	Contained Gold (koz)				
Golden Point	1.48	2.55	120				

# 17.6 Round Hill Resource Estimate

The Round Hill resource estimate extends across the former Southern Pit, Round Hill and Golden Point areas. Southern Pit, Round Hill and Golden Point resources had previously been removed from the resource inventory (in 2003, 1998 and 2003 respectively).

Mining from Round Hill pit commenced in 1990, was mined to designed completion in July 1998 and subsequently removed from the Macraes resource inventory. The pit was then back-filled, partly to provide a short haul waste dump for the adjacent Golden Point mining and partly in response to movement of the west wall of the pit.

Similarly, the resource area immediately to the south of Round Hill, known as Southern Pit, was mined to what in August, 2001 was considered the economic open pitable limit. The area was subsequently removed from the resource inventory and part of it developed as a tailings impoundment.

Golden Point was mined to completion in June, 2002 and subsequently removed from the resource inventory.

Pit optimizations based on current gold prices (circa NZ\$1,400) have demonstrated the potential for a significant open pit cut back which extends from Golden Point southward, across Round Hill and over most of the Southern Pit strike length. These optimizations do not consider additional revenues that potentially could be realized by processing scheelite, associated with the gold mineralization.

Because the Round Hill resource was retired in 1998, and the corporate focus subsequently shifted to other projects, a considerable effort has gone into restoring the project, both in terms of database integrity and also geological knowledge.

The 2009 Round Hill resource estimate (RH09), which includes the adjacent Golden Point and Southern Pit areas, is based on a geological interpretation completed in 1997. A geological review focussing on the lithological controls on quartz and scheelite vein development is underway and is expected to be completed later this year. In the meantime it seems that the 1997 interpretation provides a reasonable basis on which to proceed; bench reconciliations of the RH09 resource estimate compare reasonably against grade control estimates (see Figure 17.15).

A significant number of reverse circulation drill holes, drilled in the 1980's and early 1990's within Round Hill, were drilled under wet conditions. This may have resulted in biased sample grades and has led to the initiation of a diamond twin drilling program which commenced in mid June, 2009. It will be a number of months before this is completed but an interim study suggests a modest grade bias is present. Grade factoring of RH09 (discussed in more detail in section 17.6.2) has been used to mitigate suspected biases. As a conservative measure, the RH09 resource has been demoted to inferred classification for areas of Round Hill potentially affected by significant sampling bias. This will be reviewed once the twin drilling is completed.

There are also a number of pre-Oceana drill holes that were used in the estimate. While the mine to model reconciliation provides little evidence of poor sampling quality, the areas containing these drill holes will be classified as inferred until Oceana investigates further.

### 17.6.1 Geological Interpretation

At Round Hill, the HMSZ is approximately 100m thick and is bounded by a well developed hangingwall shear of up to 10m thick and the Footwall shear which is up to 5m thick (Figure 17.10). The shears typically manifest as dark-grey, fine grained, micaceous, graphitic schists with local development of cataclasite, particularly towards the top of the hanging wall shear. Shearing intensity is highly variable, as are associated silicification, quartz veining and brecciation.





A network of anastomosing, shallowly east-dipping concordant shears lie between the Hangingwall and Footwall shears. Locally these structures can be up to 15m thick.

Zones of sheeted veins, in which individual veins are discontinuous and steeply dipping, are a common feature at Round Hill. These veins commonly strike north-east and dip predominantly to the north. Vein thickness varies from one millimetre to one metre. Large veins can be traced for up to 100m along strike and 10m down dip, but are typically less than 10m long. Vein textures range from massive milky quartz to finely laminated milky quartz and dark-grey quartz, with rare scheelite mineralization.

The geometry of the mineralized shears is strongly controlled by large lenticular bodies of weakly to unmineralised psammite, the shears being most thickly developed along the lower margins of the psammite lenses. Psammite lenses typically have dimensions in the order of >250m north-south, 100m east-west and 30-40m vertically. Thick zones of strongly developed mineralization are also developed around the western terminations of the lenses, in what are interpreted as zones of pressure shadow. Low angle extensional faulting has contributed to the present disposition of ore but these structures elude interpretation at the resource drilling scale.

Mapping and dating studies completed in the Round Hill Pit during production have identified a number of important structural features that elucidate the mineralization history of the HMSZ. The north dipping stockwork veins appeared to have been the first mineralised structures developed. The stockwork veins are cross cut by later concordant shears and ramp veins and are approximately 145 million years (Ma) old. A similar age for quartz veins in the Hanging wall shear indicated that through-going movement had begun to occur at this time, although a proto-Hanging wall may have developed earlier than this. As displacement continued and became more localised, flat or concordant shears formed within the Intrashear package. The concordant and ramp veins have been dated at 135 Ma.

### 17.6.2 Wet Sampling Bias

A significant number of RC drill holes, drilled in the 1980's and early 1990's within Round Hill, were drilled under wet conditions. A preliminary study suggests that this has led to a moderate grade bias which has been accounted for in the RH09 modelling process as described below.

Historically, wet sampling bias has been encountered in Frasers, Innes Mills and Golden Bar pits. In each case the bias was mitigated by drilling a number of diamond drill holes to twin known wet sampled RC drill holes. In these cases diamond twins were only drilled for a subset of all wet sampled RC drill holes. So where there was no diamond twin to replace adjacent RC drill holes, a set of globally determined, grade

dependent factors was applied. Having now mined some of the areas affected by wet RC sampling, it appears that the modelling approach used to mitigate the biases has been successful.

No dedicated diamond twin drill holes have been completed at Round Hill. The current set of Round Hill wet sample bias factors were derived via comparisons of earlier diamond drill holes that had inadvertently deviated towards wet sampled reverse circulation drill holes. A separation of 12.5m was set as the limit beyond which paired samples were not compared. This limited the comparison to only 137 paired samples and necessitated the design of a dedicated twinning program, which is now underway. Initially ten drill holes are proposed. When this is completed, a more comprehensive study, based on the twins will be completed and accommodated in the next resource update.

The majority of wet sampled reverse circulation drill holes occur to the east of 70,100mE. Until the drilling program is completed, the Round Hill resource, stipled blue in Figure 17.11 (which also shows the June 30, 2009 as mined surface) will be classified as inferred.

By late 2009 it is expected that the dedicated diamond twin drilling program will have estimated the degree of the RC wet drilling sample bias in global terms.





Figure 17.12 presents a QQ plot of wet sampled reverse circulation drill hole gold grades versus diamond core sample grades. Pairs were restricted to separations of less than 12.5m. The comparison suggests a bias below 1.5 g/t.

The grade dependent factoring used for wet RC samples only was:

For gold grades above 1.5 g/t Au, factor = 1.00

For gold grades 1.5 g/t Au and below, factor =  $0.35 + 0.4 \times 0.4$ 

Figure 17.12: QQ Plot of Round Hill Wet RC versus Diamond Sample Pairs



The factored sample grades have been used for all statistical analysis and modelling presented in the remainder of this section.

## 17.6.3 Pre-Oceana Drill Holes

415 drill holes were drilled prior to Oceana (then Macraes Mining Ltd), acquiring the project. Of these, 29 are conventional percussion drill holes, 292 are reverse circulation drill holes and the remainder are diamond core.

Figure 17.13 highlights the area with pre-Oceana drill holes in blue. The June 30, 2009 as mined surface is also shown; much of the volume drilled at this time has since been mined out.

Figure 17.13: Round Hill – Plan View of Area Containing Pre-Oceana Drilling



RH09 incorporated these drill holes for estimation, and in terms of the mine to model reconciliation (see Figure 17.15) there is little reason to suspect significant biasing of grade or contamination. Nonetheless, until further investigation is undertaken, the regions of RH09 in proximity to this drilling will be classified as inferred.

## 17.6.4 Geological – Geostatistical Interpretation

Statistical analysis has been based on 1m wet sample bias-factored composites coded with the mineralization/geological interpretation. The composite data has been generated as 1m run length composites.

Summary statistics for the gold data, grouped by interpreted domain, is shown in Table 17.26 No high grade cutting has been applied during estimation. The highest class means used in the MIK estimation however, were replaced by medians.

Domain	Number	Mean	Minimum	Maximum	Median	CV
10	4,207	2.05	0.01	62.5	1.32	1.34
20	429	1.55	0.01	23.8	0.95	1.32
30	11,858	1.73	0.01	93.8	1.00	1.59
50	268	1.97	0.01	38.7	1.00	1.71
60	583	2.22	001	16.0	1.55	1.00
70	82,741	0.31	0.01	55.8	0.09	3.00

Table 17.26: Round Hill - Summary of Gold (g/t) 1m Composite Statistics

Indicator varograms were generated for the combined Domains 10 through to 60. Domain 70 variograms were generated separately. Indicator thresholds and means used for the multiple indicator kriging are tabulated in Table 17.12 while indicator variogram parameters are tabulated in Table 17.28 and Table 17.30 whilst the rotational parameters can be found in Table 17.29.

Domain	10		2	0	3	0	5	0	6	0	7	0
Class	T' hold	Mean	T' hold	Mean								
10 <sup>th</sup>	0.38	021	0.28	0.15	0.160	0.07	0.20	0.11	0.34	0.20	0.01	0.01
20 <sup>th</sup>	0.60	0.50	0.47	0.39	0.41	0.29	0.41	032	0.59	0.48	0.02	0.01
30 <sup>th</sup>	0.79	0.69	0.59	0.53	0.60	0.51	0.57	0.50	0.86	073	0.03	0.02
40 <sup>th</sup>	1.01	0.90	0.74	0.66	0.78	0.69	0.75	0.67	1.20	1.04	0.05	0.04
50 <sup>th</sup>	1.32	1.16	0.95	0.83	1.00	0.89	1.00	0.86	1.55	1.37	0.09	0.07
60 <sup>th</sup>	1.65	1.48	1.23	1.09	1.30	1.14	1.45	1.20	2.00	1.78	0.14	0.11
70 <sup>th</sup>	2.11	1.86	1.61	1.39	1.72	1.50	1.80	1.64	2.49	2.23	0.22	0.18
75 <sup>th</sup>	2.46	2.28	1.80	1.70	1.98	1.85	2.11	1.97	2.90	2.72	0.29	0.26
80 <sup>th</sup>	2.85	2.66	2.05	1.94	2.33	2.14	2.49	2.31	3.33	3.09	0.37	0.33
85 <sup>th</sup>	3.42	3.12	2.46	2.22	2.81	2.56	3.02	2.74	4.00	3.62	0.49	0.43
90 <sup>th</sup>	4.25	3.81	3.09	2.73	3.65	3.20	3.96	3.54	4.87	4.45	0.70	0.58
95 <sup>th</sup>	6.06	4.95	4.80	3.93	5.43	4.40	5.69	4.72	6.25	5.67	1.21	0.91
97.5 <sup>th</sup>	7.56	6.74	6.19	5.43	7.20	6.21	9.76	7.94	7.54	6.76	1.71	1.43
99 <sup>th</sup>	12.7	9.87	8.91	7.46	12.6	9.33	12.5	11.50	10.40	8.79	3.23	2.29
100 <sup>th</sup>	62.50	19.66	23.70	14.43	93.75	20.60	38.70	24.37	16.00	13.68	55.80	657
Number	4,2	207	42	29	11,	858	20	68	58	83	82,	741
Mean	2.	.05	1.	55	1.	73	1.	97	2.	22	0.	31

Table 17.27: Round Hill - Indicator Cut-offs

### Table 17.28: Round Hill - Indicator Variogram Parameters Domains 10, 20, 30, 50 and 60

Percentile	CO	C1(sph)	C2(sph)	R1(xyz)	R2(xyz)
10 <sup>th</sup>	0.35	0.56	0.09	25x26x4.5	36x33x34
20 <sup>th</sup>	0.35	0.48	0.17	25x26x3.0	36x33x14
30 <sup>th</sup>	0.35	0.41	0.24	25x26x3.0	36x33x9
40 <sup>th</sup>	0.32	0.41	0.27	25x26x2.5	36x33x9
50 <sup>th</sup>	0.32	0.41	0.27	27x28x2.5	36x33x9
60 <sup>th</sup>	0.32	0.41	0.27	25x26x2.5	36x33x9
70 <sup>th</sup>	0.27	0.49	0.24	27x27x2.5	36x33x9
75 <sup>th</sup>	0.23	0.54	0.23	27x26x2.5	36x33x9
80 <sup>th</sup>	0.21	0.59	0.20	28x26x2.5	36x33x8.5

85 <sup>th</sup>	0.21	0.59	0.20	28x26x2.0	36x33x8.5
90 <sup>th</sup>	0.21	0.59	0.20	28x27x2.0	36x33x7.5
95 <sup>th</sup>	0.21	0.59	0.20	28x24x2.0	32x30x5.5
97.5 <sup>th</sup>	0.21	0.59	0.20	27x24x2.0	30x27x4.5
99 <sup>th</sup>	0.21	0.59	0.20	27x24x2.0	20x27x2.5

Table 17.29: Round Hill - Variogram Rotation Parameters Domains 10, 20, 30, 50 and 60

	Rotation Parameters							
Domain	x	у	Z					
10	0	12	0					
20	0	-7	0					
30	0	12	0					
50	0	8	35					
60	0	-14	-20					

Table 17.30: Round Hill - Indicator Variogram Parameters Domain 70

						Rotation Parameters		eters
Percentile	C0	C1(sph)	C2(sph)	R1(xyz)	R2(xyz)	x	у	z
10 <sup>th</sup>	0.36	0.35	0.29	20x30x10.2	135x330x60	0	-12	0
20 <sup>th</sup>	0.31	0.38	0.32	23x36x10.2	160x345x64	0	-12	0
30 <sup>th</sup>	0.28	0.40	0.32	18x28x7.2	140x285x54	0	-12	0
40 <sup>th</sup>	0.24	0.41	0.35	17x21x5.2	105x170x40	0	-12	0
50 <sup>th</sup>	0.24	0.50	0.26	17x24x5.7	175x215x58	0	-12	0
60 <sup>th</sup>	0.26	0.48	0.26	17x24x4.7	135x150x54	0	-12	0
70 <sup>th</sup>	0.26	0.50	0.24	17x24x4.5	145x135x50	0	-12	0
75 <sup>th</sup>	0.26	0.51	0.23	17x24x4.0	135x120x62	0	-12	0
80 <sup>th</sup>	0.30	0.47	0.23	17x24x4.0	110x105x44	0	-12	0
85 <sup>th</sup>	0.30	0.53	0.17	17x24x4.5	145x125x68	0	-12	0
90 <sup>th</sup>	0.30	0.56	0.14	17x24x3.5	120x105x135	0	-12	0
95 <sup>th</sup>	0.30	0.60	0.10	17x24x3.0	95x91x165	0	-12	0
97.5 <sup>th</sup>	0.30	0.60	0.10	17x24x2.5	65x51x59	0	-12	0
99 <sup>th</sup>	0.30	0.60	0.10	16x20x2.0	43x30x10	0	-12	0

## 17.6.5 Block Model

A regular block model was constructed for the purposes of grade estimation, as summarised in Table 17.15. A  $25m \times 25m \times 2.5m$  parent cell size was used.

### Table 17.31: Round Hill - Resource Estimate Limits and Block Model Dimensions

	RH09					
	Limits	Block Size				
Easting	69,200 – 71,100	25 m				
Northing	14,300 – 16,000	25 m				
RL	230 - 575	2.5 m				

Bulk densites of 2.5 t/m<sup>3</sup> and 2.6 t/m<sup>3</sup> have been applied respectively to all oxide/sulphide blocks for resource reporting.

Grade estimation for Round Hill mineralization used Multiple Indicator Kriging with block support adjustment as implemented in the GS3 Modelling Software. A more detailed explanation of GS3 can be found in section in 17.7.2. The estimation sample search parameters applied in estimation are summarised in Table 17.16. The search rotations are identical to those used for variography (see Table 17.29).

As displayed below in Table 17.32, the minimum number of composites used for kriging into blocks classified as indicated was 16 and the maximum number was 48. In some cases for inferred blocks, the minimum number reduced to 8 samples.

Domain	Minimum Number of Samples	Maximum Number of Samples	Minimum Number of Octants	Primary Sample Search Distances X,Y,Z (m)	Secondary Sample Search Distances X,Y,Z (m)	
10	16	48	4	40,40,6	80,80,12	
20	16	48	4	25,25,4	50,50,8	
30	16	48	4	40,40,6	80,80,12	
50	16	48	4	25,25,4	50,50,8	
60	16	48	4	25,25,4	50,50,8	
70	16	48	4	25,25,4	50,50,8	

Table 17.32: Domain Control used in Estimation Round Hill - Sample Search Parameters

## 17.6.6 Resource Classification and Reporting

The right hand most column in Table 17.32 shows the search limits used to generate resource for each domain. In all cases, model blocks beyond these limits, or blocks that captured less than 8 samples, were not estimated.

All resource within 15m of the Footwall Fault (see Figure 17.10), the structure that defines the geological base of mineralization, was not included in the resource inventory.

The quoted resource is limited to no further than 60m east of the toe of a preliminary optimized pit shell. The shell was based on a gold price of NZ\$1,404 per ounce and mining costs prepared for the LOMP08. Figure 17.14 shows the actual limits in plan view, with mined topography also. The blue area represents the Golden Point resource.

Figure 17.14: Round Hill – Plan View of Resource Limits



Until the wet sample bias study is completed later in 2009, all resource within the potentially biased volume (see stipled area in Figure 17.11) will be classified as inferred. Furthermore the regions of the resource model containing significant proportions of pre-Oceana drill holes has been classified as inferred (see Figure 17.13). Further investigation will be undertaken to determine the quality of these drill holes.

To the west of this volume, believed to be relatively unaffected by wet sampling biases, all modelled resource was classified as inferred unless blocks contained 5% or more of Domain 10 or Domain 30 mineralization. The classification of the inferred mineralization will be reviewed subsequent to the geological review and bias studies later in 2009.

	Total Resources as at June 30, 2009									
Category	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t)	Contained Gold (Moz)							
Measured	0	0	0							
Indicated	5.87	1.41	0.27							
Inferred	38.31	1.04	1.28							

Table 17.34: Round Hill - Open Pit Resource Estimate by Class and Weathering State, 0.4 g/t Au Cut-off

	Total Resources at at June 30, 2009								
Category	Tonnes (Mt) Grade (g/t)		Contained Gold (Moz)						
Indicated Oxide	0.03	1.33	0.00						
Indicated Sulphide	5.85	1.42	0.27						
Inferred Oxide	2.35	0.76	0.06						
Inferred Sulphide	35.96	1.06	1.22						

### 17.6.7 Validation and Reconciliation

The RH09 resource estimate has been validated both visually and statistically.

The resource estimate was plotted on screen in section and plan and viewed in 3D in *MINESIGHT*. Aspects checked included geological coding, classification coding, weathering, and grade interpolation. The block grades were visually compared to surrounding composite grades and considered to reasonably reflect the input data.

The mean composite grade versus average model grade, calculated for each domain (Table 17.35), shows reasonable reproduction of the input data.

Domain	Mt	Sample Mean Au (g/t)	Model Mean Au (g/t)		
10	8.20	2.05	1.94		
20	0.59	1.55	1.45		
30	23.73	1.73	1.69		
50	0.57	1.97	1.96		
60	1.50	2.22	1.94		
70	341.76	0.31	0.22		

 Table 17.35:
 Round Hill - Comparison of Input Composites versus Block Model Grades (g/t Au)

Figure 17.15 below compares the Round Hill resource estimate against a grade control, ordinary kriged block model on a bench by bench basis. The reconciliation represents approximately 11Mt of mined ore, although due to failed archiving of data collected during the early 1990's, the earliest mined ore, in the upper reaches of the orebody (between the 515mRL and 587.5mRL) was not able to be reconciled. The reconciliation shows that RH09 provides reasonable predictions in terms of tonnes and grade. Overall, RH09 under-estimates tonnes by 5.6% and over-estimates grade by 4.1%, resulting in under-estimating contained gold by 1.3%.



Figure 17.15: Round Hill Reconciliation at 0.8 g/t Cut-off for Measured, Indicated and Inferred

Following the diamond twin drilling program currently in progress and the geological review later in 2009, it is expected that an improved resource estimate will be achieved.

# 17.7 Frasers Open Pit Resource Estimates

# 17.7.1 Geological – Geostatistical Interpretation

The gold mineralization at Frasers open pit comprises Hangingwall, concordant lode and "stockwork" mineralization. Hangingwall and stockwork mineralization account for the majority of the ore at Frasers, shown in red in Figure 17.16. These spatially distinct styles of mineralization provide the basis for defining the six geostatistical domains used in the resource modelling; Domains 10, 11 and 12 – Hangingwall, Domains 40,41 and 42 – stockwork mineralization. Domain 41 defines a more weakly mineralized Stockwork usually overlain by more strongly mineralized Hangingwall.

The Hangingwall generally dips at between 10 and 15 degrees to the east. A significant exception occurs at the bottom of the Frasers Stage 4 pit where the Hangingwall flattens to near horizontal over an area extending 300mE by 300mN (Domain 11). This flattening coincides with a substantial thickening and increase in grade of the mineralization.

A large amount of erratic mineralization occurs between the base of the Hangingwall and the Footwall fault. This mineralization is interpreted as a Stockwork mineralization and generally appears in drilling as clusters of elevated grades. In reality, the term "Stockwork Mineralization" refers to mixtures of quartz veins and erratic lodes whose geometric complexity precludes effective wireframe interpretation at the scale of resource drill hole spacing.

There are a number of mineralized shears or concordant lodes running sub-parallel to the Hangingwall. These typically splay off the Hangingwall and dip at between 5 and 10 degrees to the east. In the current resource model, these zones have been modelled as Stockwork.

Figure 17.16 shows the overall spatial distribution of the three Stockwork domains, which have been separated on the basis of grade.

The Footwall Shear lies between 80 and 120m below the Hangingwall and is easily identified in drill holes as a 10m wide zone of shearing. No economic gold mineralization has been identified below this structure.



Figure 17.16: Drill hole Coding of Frasers Stockwork Domains: 40 Blue, 41 Purple, 42 Red

### 17.7.2 Resource Estimation Process and Method

The FR05 resource model of the Frasers gold mineralization was initially constructed by the resource modelling team of Oceana under the leadership of Jonathan Moore. In September 2005, Neil Schofield of Hellman and Schofield (H&S) undertook a limited audit of the FR05 model. This audit found that the resource modelling parameters could be readily reproduced and that the differences between the Oceana model and the H&S check model were essentially due to differences in the block support correction applied in the Stockwork mineralization. H&S suggested the subdivision of the Stockwork mineralization mentioned above as well as the use of a particular type of reconciliation when comparing the estimates of the FR05 model to grade control outcomes.

The method used to generate estimates of the classified mineral resources in the Frasers mineralization was Indicator Kriging with block support adjustment as implemented in the *GS3* Modelling Software. This software is marketed and supported by Hellman and Schofield Pty Ltd. Details of the Indicator Kriging (IK) estimator can be found in Deutsch and Journel, 1998. The *GS3* software integrates a number of techniques including domain geometry modelling and block support adjustment into a single approach which allows the generation of "recoverable" resource estimates for a range of cut-off grades. The term "recoverable" refers to the resource that will be recovered as ore at the time of mining at a certain cut-off grade and at a particular scale of ore selection, for example a bench height of 2.5m and a 4m mining width.

The basic unit of a recoverable resource model is the panel (large rectangular block) with horizontal dimension approximately equal to the dominant drill hole spacing in the deposit. The vertical dimension of the panel is typically some multiple of the bench (or flitch) height. In the Frasers mineralization, a panel size of 25m east, 25m north and 2.5m vertical was adopted. Mining takes place on a 2.5m flitch with a minimum mining width of 5m.

The implementation of the IK method requires that the histogram of the sample grades for each mineralized domain (e.g. Hangingwall Domain 10) be defined by a set of indicator threshold grades. For each threshold, the conditional univariate statistics of the sample data and the indicator sample variograms and variogram models must be defined because these are used as parameters in the modelling method.

With the complete set of conditional statistics and indicator variogram models for each threshold specified, the indicator kriging method estimates the probability that the grades of samples within the panel will be greater than a particular threshold. This set of cumulative probabilities defines an estimate of the cumulative histogram of sample grades within the panel. Using block support adjustment, this cumulative

histogram can be modified to reflect the cumulative histogram of the grades of mining blocks of specified dimensions.

## 17.7.3 Conditional Statistics of All Domains

Table 17.36 presents the conditional univariate statistics of the one metre composite data in all domains. In all domains, a top cut of 50 g/t was used to reduce the influence of very high grade samples occurring in the highest indicator class.

### 17.7.4 Sample Variograms

Figure 17.18 and Figure 17.19 present the directional sample variograms of the Hangingwall and Stockwork mineralization respectively. These variograms are based on closely spaced grade control data. In each case, five directions are plotted, each direction defined by an azimuth and plunge. Azimuth 0 (azm0) is due east. Azm90 is due north and Pln90 is vertical. The figures demonstrate well the much stronger continuity of gold grade in the Hangingwall mineralization.

### 17.7.5 Indicator Variogram Models of All Domains

Table 17.37 through to Table 17.42 present the variogram model parameters for indicator variogram models of all domains. In these tables, C0, C1 and C2 represent the nugget and successive incremental spatial variances and Ax, Ay etc represent the ranges of each nested structure of the model for the three Cartesian axes X, Y and Z. The 3D rotations use the trigonometric convention. For example, Y13 means a rotation of 13 degrees in the anticlockwise direction around the positive end of the Y axis (usually north).

All of the variogram model sets show small positive rotations of between 5 and 13 degrees around the Y axis. This has the effect of imparting a shallow easterly plunge to the X direction range, consistent with the easterly dip of the mineralized units shown in Table 17.36 above. All variogram models have been standardized to a sill of 1.0.

Domain	1	0	1	1	1	2	4	0	41		42		
Class	T 'hold	Mean	T' hold	Mean	T' hold	Mean	T' hold	Mean	T' hold	Mean	T 'hold	Mean	
10 <sup>th</sup>	0.24	0.13	0.19	0.08	0.40	0.25	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	
20 <sup>th</sup>	0.37	0.31	0.33	0.26	0.64	0.53	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	
30 <sup>th</sup>	0.50	0.43	0.52	0.42	0.92	0.77	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.02	
40 <sup>th</sup>	0.64	0.57	0.70	0.61	1.18	1.05	0.06	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.03	
50 <sup>th</sup>	0.79	0.71	0.92	0.81	1.52	1.34	0.09	0.07	0.03	0.02	0.06	0.03	
60 <sup>th</sup>	0.97	0.89	1.23	1.07	1.94	1.73	0.15	0.11	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.07	
70 <sup>th</sup>	1.21	1.09	1.60	1.40	2.45	2.19	0.25	0.20	0.06	0.05	0.17	0.12	
75 <sup>th</sup>	1.37	1.28	1.83	1.71	2.74	2.60	0.34	0.29	0.08	0.07	0.24	0.20	
80 <sup>th</sup>	1.59	1.48	2.14	1.99	3.21	2.98	0.46	0.40	0.11	0.10	0.33	0.28	
85 <sup>th</sup>	1.89	1.72	2.60	2.35	3.84	3.50	0.64	0.54	0.17	0.13	0.50	0.40	
90 <sup>th</sup>	2.36	2.14	3.18	2.85	4.95	4.29	0.93	0.77	0.26	0.21	0.78	0.62	
95 <sup>th</sup>	3.34	2.78	4.24	3.64	6.82	5.78	1.52	1.18	0.48	0.34	1.47	1.07	
97.5 <sup>th</sup>	4.32	3.82	5.37	4.71	9.71	8.17	2.30	1.84	0.84	0.63	2.36	1.83	
99 <sup>th</sup>	5.20	4.66	7.18	6.25	15.20	12.15	3.78	2.89	1.44	1.05	4.08	3.02	
100 <sup>th</sup>	8.16	6.20	29.40	11.57	50.00	27.39	50.00	7.02	29.80	3.12	50.00	6.85	
Number	1,4	35	5,7	'95	1,4	1,471		72,172		13,258		17,347	
Mean	1.	11	1.4	19	2.41 0.37 0.		12	0.32					

Table 17.36: Frasers Deposit - Conditional Univariate Statistics of 1m Samples in All Domains

Figure 17.17: Frasers Deposit – An East-West Geological Cross Section of the Frasers Deposit



Figure 17.18: Frasers Deposit - Directional Sample Variograms of Gold, Hangingwall Mineralization





Table 17.37: Frasers Deposit - Indicator Variogram Model Parameters, Hangingwall Domain 10

	Hangingwall Domain 10										
Threshold	C0	C1	AX	AY	AZ	C2	AX	AY	AZ	Rotation 1	
0.24	0.35	0.29	37	46	8	0.36	90	205	29	Y13	
0.37	0.27	0.34	37	74	11	0.39	115	295	29	Y13	
0.50	0.29	0.34	41	62	8	0.37	130	295	33	Y13	
0.64	0.35	0.34	31	62	7.5	0.31	280	280	37	Y13	
0.79	0.35	0.37	29	54	5.5	0.28	235	245	28	Y13	
0.97	0.39	0.39	29	44	5.5	0.22	235	255	24	Y13	
1.21	0.38	0.47	40	44	5	0.15	235	255	19	Y13	
1.37	0.35	0.56	43	44	4.2	0.09	235	280	23	Y13	
1.59	0.35	0.59	44	46	4.2	0.06	250	335	23	Y13	
1.89	0.35	0.62	42	42	4.2	0.03	250	335	23	Y13	
2.36	0.41	0.57	35	42	3.7	0.02	250	335	26	Y13	
3.34	0.45	0.5	26	42	2.7	0.05	56	335	14	Y13	
4.32	0.45	0.48	30	32	2.7	0.07	56	74	14	Y13	
5.20	0.45	0.48	22	28	1.8	0.07	43	40	5.5	Y13	

	Hangingwall Domain 11										
Threshold	C0	C1	AX	AY	AZ	C2	AX	AY	AZ	Rotation 1	
0.19	0.35	0.29	37	46	8	0.36	90	205	29	Y16	
0.33	0.27	0.34	37	74	11	0.39	115	295	29	Y16	
0.52	0.29	0.34	41	62	8	0.37	130	295	33	Y16	
0.70	0.35	0.34	31	62	7.5	0.31	280	280	37	Y16	
0.92	0.35	0.37	29	54	5.5	0.28	235	245	28	Y16	
1.23	0.39	0.39	29	44	5.5	0.22	235	255	24	Y16	
1.60	0.38	0.47	40	44	5	0.15	235	255	19	Y16	
1.83	0.35	0.56	43	44	4.2	0.09	235	280	23	Y16	
2.14	0.35	0.59	44	46	4.2	0.06	250	335	23	Y16	
2.60	0.35	0.62	42	42	4.2	0.03	250	335	23	Y16	
3.18	0.41	0.57	35	42	3.7	0.02	250	335	26	Y16	
4.24	0.45	0.5	26	42	2.7	0.05	56	335	14	Y16	
5.37	0.45	0.48	30	32	2.7	0.07	56	74	14	Y16	
7.18	0.45	0.48	22	28	1.8	0.07	43	40	5.5	Y16	

Table 17.38: Frasers Deposit - Indicator Variogram Model Parameters, Hangingwall Domain 11

Table 17.39: Frasers Deposit - Indicator Variogram Model Parameters, Hangingwall Domain 12

	Hangingwall Domain 12										
Threshold	C0	C1	AX	AY	AZ	C2	AX	AY	AZ	Rotation 1	
0.40	0.35	0.29	37	46	8	0.36	90	205	29	Y11	
0.64	0.27	0.34	37	74	11	0.39	115	295	29	Y11	
0.92	0.29	0.34	41	62	8	0.37	130	295	33	Y11	
1.18	0.35	0.34	31	62	7.5	0.31	280	280	37	Y11	
1.52	0.35	0.37	29	54	5.5	0.28	235	245	28	Y11	
1.94	0.39	0.39	29	44	5.5	0.22	235	255	24	Y11	
2.45	0.38	0.47	40	44	5	0.15	235	255	19	Y11	
2.74	0.35	0.56	43	44	4.2	0.09	235	280	23	Y11	
3.21	0.35	0.59	44	46	4.2	0.06	250	335	23	Y11	
3.84	0.35	0.62	42	42	4.2	0.03	250	335	23	Y11	
4.95	0.41	0.57	35	42	3.7	0.02	250	335	26	Y11	
0.40	0.35	0.29	37	46	8	0.36	90	205	29	Y11	
0.64	0.27	0.34	37	74	11	0.39	115	295	29	Y11	
0.92	0.29	0.34	41	62	8	0.37	130	295	33	Y11	

	Hangingwall Domain 40									
Threshold	C0	C1	AX	AY	AZ	C2	AX	AY	AZ	Rotation 1
0.01	0.36	0.51	23	25	7	0.13	93	140	100	Y5
0.02	0.49	0.43	23	25	4.6	0.08	59	51	45	Y5
0.04	0.49	0.45	23	25	3.1	0.06	41	35	32	Y5
0.06	0.49	0.45	23	22	2.8	0.06	41	32	21	Y5
0.09	0.49	0.45	21	22	2.3	0.06	35	32	15	Y5
0.15	0.49	0.45	18	19	2	0.06	32	28	10	Y5
0.25	0.49	0.45	19	20	2	0.06	32	28	10	Y5
0.34	0.49	0.45	19	20	2.1	0.06	32	28	12	Y5
0.46	0.6	0.4	18	20	3.4	0	0	0	0	Y5
0.64	0.6	0.4	18	20	3.3	0	0	0	0	Y5
0.93	0.6	0.4	18	20	2.8	0	0	0	0	Y5
1.52	0.6	0.4	18	20	3	0	0	0	0	Y5
2.30	0.6	0.4	18	20	3	0	0	0	0	Y5
3.78	0.6	0.4	18	20	3.1	0	0	0	0	Y5

Table 17.40: Frasers Deposit - Indicator Variogram Model Parameters, Stockwork Domain 40

	Hangingwall Domain 41									
Threshold	C0	C1	AX	AY	AZ	C2	AX	AY	AZ	Rotation 1
0.01	0.36	0.51	23	25	7	0.13	93	140	100	Y5
0.01	0.49	0.43	23	25	4.6	0.08	59	51	45	Y5
0.01	0.49	0.45	23	25	3.1	0.06	41	35	32	Y5
0.02	0.49	0.45	23	22	2.8	0.06	41	32	21	Y5
0.03	0.49	0.45	21	22	2.3	0.06	35	32	15	Y5
0.04	0.49	0.45	18	19	2	0.06	32	28	10	Y5
0.06	0.49	0.45	19	20	2	0.06	32	28	10	Y5
0.08	0.49	0.45	19	20	2.1	0.06	32	28	12	Y5
0.11	0.6	0.4	18	20	3.4	0	0	0	0	Y5
0.17	0.6	0.4	18	20	3.3	0	0	0	0	Y5
0.26	0.6	0.4	18	20	2.8	0	0	0	0	Y5
0.48	0.6	0.4	18	20	3	0	0	0	0	Y5
0.84	0.6	0.4	18	20	3	0	0	0	0	Y5
1.44	0.6	0.4	18	20	3.1	0	0	0	0	Y5

	Hangingwall Domain 42									
Threshold	C0	C1	AX	AY	AZ	C2	AX	AY	AZ	Rotation 1
0.01	0.36	0.51	23	25	7	0.13	93	140	100	Y5
0.02	0.49	0.43	23	25	4.6	0.08	59	51	45	Y5
0.03	0.49	0.45	23	25	3.1	0.06	41	35	32	Y5
0.04	0.49	0.45	23	22	2.8	0.06	41	32	21	Y5
0.06	0.49	0.45	21	22	2.3	0.06	35	32	15	Y5
0.09	0.49	0.45	18	19	2	0.06	32	28	10	Y5
0.17	0.49	0.45	19	20	2	0.06	32	28	10	Y5
0.24	0.49	0.45	19	20	2.1	0.06	32	28	12	Y5
0.33	0.6	0.4	18	20	3.4	0	0	0	0	Y5
0.50	0.6	0.4	18	20	3.3	0	0	0	0	Y5
0.78	0.6	0.4	18	20	2.8	0	0	0	0	Y5
1.47	0.6	0.4	18	20	3	0	0	0	0	Y5
2.36	0.6	0.4	18	20	3	0	0	0	0	Y5
4.08	0.6	0.4	18	20	3.1	0	0	0	0	Y5

Table 17.42: Frasers Deposit - Indicator Variogram Model Parameters, Stockwork Domain 42

### 17.7.6 Dilution of Resource Estimates

Historically at Frasers, there has been a tendency to over-estimate ore grade in areas of weakly developed gold mineralization. A small amount of dilution was applied to both the Hangingwall and Stockwork mineralization primarily in areas of weakly developed gold mineralization.

Twenty centimetres of barren dilution has been applied to the Hangingwall and this has improved reconciliations in areas where the style of mineralization thins to less than two metres. In the Stockwork mineralization, panels estimated to contain less than 30 percent ore at 0.5 g/t cut-off incur eight percent dilution at 0 g/t cut-off. Panels estimated to contain between 30 and 80 percent ore at 0.5 g/t cut-off incur three percent dilution.

### 17.7.7 Resource Reporting and Classification

The Frasers open pit resource estimate is reported within the limits shown in Table 17.43. The underground resource volume called "Panel 1" which extends up dip to the toe of the ultimate pit has been excised from the open pit resource area.

The Frasers resource area is effectively drilled on a 50 by 50m pattern with areas of 25 by 25m infill and some areas of 100 by 100m step out drilling. The classification of the estimated resources in the Frasers open pit is essentially based on the drill hole spacing and is shown in Table 17.44. For the Stockwork mineralization, an additional constraint is placed on the definition of Measured and Indicated resources. For the resources in a panel to remain Measured given that the drill hole spacing is 25 by 25m, the percentage of the panel estimated to be ore at the 0.5 g/t cut-off must be at least 80 percent. In the case of Indicated estimates, in addition to the drill hole spacing, of 50 by 50m, the estimated percentage or ore in the panel at 0.5 g/t cut-off must be at least 30 percent.

### Table 17.43: Frasers Deposit - Reporting Limits of the Open Pit Resource Estimates

Direction	From (m)	То (m)
Easting	69,000	70,550
Northing	11,425	13,000
RL	130	560

### Table 17.44: Frasers Deposit - Resource Classification Methodology for the FR05 Resource Model

Mineralization Style	Classification Criteria					
	Measured	Indicated	Inferred			
Hangingwall	<50 x 50 metres	<100 x 100 metres	>100 x 100 metres			
Stockwork	<25 x 25 metres, and >80% Block above 0.5 g/t Au	<50 x 50 metres, and >30% Block above 0.5 g/t Au	>50 x 50 metres			

### 17.7.8 Frasers Open Pit Resource

The global recoverable resource estimates for the Frasers open pit mineralization as of June 30, 2009 are presented in Table 17.45 below. The cut-off grade used is 0.5 g/t. The resource contains less than one percent of oxide material.

	Total Resources as at June 30, 2009				
Category	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t)	Contained Gold (Moz)		
Measured	9.34	1.38	-		
Indicated	28.72	0.91	-		
Measured & Indicated	38.06	1.03	1.26		
Inferred	9.33	0.7	0.21		

#### Table 17.45: Frasers Deposit - Open Pit Resource Estimates, 0.5 g/t Au Cut-off

## 17.7.9 Validation of Resource Estimates

The Frasers resource model has been checked with a number of processes to identify shortcomings in the model:

- The panel estimates were plotted on screen in section and plan and viewed in 3D. Estimates of panel grades were compared to neighbourhood sample grades and the distribution of high grades particularly noted. Reasonable comparison of the average model grades and sample grades for the three Hangingwall domains were achieved.
- A limited independent audit of the modelling process and results was undertaken by H&S. This audit found the Oceana data analysis and modelling process to be readily reproducible and that the differences between the Oceana and the H&S estimates in the Stockwork mineralization could be resolved by changes to the block support adjustment based on the variogram of the grade control sample data.
- In addition, cumulative reconciliation for the period January 01, 2006 to May 31, 2009 shows a reasonable comparison.

Table 17.46: Frasers Open Pit Reconciliation (0.5 g/t Au Cut-off) from January 01, 2006 to May 31, 2009

GC Survey Adjusted		Resource Model FR05			Actual/Model (FR05)			
tonnes	g/t	ozs	tonnes	g/t	ozs	tonnes	g/t	ozs
12,803,514	1.33	548,832	12,885,007	1.29	533,599	0.99	1.04	1.03

### 17.7.10 Estimation of Recoverable Sulphur Grade

In July 2005, a model of the recoverable sulphur grade for the Frasers open pit was completed on behalf of Oceana by H&S. There are two aspects to the problem of sulphur estimation at Frasers; first there is a significant under-sampling of sulphur in the resource data and second, gold and sulphur are geologically and statistically related so the sulphur grade of the ore is influenced by mining to a gold cut-off grade.

Within the 2004 Frasers ultimate pit, some 13,800 out of a possible 72,500 samples have been assayed for sulphur and these data are spatially clustered. Because the recoverable resource estimates of sulphur in a panel rely on the variability of the local grades of both sulphur and gold, the problem of incomplete sulphur data has been tackled by simulating the sulphur grades at all sample locations where no sulphur grade exists. This simulation seeks to honour the statistical properties of the existing sulphur data as well as the gold–sulphur relationship. This process is an approximation because of the paucity of data, but it is better than using a simple regression between gold and sulphur to model the sulphur grade.

With gold and sulphur data at all sample locations, it is possible to generate the local conditional distributions of gold and sulphur for each panel in the model with a regular application of indicator kriging. The estimates of recoverable sulphur grade for a range of gold cut-off grades are then achieved by assuming that the ratio of sulphur grade to gold grade observed in the existing sulphur – gold sample data will be the same as the ratio of recoverable sulphur to gold grades for mining blocks with the panels of the model at the same cut-off grades.

Figure 17.20 shows a comparison of the predicted sulphur grade of the ore to the back calculated sulphur grade from the mill for the period January 01, 2008 to March 31, 2009. The second quarter, 2008 has a large proportion of stock pile feed for which the sulphur grade has been approximated. The results suggest the prediction of sulphur head grade is performing reasonably given data limitations.



Figure 17.20: Frasers Stage 4, Model to Mill Sulphur Reconciliation

# 17.8 Frasers Underground

### 17.8.1 Resource Data

The underground Resource estimates are based on a combination of diamond and RC percussion drilling. Diamond drilling dominates the database representing 218 of the 244 drill holes or 93% of the drilling metres. The RC percussion drilling is limited to Panel 1 and represents 26 of the 101 drill holes or 26% of the drill metres that intersect the Panel 1 Hangingwall.

Proceed		Diamond		Reverse Circulation			
Prospect	(No)	(m)	(%)	(No)	(m)	(%)	
Panel 1 Area	75	25,134	76.6	26	7,662	23.4	
Panel 2 Area	109	57,353	100.0	0	0	0.0	
Panel 2 extension	34	21,317	100.0	0	0	0.0	
Total	218	103,804	93.1	26	7,662	6.9	

Table 17.47: Frasers Underground - Drill Hole Database

Sampling bias has been identified in the wet RC percussion drilling (Figure 17.21) although this affects only a small component of Panel 1. The bias impacts on the resource estimate of Panel 1 in two ways. Firstly, the grade is overstated in the wet RC percussion samples, and secondly down-hole contamination exists that distorts the quantum of the anomalous intercept. In addition, the wet drill holes commonly collapse preventing down-hole surveying. In these cases, the true drill hole trajectory is not known and this poses a risk to underground resource estimates because greater spatial certainty is required for underground mine design.

Oceana has elected to factor the wet RC percussion samples based on twin diamond drill holes. A ratio was determined between wet RC percussion and the diamond drilling data based on grade bins determined for the diamond drilling, as presented in section 14.3. The grade factoring a reasonable approach, however due to the inherent difficulties of adequately mitigating the biases via factoring, a significant risk remains for the northwest corner of Panel 1.



Figure 17.21: Frasers Underground - Location of Wet RC Percussion Drill Holes

### 17.8.2 Geology and Mineralization

The mineralization targeted in the FRUG is the down-dip extension of the hangingwall shear currently exploited in the Frasers open cut mine. Two main regions have been reasonably drill tested: Panel 1 and Panel 2. Panel 1 is located approximately 600m beyond the planned Frasers Stage 5 pit while Panel 2 is located a further 300m to the southeast.

The geological controls for the FRUG are consistent with those described in the Frasers Open Cut. The mineralization is contained within the 80m to 100m thick intra-shear pelite, bounded by angingwall and footwall psammites. Cataclasite, lode schist (concordant zones) and stockwork gold mineralization have been identified with the highest-grade mineralization located proximal to the hanging wall contact. Further description of geology is provided in Sections above.

Geological constraint applied in grade estimation is limited to the construction of Hangingwall and footwall psammite surfaces. These surfaces were used to capture and code drill hole data and composites.

### 17.8.3 Grade Estimation Approach

The grade estimates for Panel 1 and Panel 2 have been generated using Ordinary Kriging (OK) in geostatistical software PANGEOS. Multiple Indicator Kriging (MIK) E-type estimates have also been generated using GS3 software for Panel 2 Deeps and a polygonal estimate has been constructed for the Panel 2 Extension. Figure 17.22 presents the relative location of the different zones.



Figure 17.22: Frasers Underground - Location Map of Zones

The OK approach is predicated on unfolded composite data. Oceana unfolded the composite data using the upper hangingwall (UHW) contact as a reference surface.

A summary of the steps taken in the OK model construction are provided as the following points:

- the drill hole data is coded with the geological interpretation (UHW etc), and composited;
- the data is unfolded relative to the UHW pelite/psammite contact;
- ordinary kriging is implemented; and
- the model is restored (refolded) back into the original UHW plane.

Sulphur grades for the Panel 1 and Panel 2 estimates have been generated via a regression based on the global data set. This is considered a lower confidence estimate than the gold estimate as significant dispersion exists between gold and sulphur. In addition, the relationship between gold and sulphur is not well defined above 5 g/t Au.

### 17.8.4 Panel 1 and 2 Estimate

As discussed above, the Panel 1 and 2 estimates have been generated with OK. The estimates have been based on 6,532 and 2,812 composites captured within the panel regions 1 and 2 respectively, as presented in Table 17.48. The statistics are presented below in Table 17.48.

Table 17.48:	Frasers Underground	- Gold (g/t Au) Sample S	tatistics for Panel 1 and	I 2, 1m Composite Data
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	Panel 1	Panel 2
Number of Samples	6,532	2,812
Minimum Grade (g/t)	0.0	0.01
Maximum Grade (g/t)	65.8	33.4 (top cut to 8.5)
Mean (g/t)	2.13	2.90
Median (g/t)	1.27	2.50
Coefficient of Variation	1.65	0.68

The Panel 1 estimate is based on a final 5m x 5m x 1m block size as presented in Table 17.49.

Table 17.49:	Frasers Underground - Model Dimensions Panel 1 and Panel 2
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Panel 1				
	Minimum (m)	Maximum (m)	Block Size (m)	
Easting (m)	69,735	70,560	5	
Northing (m)	12,150	12,870	5	
RL (m)	100	400	1	
Panel 2				
Easting (m)	70,500	71,520	5	
Northing (m)	12,000	12,850	5	
RL (m)	-170	210	1	

Bulk density and specific gravity test work is in progress (20 determinations to date) and currently indicates bulk densities around 2.70gcm<sup>-3</sup>. Historically 2.60gcm<sup>-3</sup> has been used and was applied to the tonnage reporting at FRUG.

Global comparisons of the resource model and the input model versus the composite data have been completed by Oceana staff. The model reproduces the input composites adequately, as shown by the statistical summary provided in Table 17.50.

Table 17.50:	Fraser Underground -	- Comparison Composite	and Block Mean Grades
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	Panel 1	Panel 2
Composite Data Mean (g/t Au)	2.13	2.90
Estimate Mean (g/t Au)	1.90	2.77

The Frasers Panel 1 estimate has been classified by Oceana on the basis of mining method, geological confidence and drilling density. Panel 1 is comprised almost entirely of hangingwall mineralization which generally shows reasonable continuity. On average the drill hole spacing of the central region is 50m by 50m. Peripheral to the core of the panel, the drill density is approximately 100m by 100m (see Figure 17.23).





The FRUG Panel 2 estimate has been classified by Oceana on the basis of mining method, geological confidence and drilling density. Panel 2 is comprised of both hanging wall and stockwork mineralization, although no stockwork mineralization was modelled. The hanging wall mineralization generally shows reasonable geometric continuity, while stockwork mineralization tends to be quite erratic.

On average the drill hole spacing within the core of Panel 2 is 50m by 50m with approximately 100m 100m spacing beyond (see Figure 17.24).



Figure 17.24: Frasers Underground - Resource Classification of Panel 2 Hangingwall Mineralization

In summary:

- Global checks indicate the conditional simulation (CS) model has adequately mapped the input data;
- The sulphur grades are regressed based on the composite data and considered lower confidence than the gold estimates; and
- The confidence in the grade estimates is limited by the current drilling density. However, the resource classification appears reasonable based on operational experience.

### 17.8.5 Panel 2 Extension

Oceana have estimated a resource for Panel 2 Extension which represents a high grade continuation of Panel 2, extending approximately 300m north-east of the existing Panel 2 resource (Figure 17.25). Although extremely erratic, the drilling averages a 90m by 90m drill hole pattern. The extension, previously modelled separately, has this time been integrated into the Panel 2 model discussed above in section 17.8.4 and has been classified as inferred.




## 17.8.6 Panel 2 Deeps Estimate

Infill drilling has been undertaken from underground (see Figure 17.26) to supplement drilling collared from surface. A resource estimate based on drill holes completed up to July 31, 2009 (up to and including UDH5430) has been completed and is detailed below.



Figure 17.26: Panel 2 Deeps Surface and Underground Drill Hole Intercepts

The estimate uses ordinary kriging within a geologically constrained wireframe. A 14 g/t top cut (97.5 percentile) was applied prior to compositing to 1m intervals. The summary 1m composite statistics are in Table 17.51 below.

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Domain	Number	Mean	Minimum	Maximum	Std Dev	CV
2	192	4.01	0.19	26.17	3.05	0.76
3	149	3.90	0.02	39.50	4.47	1.15

Panel 2 Deeps mineralization is located approximately 20m beneath the Panel 2 Hangingwall shear, dipping shallowly to the east and averaging 5m thick. The mineralization comprises a zone of quartz cataclasite and siliceous breccias which appears to have a broad negative correlation to the overlying Hangingwall as shown on Figure 17.27. The Panel 2 Deeps zone marks a structural boundary between steeply dipping foliation below and moderately dipping foliation above.

The zone is largely closed off to the west and northwest but remains open to the east-northeast and southwest.





#### Table 17.52: Frasers Underground, Panel 2 Deeps - Variogram Model Parameters

Hangingwall Domain 42										
Domain         C0         C1         AX         AY         AZ         C2         AX         AY         AZ         Rotation 1								Rotation 1		
2 and 3	0.26	0.49	26	25	2	0.25	29	27	4	Y 15

Note the first and second structures used exponential and spherical models respectively

Domain 2 defines a core to the mineralisation that has been drilled to approximately 25m by 25m, while Domain 3 is more sparsely drilled. Given this, Domain 2 has been classified as Indicated, whilst domain 3 has been classified as Inferred. The resource is reported in Table 17.55.

Table 17.53: Frasers Underground Panel 2 Deeps – Search Parameters

Domain	Minimum Number of Samples	Maximum Number of Samples	Maximum Distance to Sample	X Y Z Search	Maximum Number of Samples per Drill Hole
2	4	32	35	35m x 35m x 10m	4
3	4	32	70	65m x 65m x 20m	4

A bulk density of 2.60 t/m<sup>3</sup> was applied for tonnage reporting, consistent with Panel 2 bulk density.

The model dimensions are shown below in Table 17.54.

	Minimum (m)	Maximum (m)	Block Size (m)
Easting (m)	70,750	71,200	5
Northing (m)	12,075	12,450	5
RL (m)	-75	125	1

Table 17.54: Frasers Underground, Panel 2 Deeps - Model Dimensions

## 17.8.7 Combined Resource Reporting

The combined grade tonnage reporting for the FRUG grouped by NI 43-101 resource category is presented below as Table 17.55.

Resource Area	Measured		Indicated		Measured & Indicated			Inferred Resource		
	Mt	Au g/t	Mt	Au g/t	Mt	Mt Au g/t		Mt	Au g/t	Au Moz
Panel 1	0.21	1.97	4.95	1.70	5.16	1.71	0.28	0.65	1.3	0.03
Panel 2	0.12	2.47	4.61	2.97	4.74	2.95	0.45	0.68	2.1	0.05
Panel 2 Deeps			0.34	3.90	0.34	3.90	0.04	0.54	4.1	0.07
Panel 2 Extension								2.22	2.6	0.19
Total	0.33	2.15	9.90	2.37	10.24	2.36	0.78	4.09	2.51	0.33

Table 17.55: Frasers Underground - Frasers Underground Resource by Category as at June 30, 2009

# 17.9 Golden Bar

### 17.9.1 Introduction

The Golden Bar resource (GB02a) was estimated by Oceana in November 2002. This 2002 estimate represented a resource update and was completed primarily to remove and / or mitigate the impact of wet sampling bias associated with wet RC percussion drilling. During August and September 2002, 981m of RC percussion and 116m of diamond drilling were completed at Golden Bar. This drilling twinned existing RC percussion drill holes that were known to be wet. A positive wet sampling bias of approximately 34 percent was determined to exist. The twinned wet RC percussion drill holes were removed from the resource database and replaced by their dry RC percussion / diamond counterparts. All the remaining wet samples were adjusted with globally determined grade dependent factors that were derived from the twin drill hole sample pairs. The treatment of the wet sample bias was audited by independent consultants Hellman and Schofield.

### 17.9.2 Database

The resource estimate at Golden Bar is based on a total of 277 drill holes for 39,047m. There have been five phases of exploration drilling at Golden Bar.

In July 1985, BP Minerals drilled four diamond holes totalling 441.2m (GBDDH001 to GBDDH004). This programme was followed by a reverse circulation (RC percussion) drilling programme of six holes totalling 303m (GBRC001-GBRC006).

In December 1994, Oceana conducted a diamond drilling programme consisting of 5 holes for 496.1m.

During December 1995, a RC percussion drilling programme consisting of five holes (RCH2084 - RCH2088) for 606m was completed on the Golden Bar Prospect.

The main phase of drilling occurred between June 1996 and October 1997. This drilling programme located and delineated much of the current resource using 25 x 25m drill spacing. The drilling also tested the strike and dip extensions to the currently known resource.

During August and September 2002, 981m of RC percussion and 116m of diamond drilling were completed at Golden Bar. This drilling twinned existing wet RC percussion drill holes.

A breakdown of drilling by sample type is shown in Table 17.56. Figure 17.28 shows drill hole collar locations.

	GB02	Resource E	stimate	Prospect Total				
Hole Type	Number	Metres	Percentage	Number	Metres	Percentage		
Percussion	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Reverse Circulation	243	35,106	89	243	35,106	89		
Diamond* (DDH & RCD)	34	3,941	11	34	3,941	11		
Total	277	39,047	100	277	39,047	100		

#### Table 17.56: Golden Bar Deposit - Drilling Summary

\*Diamond figures include holes drilled with an RC percussion pre-collar and tailed with diamond core.

In addition to the drill hole data, BP Minerals excavated four trenches (totalling 250m) across the Golden Bar structure. The trenching was completed in 1985. In November/December 1994 a further five trenches totalling 452m were excavated in the Golden Bar area to test soil anomalies.

A total of 224m of drill access track with exposed mineralization was mapped and sampled (113 samples) at Golden Bar. An additional 19 selective rock chip samples were collected from exposures during mapping to assist geological understanding of the mineralization present. This work tested known near surface mineralization and assisted in geological interpretation and modelling. The highest-grade samples were returned from the sigmoidal quartz veins, which is consistent with the drilling results.

The trench and chip assay data has been excluded from the grade estimates.

### 17.9.3 Wet Sample Bias

Sampling bias associated with wet RC percussion drill hole samples had been identified elsewhere at Macraes with a positive grade bias of approximately 30% common. Based on these observations, and the fact that a significant number of wet samples were present at Golden Bar, 3 RC percussion and 7 diamond-tailed drill holes (for a total of 98m of RC percussion and 116m of diamond drilling) were drilled to twin wet RC percussion drill holes. These twin drill holes indicated a positive wet sampling bias of approximately 34% was present and required to be addressed. In Figure 17.29, both the Q-Q and scatter plots show the sample bias.







Figure 17.29: Golden Bar Deposit - Scatter and Q-Q Plot of Wet versus Dry Samples

Using the twin sampling pairs to compare class means a set of grade dependent, global bias factors have been determined. All twinned wet sampled RC percussion drill holes were removed from the resource database and replaced by their dry RC percussion / diamond twins. All the remaining wet sample grades were factored with the set of factors shown in Table 17.57.

Wat Thrashold (a/t)	Class Me	Patio	
wet meshold (gr)	Original	Twin	Kauo
0.30	0.11	0.04	2.51
0.71	0.47	0.23	2.11
1.26	0.97	0.53	1.82
3.40	2.10	1.75	1.20
45.00	9.78	6.16	1.59

Table 17.57: Golden Bar Deposit - Wet Sample Bias Factors

Oceana believe that the removal/factoring approach is reasonable, however if further mining is undertaken, then further drilling would be required to replace some of the remaining wet RC percussion drilling and thereby mitigate risks associated with the wet RC percussion drilling. There are no plans in the short term to mine Golden Bar, but Oceana would review the replacement drilling requirements if mining were to be considered.

### 17.9.4 Geology Model

The Golden Bar prospect lies some 400m vertically above the interpreted position of the HMSZ Footwall Shear and is located within the hangingwall psammites. Golden Bar is grouped with the Eastern Lodes, which lie 2-3km east of the outcrop position main shear zone as shown on Figure 17.30. The main shear zone thins to the south of the Ounce deposit, which is coincident with the start of the Golden Bar shear zone.

Two distinctive structural styles have been identified at Golden Bar. Concordant lodes which anastomose and are generally thinly developed, and sigmoidal vein structures. The sigmoidal veins are strongly, mineralized, dominated by quartz veining. These structures link between the upper and lower concordant lodes.

The concordant lodes vary in style from thin (<1m) discrete cataclastic shears to thick (15m) quartz rich lode schist. South or south-easterly dipping shears are generally thin, highly sheared, while flat or northerly dipping shears are thick, strongly mineralized and show evidence of extension.

Two major shears are present as illustrated in Figure 17.31. These structures are 40m apart at surface but converge into a single structure at depth with the line of separation between these structures trending north-east. The lower shear west of this splitting is thickly developed and strongly mineralized. The rock between the shears contains a number of sigmoidal extension veins. Although no gross lithological differences could be clearly identified from logging, it is likely that this rock is more competent than the surrounding rock mass and has accommodated deformation by brittle extension, thus creating sites for development of the sigmoidal veins.









The sigmoidal vein packages have a curved tabular geometry, striking to the north-east and dipping to the north-west at around 25°. The vein dip is steepest (and most dilatational) where the intra-shear distance between upper and lower concordant structures is high. In areas where these structures converge, the sigmoidal veins are more concordant.

The sigmoidal veins were the target of historic underground mining. All accessible mine workings have been mapped in detail and the observations included in interpretation of the geological wire frame.

The GB02a geological interpretation defines the following:

The upper shear structure, which is interpreted loosely as a hangingwall style feature, has been used to constrain the top of the grade interpolation. It is typically thin (2 to 4m) and curvi-planar. The lower shear is a large continuous feature which is relatively predictable and contains approximately 75% of the mineralization. Overall the structure dips towards 050° at between 0° and 15° and is typically 6 to 12m thick.

Domain 1 accommodates a considerable range of orientations  $\pm 20^{\circ}$  strike and  $\pm 15^{\circ}$  dip and range of grades. The structures are generally narrow relative to the block height. The sample search has been restricted to within the wireframe (i.e no sharing of the data during estimation) which results in low numbers of composites being available for estimation.

Between the upper and lower shears of Domain 1 are two sigmoidal shear structures which are characterised by 1 to 2m thick laminated quartz veins. Both of these sigmoidal vein structures have been combined into a single zone (Domain 2). These features dip to the north-west at  $30^{\circ}$  and are typically associated with high assays (>5 g/t).

Two zones of unconstrained stockwork were previously recognised in GB97b. Both have been combined to form Domain 3. Within Domain 3 it is possible to recognise sigmoidal vein style intercepts outside the constrained structures but these cannot be interpreted into a constrained structure at the current drill spacing.

The styles of mineralization recognised at Golden Bar are summarised in Table 17.58 .

### Table 17.58: Golden Bar Deposit - Mineralization Styles

Mineralization Style	GB02a Resource Estimate					
East Dipping Concordant Shears	1					
Sigmoidal Vein structures	2					
Unconstrained Stockwork	3					

## 17.9.5 Statistical and Geostatistical Modelling

Statistical analysis and variography were based on the coded one metre composites. A summary of gold statistics by domain code is shown in Table 17.59 and Figure 17.32.

Domain :	1		2		3		
Rank	Threshold	Mean	Threshold	Mean	Threshold	Mean	
10 <sup>th</sup>	0.22	0.10	0.55	0.39	0.01	0.00	
20 <sup>th</sup>	0.41	0.30	0.72	0.64	0.01	0.01	
30 <sup>th</sup>	0.55	0.49	0.90	0.82	0.01	0.01	
40 <sup>th</sup>	0.68	0.62	1.14	1.02	0.02	0.01	
50 <sup>th</sup>	0.99	0.82	1.36	1.26	0.02	0.02	
60 <sup>th</sup>	1.27	1.13	1.84	1.64	0.03	0.02	
70 <sup>th</sup>	1.59	1.42	2.38	2.08	0.05	0.04	
75 <sup>th</sup>	1.86	1.71	2.98	2.72	0.06	0.06	
80 <sup>th</sup>	2.17	2.01	4.21	3.51	0.09	0.08	
85 <sup>th</sup>	2.55	2.35	5.50	5.00	0.14	0.11	
90 <sup>th</sup>	3.10	2.80	7.99	6.73	0.21	0.17	
95 <sup>th</sup>	4.72	3.85	10.30	9.33	0.40	0.29	
97 <sup>th</sup>	6.22	5.34	14.90	11.58	0.66	0.50	
99 <sup>th</sup>	9.48	7.51	21.55	20.38	1.44	1.00	
100 <sup>th</sup>	21.90	13.51	56.60	39.15	20.30	3.27	
Number	1,945		151		16,864		
Mean	1.51		3.25		0.11		

Table 17.59:	Golden Bar Deposit -	Summary of 1m Comp	osite Statistics (Au g/t) for Domai	ns
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Most of the populations are positively skewed (close to being log-normal), however, there is a significant truncation of the distribution at 0.5 g/t due to the imposition of wireframes.

Correlograms were modelled for both Domains 1 and 3. There was insufficient data to attempt Domain 2 variography. Consequently Domain 1 variography was applied to Domain 2 but rotated into the plane of Domain 2.

For Domains 1 and 3, correlograms were modelled for the 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, 80<sup>th</sup>, 85<sup>th</sup>, 90<sup>th</sup>, 95<sup>th</sup>, 97.5<sup>th</sup> and 99<sup>th</sup> percentiles. Nested, exponential models were used. Indicator variogram parameters are shown in Table 17.60 to Table 17.62.

Hangingwall Domain 1											
Threshold	C0	C1	AX	AY	AZ	C2	AX	AY	AZ	Rotation 1	Rotation 2
0.22	0.30	0.48	41	29	6.1	0.22	48	50	17.0	y 14	none
0.41	0.30	0.48	44	34	3.1	0.22	48	50	17.0	y 14	none
0.55	0.30	0.48	44	29	2.2	0.22	48	50	23.0	y 14	none
0.68	0.40	0.48	50	35	4.4	0.12	52	50	9.0	y 14	none
0.99	0.35	0.48	43	27	3.4	0.17	52	50	4.0	y 14	none
1.27	0.35	0.48	35	23	3.9	0.17	52	25	4.0	y 14	none
1.59	0.35	0.48	32	16	3.9	0.17	38	17	4.0	y 14	none
1.86	0.35	0.48	27	16	3.4	0.17	29	17	3.5	y 14	none
2.17	0.35	0.48	28	16	3.0	0.17	29	17	3.5	y 14	none
2.55	0.35	0.48	21	19	3.0	0.17	24	20	3.5	y 14	none
3.10	0.35	0.48	18	22	2.5	0.17	22	26	3.5	y 14	none
4.72	0.35	0.48	18	29	1.8	0.17	22	32	3.5	y 14	none
6.22	0.35	0.48	16	24	1.7	0.17	18	32	2.0	y 14	none
9.48	0.40	0.48	14	19	0.7	0.12	17	23	1.0	y 14	none

Table 17 60·	Golden	Bar Denos	it - Domain	1 Modeled	Variogram	Parameters
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NW Dipping Lodes											
Threshold	C0	C1	АХ	AY	AZ	C2	AX	AY	AZ	Rotation 1	Rotation 2
0.55	0.30	0.48	41	29	6.1	0.22	48	50	17.0	y -20	z 30
0.72	0.30	0.48	44	34	3.1	0.22	48	50	17.0	y -20	z 30
0.90	0.30	0.48	44	29	2.2	0.22	48	50	23.0	y -20	z 30
1.14	0.40	0.48	50	35	4.4	0.12	52	50	9.0	y -20	z 30
1.36	0.35	0.48	43	27	3.4	0.17	52	50	4.0	y -20	z 30
1.84	0.35	0.48	35	23	3.9	0.17	52	25	4.0	y -20	z 30
2.38	0.35	0.48	32	16	3.9	0.17	38	17	4.0	y -20	z 30
2.98	0.35	0.48	27	16	3.4	0.17	29	17	3.5	y -20	z 30
4.21	0.35	0.48	28	16	3.0	0.17	29	17	3.5	y -20	z 30
5.50	0.35	0.48	21	19	3.0	0.17	24	20	3.5	y -20	z 30
7.99	0.35	0.48	18	22	2.5	0.17	22	26	3.5	y -20	z 30
10.30	0.35	0.48	18	29	1.8	0.17	22	32	3.5	y -20	z 30
14.90	0.35	0.48	16	24	1.7	0.17	18	32	2.0	y -20	z 30
21.55	0.40	0.48	14	19	0.7	0.12	17	23	1.0	y -20	z 30

 Table 17.61: Golden Bar Deposit - Domain 2, Applied Variogram Parameters

Table 17.62:	Golden Bar De	posit - Domain 3,	Modelled Vario	gram Parameters

	Stockwork										
Threshold	C0	C1	AX	AY	AZ	C2	AX	AY	AZ	Rotation 1	Rotation 2
0.01	0.27	0.46	42	38	8.7	0.27	44	41	98.0	y 14	none
0.01	0.45	0.15	36	30	2.2	0.40	38	36	26.0	y 14	none
0.01	0.45	0.15	36	35	1.7	0.40	42	40	22.0	y 14	none
0.02	0.39	0.23	46	43	5.2	0.38	56	52	39.0	y 14	none
0.02	0.30	0.23	42	43	4.7	0.47	52	52	32.0	y 14	none
0.03	0.28	0.25	45	47	4.7	0.47	52	52	24.0	y 14	none
0.05	0.28	0.21	44	47	4.2	0.51	52	52	17.0	y 14	none
0.06	0.28	0.16	38	47	2.7	0.56	48	50	14.0	y 14	none
0.09	0.33	0.16	38	47	3.2	0.51	48	50	13.0	y 14	none
0.14	0.37	0.16	35	44	3.2	0.47	43	46	12.0	y 14	none
0.21	0.42	0.16	34	44	2.2	0.42	38	46	11.0	y 14	none
0.40	0.45	0.16	29	34	2.2	0.39	30	36	8.5	y 14	none
0.66	0.50	0.16	22	27	2.7	0.34	24	29	9.5	y 14	none
1.44	0.46	0.16	19	16	3.7	0.38	21	18	8.0	y 14	none

### 17.9.6 Block Model Limits

A resource estimate was built using *GS3* software with the block model parameters shown in Table 17.63. Bulk density was assigned the resource model based on oxidation. Oxide material was assigned a bulk density of 2.50 t/m<sup>3</sup> and fresh material was assigned a bulk density of 2.60 t/m<sup>3</sup>.

	GB02a (November 2002)					
	Limits	Block Size				
Easting	70,500 - 71,350	25 m				
Northing	5,250 - 6,350	25 m				
RL	310 - 565	2.5 m				

Table 17.63:	Golden Bar De	posit - Block Model	Construction	Parameters

### 17.9.7 Grade Estimation

Multiple Indicator Kriging has been used to produce the grade estimate at Golden Bar. The estimate has been completed in geostatistical software *GS3*.

The estimation sample search parameters applied are summarised in Table 17.64. The minimum number of 1m composites for kriging was set at 16 and the maximum number was 48. The search strategy was a simple elliptical search with no modifications. Domain control was used in estimation wherein only data coded as that domain was used in the estimation of that domain.

Table 17.64:	Golden Ba	r Deposit -	Sample	Search	<b>Parameters</b>

Domain	Minimum Number of Samples	Maximum Number of Samples	X Y Z Discretisation	X Y Z Search	Octant Constraint
1	16	48	5 x 5 x 2	50m x 50m x 8m	4 required
2	16	48	5 x 5 x 2	30m x 30m x 5m	4 required
3	16	48	5 x 5 x 2	37.5m x 37.5m x 6m	4 required

A block support adjustment was applied to the MIK estimate, as implemented in the GS3 Modelling Software. The block support adjustment at Golden Bar was via a mixed normal log normal change of support to replicate a selective mining unit of 5mE x 5mN x 2.5mRL. Table 17.65 summarises the block adjustment factors.

Table 17.65:	Golden Bar Deposit	- Change of Support	Variance Ratios	(Gold)
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Domain	Block Support Variance Ratio	Information Effect Ratio	Block Distribution Shape Model
1	0.186	0.651	Norm + Logn
2	0.196	0.692	Norm + Logn
3	0.288	0.696	Norm + Logn

No detailed description of the change of support is provided, however it is assumed that a test on the conditional cumulative distribution function (ccdf) is completed to determine the presence of positive skew (or not) for the estimated node. If positive skew exists then an indirect lognormal correction is applied otherwise a normal correction is applied. The general approach is commonly used in mining projects elsewhere around the world and is considered acceptable.

## 17.9.8 Validation and Reconciliation

Oceana have validated the resource estimate in the following ways:

- The resource estimate was viewed on screen in MINESIGHT to check geological coding, classification coding, weathering state and rock densities. Block grades were compared to surrounding composite grades and the distribution of high grades particularly noted;
- 1:750 scale EW sections were plotted with factored composite gold grades, recoverable grades and proportions (at 0.5 cut-off), sliced GB02a interpretation and the current pit design;
- An external audit has been completed by Hellman and Schofield Pty Ltd; and
- Resource model to Mill reconciliation, as summarised below.

Mining commenced at Golden Bar in February 2004 and was completed in October 2005.

The reconciliation for the period February 2004 to December 31, 2005 is presented in Table 17.66 to Table 17.68 for oxide at a 0.5 g/t cut-off and sulphide at 0.7 g/t cut-off.

Table 17.66: Golden Bar Deposit - Reconciliation at a 0.5 g/t for Resource Estimate versus Mined Oxide

		Surve	y Adju	sted Grad	de Con	trol	Posour	co Esti	mato	Variance			
		Unfacto	ored	Fa	actore	d	Resource Estimate		Factored GC / Estimate				
Year	Estimate	Tonnes	g/t	Tonnes	g/t	oz	Tonnes	g/t	oz	Tonnes	g/t	oz	
2004	GB02a	82,025	1.55	82,025	1.48	3,914	72,009	1.16	2,697	1.14	1.28	1.45	
2005	GB02a	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	-	-	-	
Total		82,025	1.55	82,025	1.48	3,914	72,009	1.16	2,697	1.14	1.28	1.45	

Table 17.67:	Golden Bar Deposit -	<b>Reconciliation at a 0.7</b>	g/t for Resource E	Estimate versus I	Mined Sulphide
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		Survey	y Adju	sted Grade Control			Variance					
		Unfacto	red	Fac	Factored		Resource Estimate		Factored GC / Estimate			
Year	Estimate	Tonnes	g/t	Tonnes	g/t	oz	Tonnes	g/t	oz	Tonnes	g/t	oz
2004	GB02a	1,232,204	1.73	1,232,204	1.72	68,140	1,009,615	1.88	61,025	1.22	0.91	1.12
2005	GB02a	361,522	1.87	361,522	1.87	21,734	350,980	1.74	19,634	1.03	1.07	1.11
Total		1,593,726	1.76	1,593,726	1.76	89,874	1,360,595	1.84	80,659	1.17	0.96	1.11

 Table 17.68: Golden Bar Deposit - Reconciliation Resource Estimate versus Mined Oxide at 0.5 g/t and

 Sulphide at 0.7 g/t

		Survey	/ Adju	sted Grade Control		Variance						
		Unfacto	red	Fac	Factored		Resource Estimate			Factored GC / Estimate		
Year	Estimate	Tonnes	g/t	Tonnes	g/t	oz	Tonnes	g/t	oz	Tonnes	g/t	oz
2004	GB02a	1,314,229	1.72	1,314,229	1.71	72,043	1,081,624	1.83	63,710	1.22	0.93	1.13
	GB02a	361,522	1.87	361,522	1.87	21,734	350,980	1.74	19,634	1.03	1.07	1.11
Total		1,675,751	1.75	1,675,751	1.75	93,777	1,432,604	1.81	83,344	1.17	0.97	1.12

The resource estimate under calls both the tonnage (17%) and metal (12%) reported in grade control and to the Mill. Overall, the grade is over called by approximately 3%. RSG Global reviewed this in the 2007 Report and considered this difference in grade and tonnages to be due to the resource model targeting a level of mining selectivity not achieved in practice. They recommended additional dilution and ore loss be included in the grade estimate through change of support and a review of the change of support correction applied to the MIK estimate. They also recommended further drilling and refinement to the model to increase drill data coverage in the stockwork zone such that an improved estimation of the resource tonnage can be made. There are no plans in the short term to mine Golden Bar, but Oceana would review the block support correction and drilling requirements if mining were to be considered.

### 17.9.9 Resource Reporting

The Golden Bar grade estimate has been categorised based on a combination of geological confidence, drill data density and a mining reconciliation. Less than 5% of the resource has been classified as Measured, and 36% as Indicated. The criteria applied to the resource classification is summarised below and at Table 17.59.

- At 25 x 25m drill centers, all constrained shear structures have been classified as indicated. Areas 50 x 50m drilling are classified as inferred;
- All sigmoidal vein structures have been classified as indicated. These are all drilled to approximately 25 x 25m; and
- For unconstrained stockwork to be classified as measured, it must be drilled to 25 x 25m drill spacing and have greater than 80% of the block above 0.5 g/t. To be classified as indicated, it must be drilled to 37.5 x 37.5m spacing and have greater than 30% of the block above 0.5 g/t. At drill spacing greater than 37.5 x 37.5m unconstrained stockwork is classified as inferred.

To achieve the resource classification for the constrained structures outlined above, two polygons were drawn around the areas of the  $25 \times 25m$  drilling and the areas of  $50 \times 50m$  drilling.

Mineralization	Domain	Classification Criteria					
Style	Code	Measured	Indicated	Inferred			
Shears	1	none	<25 x 25 metre	>25 x 25 metre			
Sigmoidal Veins	2	none	<25 x 25 metre	none			
Unconstrained Stockwork	3	<25 x 25 metres, and >80% Block above 0.5 g/t Au	<37.5 x 37.5 metre, and >30% Block above 0.5 g/t Au	>37.5 x 37.5 metre			

 Table 17.69: Golden Bar Deposit - Resource Classification Methodology

The reported Mineral Resource grouped by category, and reported above a lower cut-off grade of 0.5 g/t Au is shown in Table 17.70. After reviewing the estimate, input data, and reconciliation data, Oceana considers the reported resource to be reasonable.

Table 17.70: Golden Bar Deposit - Resource as at June 30, 200
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		0.5 g/t Cut-off									
	Free	Fresh		Oxide		Total					
Category	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t)	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t)	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t)	Contained Au (koz)				
Measured	0.09	1.56	-	-	0.09	1.56	5				
Indicated	1.18	1.4	-	-	1.18	1.40	53				
Inferred	4.96	1.1	-	-	4.96	1.4	217				

Note: Mt = million tonnes, koz = 000's contained ounces

# 17.10 Taylors

### 17.10.1 Introduction

The Taylors prospect is located approximately 12km south of the Macraes Gold Mine. Oceana generated a resource estimate for Taylors in February 2003 based on the available drilling data.

### 17.10.2 Database

BHP (NZ) Ltd and Oceana have completed the drilling at Taylors. BHP (NZ) Ltd drilled 15 open hole percussion drill holes to test what was known as Home Reef. Oceana then followed up the BHP (NZ) Ltd drilling in 1996 with 79 RC percussion holes. The location of the drill holes is shown in Figure 17.33.

Table 17.71 gives a breakdown of the drilling used in the current resource estimate.

Table 17.71: Taylors Deposit - Resource Drilling Summary

	TL03a Resource Estimate				
Hole Туре	Number	Metres	Percentage		
Percussion	14	216	6		
Reverse Circulation	68	3,263	94		
Total	82	3,479	100		

#### Figure 17.33: Taylors Deposit - Drill Hole Collar Plan



### 17.10.3 Geological Modelling

The HMSZ in the Stoneburn area consists of three shallow easterly dipping shears. The Taylors area occurs at the southern extension of the eastern most shear which known as the Home Reef. The Home Reef structure is interpreted to continue from Golden Bar.

The Taylors deposit lies some 450m above the interpreted position of the HMSZ footwall shear. Between the Taylors deposit and footwall shear is a 450m thick zone of mineralized intra-shear pelite. Above the Taylors deposit, the schist is psammitic to semi psammitic.

No major faulting has been identified in the Taylors area. However, major E-W faulting occurs 2km north and 1km south of the Taylors area. There is some minor NW faulting in the area which appears to bound the anomalous zones of mineralization to the north and south.

Mineralization in the Taylors deposit is confined to two near-concordant mineralized structures (Figure 17.34). The upper shear is approximately 1m thick and is located 25-30m above the lower shear. There are no indications that these two shears are linked as at Golden Bar. The shear zones strike 350° and dip 12-20° to the east. Drilling has identified a mineralized ore shoot within the lower shear that plunges obliquely along this structure in a NNE direction.

The Taylors area contains a number of historic workings that were developed on the mineralization. To date, the extent and the production history of these workings remains unknown.





Mineralization in the shear zone is dominated by near-concordant quart veining with minor pyrite and arsenopyrite. No stockwork has been identified below the lower shear zone. To the south, only the lower shear is evident which is typically <1m thick and weakly mineralized.

To date two mineralized shears have been interpreted at Taylors. The first is a poorly developed upper shear, which is approximately 2m thick. The second, a more strongly mineralized lower shear, has an average thickness of approximately 3m. Within the shear, a 200m long by 100m wide, north trending high grade shoot has been defined.

Both shears have been interpreted to dip at approximately 20° to the east and have been defined based on a 0.3 g/t cut-off, and 2m minimum mining width.

### 17.10.4 Statistical and Geostatistical Modelling

The drill hole samples were composited to 1m and geologically coded using the interpreted geological/mineralization solids. Due to few composite data being available, variography was not generated. The Frasers South variogram models were used in estimation as Oceana believed Frasers South to be a good geological analogue for the Taylors prospect.

Figure 17.35 and Table 17.72 present the sample and conditional statistics grouped by domain. Domain 2 captures the highest tenor mineralization with a 2.17 g/t Au mean grade calculated, significantly higher than 0.97 g/t Au and the 0.87 g/t Au returned for Domains 1 and 3 respectively. As with other deposits in the project area, the captured data distributions are positively skewed although no outlier composites requiring adjustment have been identified.





Table 17.72:	Taylors Deposit -	1m Sample	Statistics	(a/t Au) b	v Domain
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	Doma	in 1	Doma	in 2	Domain 3		Domain 4	
Class	Threshold	Mean	Threshold	Mean	Threshold	Mean	Threshold	Mean
10 <sup>th</sup>	0.09	0.01	0.09	0.36	0.10	0.06	0.10	0.01
20 <sup>th</sup>	0.19	0.01	0.19	0.53	0.20	0.25	0.20	0.01
30 <sup>th</sup>	0.29	0.02	0.30	0.66	0.29	0.36	0.30	0.01
40 <sup>th</sup>	0.40	0.06	0.40	0.80	0.40	0.51	0.40	0.01
50 <sup>th</sup>	0.50	0.12	0.50	1.07	0.50	0.61	0.50	0.01
60 <sup>th</sup>	0.59	0.36	0.59	1.36	0.60	0.75	0.60	0.01
70 <sup>th</sup>	0.69	0.57	0.69	1.79	0.70	0.94	0.70	0.02
75 <sup>th</sup>	0.74	0.74	0.75	2.21	0.75	1.12	0.75	0.02
80 <sup>th</sup>	0.79	1.01	0.80	2.41	0.80	1.23	0.80	0.03
85 <sup>th</sup>	0.85	1.37	0.85	3.05	0.85	1.36	0.85	0.04
90 <sup>th</sup>	0.90	2.72	0.90	4.18	0.90	1.59	0.90	0.06
95 <sup>th</sup>	0.95	3.52	0.95	6.40	0.95	2.05	0.95	0.11
98 <sup>th</sup>	0.97	6.54	0.97	8.44	0.97	2.42	0.98	0.20

99 <sup>th</sup>	0.98	6.77	0.99	11.53	0.99	2.84	0.99	0.29
Тор	1.00	8.39	1.00	17.60	1.00	3.76	1.00	0.45
Number	58		98		163		2752	
Mean	0.97		2.17		0.87		0.03	

### 17.10.5 Block Model Limits

A resource estimate was built using *GS3* software with the block model parameters shown in Table 17.73. Bulk density was assigned to the resource model based on oxidation. Oxide material was assigned a bulk density of 2.50 t/m<sup>3</sup> and fresh material was assigned a bulk density of 2.60 t/m<sup>3</sup>.

	Limits	Block Size
Easting	71,850 – 72,350	25 metres
Northing	1,175 – 1,650	25 metres
RL	235 – 390	2.5 metres

Table 17.73: Taylors Deposit – Block Model Limits

### 17.10.6 Grade Estimation

GS3 software has been used to produce the MIK grade estimate at Taylors.

The estimation sample search parameters applied are summarised in Table 17.64. A 50mE x 50mN x 4m search was used, rotated  $18^{\circ}$  down-dip, and  $12^{\circ}$  to the west of north. Domain control was used in estimation wherein only data coded as that domain was used in the estimation of that domain.

Table 17.74: Taylors Deposit - Sample Search Parameters

Domain	Minimum Number of Samples	Maximum Number of Samples	X Y Z Descretisation	X Y Z Search	Octant Constraint
1	8	48	5 x 5 x 2	50m x 50m x 4m	4 required
2	8	48	5 x 5 x 2	50m x 50m x 4m	4 required
3	8	48	5 x 5 x 2	50m x 50m x 4m	4 required
4	8	48	5 x 5 x 2	50m x 50m x 4m	4 required

A block support adjustment was applied to the MIK estimate, as implemented in the GS3 Modelling Software. The block support adjustment at Taylors was via a mixed normal log normal change of support to replicate a selective mining unit of 5mE x 5mN x 2.5 mRL. Table 17.75 summarises the block adjustment factors.

Table 17.75:	<b>Taylors Deposit -</b>	<b>Change of Support</b>	Variance Ratios (Gold)
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Domain	Block Support Variance Ratio	Information Effect Ratio	Block Distribution Shape Model
1	0.278	0.791	Norm + Logn
2	0.278	0.791	Norm + Logn
3	0.278	0.791	Norm + Logn
4	0.278	0.791	Norm + Logn

No detailed description of the change of support is provided, however it is assumed that a test on the conditional cumulative distribution function (ccdf) is completed to determine the presence of positive skew (or not) for the estimated node. If positive skew exists then an indirect lognormal correction is applied otherwise a normal correction is applied. The general approach is commonly used in mining projects elsewhere around the world and is considered acceptable.

Visual and statistical validation has been completed by Oceana. Statistical checks have also been completed. Oceana believes the model to acceptable.

## 17.10.7 Classification

The Taylors deposit has been classified as a combination of Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resource by Oceana based on a combination of drill density and geological confidence. Mineralization hosted within the lower shear and with a minimum of 8 samples within the 50mN x 50mE x 4m search is classified as Indicated Mineral Resource. All shear hosted mineralization with a minimum of 4 samples within the 50mN x 50mE x 4m search is classified as Inferred Mineral Resource. The classification scheme applied is considered to be reasonable.

The Taylors Mineral Resource is tabulated below in Table 17.76.

Table 17.76: Taylors Deposit –Mineral Resource

		0.5 g/t Cut-off								
	Fre	sh	Oxi	de	Total					
Category	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t)	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t)	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t)	Contained Au (koz)			
Indicated	0.23	1.61	0.05	0.95	0.28	1.50	14			
Inferred	0.31	1.05	0.09	1.07	0.41	1.05	14			

MIK Grade Estimate based on 25mE x 25mN x 2.5mRL Panel and Reporting a 5mE x 5mN x 2.5mRL Selective Mining Unit.

Table 17.77: Taylors Deposit - Mineral Resource

	0.7 g/t Cut-off							0.5 g/t Cut-off						
	Sulp	hide	Ox	ide		Total		Sulp	hide	Ox	ide		Total	
Category	Mt	g/t	Mt	g/t	Mt	g/t	Koz	Mt	g/t	Mt	g/t	Mt	g/t	koz
Indicated	0.20	1.78	0.03	1.08	0.24	1/67	13	0.23	1.61	0.05	0.95	0.28	1.50	14
Inferred	0.24	1.2	0.07	1.2	0.31	1.2	12	0.31	1.1	0.09	1.1	0.41	1.1	14

# 17.11 Mineral Reserve Inventory

The Macraes reserve estimate represents that part of the Measured and Indicated resource which can be economically mined and for which the necessary design work and mine planning have been carried out. Proved and Probable reserve blocks are based on Measured and Indicated resource blocks respectively. Stockwork blocks categorised as Indicated, and falling within the pit outline are not necessarily included within the Probable reserve. To be included, the blocks have to show reasonable continuity of mineralization. Inferred blocks are considered to be inadequately defined and therefore are not included in reported reserves, although if they fall within the pit outlines they do represent potential additions to ore mined if confirmed by grade control drilling. The reserves are included within the overall resource figures.

Macraes open pit reserve tonnages and grades are based on Whittle 4X pit optimizations, using projected costs, slope angles based on geotechnical studies, plant recoveries and future gold prices. Progressively staged cutbacks are continuing to use the 2007 reported NZ\$877/oz (US\$500/oz) gold price and an

exchange rate of US\$0.57/NZ\$. An ad valorem royalty of 1% is payable to the New Zealand government and refining and handling charges are included at NZ\$12/oz.

Reserve tonnages and grades are reported in accordance with CIM criteria to include any anticipated mining losses and mining dilution.

For open pit inventory, the resource block model estimation methodology incorporates adequate dilution and provides a reasonable estimate of mined tonnage and grades (see Table 17.81). No additional dilution or mining losses are applied to the open cut inventory by Oceana to the block model inventory. Oceana considers that the block model estimation methodology already incorporates adequate dilution and in the 2007 Report H&S confirmed that in their view the results of the *GS3* modelling provide a recoverable resource estimate. BDA in the 2007 Report would have preferred to see a specific recognition of mining dilution and mining losses, but accepted that overall the reconciliation data confirmed that the open pit reserves provide a reasonable estimate of mined tonnages and grades (see Table 17.81). Since 2007 the continuing reconciliation of data, although variable, confirms that overall the open pit reserves provide reasonable estimates of the mined tonnages and grades.

In response to BDA's note in the 2007 Report the FRUG stope inventory has been factored differently to the open cut inventory. The following justification of dilution and ore loss factors for FRUG stope inventory were specified in the September 2005 Frasers Underground Technical Study. The majority of the September 2005 Frasers Underground Technical Study factors are still currently applied because through staff turnover and shortages the reconciliation process for individual stopes has not been undertaken to a level of confidence to justify using alternate factors. Sections 17.11.1 and 17.11.2 are extracts from the September 2005 Frasers Underground Technical Study.

### 17.11.1 Frasers Underground Dilution

Dilution is the unwanted material that cannot avoid being mixed with the targeted ore and unless removed by some means reports to the processing facility thereby reducing the mined grade realised. Normally expressed as a percentage. In all discussions and calculations the formula should be taken to be:

• Dilution = unwanted material/planned stope material.

Dilution almost always carries some grade material and as such here will be expressed as a percentage with a grade. Coffey Mining Consultant's were requested to provide their estimates on stoping dilution given the rock mass conditions and mining methods planned. The following modes of dilution depicted in Figure 17.36 were assessed:

- Waste material inadvertently mined due to remaining Hangingwall position uncertainty;
- Blocky dilution from poor drill and blast practices;
- Wedge controlled dilution from the stope backs; and
- Ore dilution from overbreak on the yielding pillars.





### 17.11.2 Frasers Underground Ore Loss

Ore loss is the planned ore that is not recovered as a result of any number of means. Targeted stoping material is rarely fully realised over any medium to long term. Ore loss occurs from many sources, these are broadly divided into in-situ and broken ore losses.

Due to the low grade nature of the orebody, ore covered in excessive waste following extreme dilution events is considered to be lost rather than take the heavily diluted material. Ore loss is estimated to occur from the four following sources:

- From upper hangingwall position uncertainty;
- Broken ore lost through excessive waste cover;
- Sterilised ore stocks tied up in rib pillars required when re-slotting after major dilution, pillar failure events; and
- Broken ore not able to be effectively or efficiently cleaned up by the remote load-haul-dump unit (LHD).

Verification of the 2005 Frasers Underground Technical Study factors in January 2009 have modified the "sterilised ore stocks" factor from 6.6% up to 8.0% due to a slight increase in re-slotting frequency during 2008.

Currently 25% of the unfactored stope inventory will be accessed through long term infrastructure development, e.g. return air tunnels and decline access tunnels, and therefore those stopes extraction will be delayed until life of mine is drawing to a close or alterate infrastructure development is created. For those stopes identified as infrastructure delayed an additional 40% sterilised ore loss factor is initially applied to account for:

- Potential infrastructure tunnel damage due to the time delay between development and production that may prevent safe re-entry for economic stope production activities.
- A potential requirement for more frequent re-slotting due to major dilution caused by a weakened rock state brought about by the regional stress redistribution associated with the extraction of the adjacent primary stopes and aggrevated by the time delay.

#### Table 17.78: Stoping Ore – Dilution and Ore Loss First Principles Calculation

Mode	Mode						
Dilution							
Hangingwall uncertainty (from	m Oceana investigations)						
3% Dilution (half of this	@ full grade of 3.15 $g/t$ )		3% @ 1.58 g/t				
** Based on 25m x 25m	drill density						
Wedge failures			10% @ 0.0 g/t				
As determined by unwe	dge analysis						
Blocky dilution							
Allows for a 0.5 to 1m b	ack skin, over-break & blocky ground		5% @ 0.0 g/t				
Total Dilution			18% @ 0.26 g/t				
Ore Loss							
Hangingwall uncertainty (from	m Oceana investigations)	1.50					
The other 1.5% of ore lo	oss is treated as grade dilution above						
Ore lost through excessive v	vaste cover	3.70					
2,700 tonnes/100metres	s of stope drive						
Sterilised tonnes through re-	slotting	8.00					
(Coffey's 2005 recomme	endation was initially 6.6%)						
6.6m rib pillar left every	100m						
Broken ore not able to be cle	eaned up on stope edges, rough floors	5.00					
150 tonne per firing							
Total Ore loss (Stoping on	ly)	18.20					
Global Calculations							
Starting with	100% of tonnes @ 3.15 g/t						
In-situ ore-loss	= 9.5% (8.0% + 1.5%)						
	= 90.5% @ 3.15 g/t						
Adding dilution	= 18% @ 0.26 g/t						
	= 106.8% @ 2.71 g/t						
Finally broken ore-loss	= 8.7% (5.0% + 3.7%)						
	= 97.5% @ 2.71 g/t						

 18% dilution has been applied to all stoping tonnes from both the up-hole retreat mining method depicted in Figure 17.36 and the side wall only retreat mining method, e.g. Chevron Retreat method. The ability to better support the mining backs in the Chevron Retreat method, should allow for better control of the roof wedges and may lead to better conditions than with the retreat long hole open stope (RLHOS).

As is evident in Table 17.78, over 15% of ore is considered lost through major dilution events and the need to re-slot stopes periodically. Considerations include broken ore stocks that may be covered by large volumes of waste material from back failures. This material can be uneconomic to continue extraction because:

- The unstable nature of the stope means that the load-haul-dump unit is exposed to a high risk of serious damage or loss;
- The waste material is too large to be moved; and
- The waste is of too fine a size to be separated from the ore and by its volume dilutes the stope material below economic cut-offs for haulage to surface and treatment.

The re-slotting consideration accounts for the need to re-establish stope stability after either a major stope back or yielding pillar collapse.

## 17.11.3 Macraes Reserves Inventory

A breakdown of open pit, stockpile and underground reserves is shown in Table 17.79. The reserves are reported by category using a 0.5 g/t open pit and stockpile cut-off and a 0.8 g/t cut-off for underground development and a 1.52 g/t cut-off for underground stopes as at June 30, 2009. These reserves are a subset of the resources tabulated in Table 1.1. Note the estimated underground 1.9 g/t cut-off in the 2007 report has been reduced due to revised economics used in the LOMP08 for the underground operation.

Reserve		Proven		Probable		Total Reserve (Proven and Probable)			Resource	
Grade	Grade		Au g/t	Mt	Au g/t	Mt	Au g/t	Au Moz	Model	
0.5 g/t	Coronation			0.81	1.37	0.81	1.37	0.04	CO01A	
0.5 g/t	Frasers Open Pit	5.59	1.52	9.72	0.99	15.31	1.18	0.58	FR07A	
0.8/1.52 g/t	FRUG P1 & P2	0.09	1.94	2.40	2.52	2.49	2.50	0.20	FRUG07	
0.5 g/t	Stockpiles	5.42	0.66			5.42	0.66	0.12	Jun 30,09	
	Macraes Total	11.10	1.10	12.93	1.30	24.03	1.21	0.93	Jun 30, 09	

Table 17.79: Macraes Mineral Reserve Inventory as at June 30, 2009

Based on a gold price of NZ\$877/ounce

The reserves for the open pits include the ore identified in the Frasers and Coronation deposits, giving a total of 16.1Mt at an average grade of 1.19 g/t Au. These are shown in Table 17.80.

	Total Reserves at at June 30, 2009						
Category	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t Au)	Contained Gold (Moz)				
Proven - Frasers	5.59	1.52	0.27				
Total Proven	5.59	1.52	0.27				
Probable - Frasers	9.72	0.99	0.31				
Probable - Coronation	0.81	1.37	0.04				
Total Probable	10.53	1.02	0.34				
Total Proven and Probable	16.12	1.19	0.62				

Table 17.80: Macraes Open Pit Mineral Reserves Inventory, All Sources, 0.5 g/t Cut-off

The Frasers pit is currently planned to extend to a depth of 270m, with an average remaining stripping ratio of around 8.1:1 over the life of mine to 2013.

The mineralization down dip of the open pit, which is included in the underground reserves, has not been included in the Macraes open pit reserves above. As shown in Table 17.79, the total underground reserves are separately stated as 2.49Mt at an average of 2.50 g/t Au.

## 17.12 Qualified Persons Responsible for Reserve Estimates

Comments are expressed by Mr Mark Cadzow regarding the updating of explanations and estimates in section 17.11.

# 17.13 Reconciliation

Reconciliation refers to the historical comparison of ore mined and processed with reserves depleted, to provide a level of confidence in the reserve estimates. Annual reconciliations of sulphide ore at a 0.7 g/t cut off at Macraes from 1996 to 2006 are shown in Table 17.81. From 2007 onwards, the reconciliations are shown in Table 17.82 at a 0.5 g/t cut-off to reflect the lowered in-pit cut-off grade.

Area/Year	G	Grade Control			Model		Reconciliation%		
0.7 g/t Cut-off	Mt	Au g/t	Kozs	Mt	Au g/t	Kozs	Tonnes	Grade	Ozs
1996	3.172	2.13	209	3.065	1.95	194	103	109	108
1997	3.048	1.65	162	3.238	1.64	170	094	101	95
1998	3.277	1.30	137	3.450	1.49	166	095	87	83
1999	2.350	1.59	120	2.265	1.69	123	104	94	97
2000	2.989	1.88	181	2.617	1.85	159	114	102	114
2001	3.768	1.48	179	3.341	1.51	162	113	98	111
2002	3.875	1.35	168	3.590	1.46	169	108	92	100
2003	3.713	1.46	174	3.423	1.53	169	108	95	103
2004	4.571	1.46	215	4.535	1.46	211	101	100	102
2005	4.705	1.29	195	4.640	1.24	186	101	104	105
2006	4.439	1.34	191	4.106	1.31	172	108	102	111
Total	39.907	1.51	1931	38.270	1.53	1881	104	0.99	103

Table 17.81: Macraes Reserve Reconciliations by Deposit and Year, 1996 to 2006 at a 0.7 g/t Cut-off

Table 17.82: Macraes Rese	ve Reconciliations by	/ Deposit and Year,	, 2007 to June 2009	9 at a 0.5 g/t Cut-off
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Area/Year	Grade Control				Model			Reconciliation%			
0.5 g/t Cut-off	Mt	Au g/t	Kozs	Mt	Au g/t	Kozs	Tonnes	Grade	Ozs		
2007	3.16	1.15	117	2.82	1.18	107	1.12	0.97	1.09		
2008	3.61	1.36	157	3.51	1.34	151	1.03	1.01	1.04		
To June 2009	1.50	2.15	103	1.43	2.36	109	1.04	0.91	0.95		
Total	8.26	1.42	377	7.76	1.47	367	1.06	0.97	1.03		

On average, over the last 14.5 years, the annualized tonnes, grade and ounces mined, based on survey adjusted tonnages and mill reconciled grades, have been within  $\pm 5\%$  of the block model reserve estimates. This is a satisfactory result. Results from individual deposits and individual years have been more variable, but are still within acceptable limits. Only rarely on an annual basis have the mined tonnes or grade been more than 10% below the reserve estimates. Ore mining is based on strict grade control procedures based on 2.5m bench samples collected from a 4.5m blast hole grid. Ore mining is mostly carried out on day shift under geological supervision and with ore spotters to minimize dilution.

In many areas, grade control drilling has identified "stockwork" mineralization. The term applies to a variety of mineralization styles (including sheeted quartz veining, stockwork and erratic shears) all of which show poor continuity at the resource drilling scale. In 2002 Oceana reviewed the resource data and estimation procedures, particularly in relation to "stockwork" and decided to adopt the H&S GS3 modelling. The reconciliation results since then have improved with block model grade estimates in line with grade control results and overall contained gold giving a consistently favourable reconciliation.

The bulk of the poorer reconciliation results have related to the upper 50m of the pit and to relatively small quantities of ore. Below this depth reconciliation results were generally good. The shallower drilling generally relates to earlier drilling campaigns where quality control standards were lower, and estimates based on this data were typically found to be less reliable.

# 17.14 Environmental and Permitting Constraints to Mineral Estimates

The Macraes Project has been operational for a number of years now and is a key employer within the district. The mine site has a history of environmental compliance with no infringement notices issued.

The suite of consents and permits to operate the mine within the current mine plan are in place. No constraints are identified in terms of environmental or permitting matters for the current mine plan other than the operational constraints imposed by the requirement to comply with resource consent conditions.

# 18 OTHER RELEVANT DATA AND INFORMATION

# 18.1 Topography

The surface topography used for all the resource estimates with the exception of Coronation was a combination of 2.5m contour information derived from a detailed aerial survey completed in early 1994 by the Department of Survey and Land Information (DOSLI) on behalf of Oceana, surveyed drill hole collars and the 31 December 2005 end of month mine survey.

At Coronation the surface topography was derived from the 20m DOSLI contour data and drill hole collars. This data was modeled into 20m x 20m cells, using *TECHBASE* programme MINQ, then imported into *MINESIGHT*. This topography is very coarse and needs to be resurveyed at 2.5m contours prior to any mining.

# 18.2 Bulk Density

A bulk density of 2.5 t/m<sup>3</sup> is assigned to oxide blocks and 2.6 t/m<sup>3</sup> to sulphide (fresh) blocks. These are the accepted standard values for the Macraes Goldfield and have been applied everywhere to ensure consistency between resource estimation, grade control and mine planning. They are slightly lower than the experimentally determined SG's but are thought to more accurately reflect the bulk density of the overall rock mass. The experimental measurements are determined on small pieces of core, which do not include the joints, fractures, and faults present in the overall rock mass. Long-term reconciliation of truck volumes against milled tonnes has confirmed the validity of these bulk density values.

The specific gravity data for the various prospects is summarised in Table 18.1.

	Oxic	le Ore	Oxide Waste		Sulphide Ore		Sulphide Waste	
Prospect	No.	Mean	No.	Mean	No.	Mean	No.	Mean
Deepdell	4	2.55	7	2.49	9	2.64	18	2.68
Golden Point	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Round Hill	6	2.61	2	2.58	54	2.68	64	2.68
Southern Pit	-	-	-	-	4	2.67	3	2.66
Innes Mills	-	-	6	2.45	32	2.71	37	2.70
Frasers	2	2.32	10	2.47	62	2.69	73	2.67
Golden Ridge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Golden Bar	-	-	-	-	3	2.63	3	2.57
Total	12	2.54	25	2.48	164	2.69	198	2.68

 Table 18.1: Summary of Specific Gravity Data

# 19 INTERPRETATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

## 19.1 Geology

The Macraes area is a mature exploration province and has been well tested by exploration over all but the northernmost end of the HMSZ. The best strike extension target is the Coronation prospect which is located approximately 5km north of the current process plant infrastructure. To the northwest of Coronation, unmineralized cover rocks overlie the HMSZ. The presence of the cover rocks in this area would geochemically obscure any exploration target. While this provides an opportunity, it will be challenging to explore. Significant resource potential exists down dip/plunge of known open pits. The 2009 exploration budget revised in June 2009 totals NZ\$3.26M but both the program and budget are expected to be increased substantially in coming months.

The Oceana sampling procedures adopted for the drilling activities are considered appropriate and the programmes are well supervised by suitably qualified technical personnel.

After review of the database and available data quality, and considering the reconciliation data which is also available, the drilling data is considered to meet accepted industry standards. However, the quality control database is incomplete so complete assessment of all data quality is impossible. The later Oceana managed dry RC percussion drilling and diamond drilling is considered to represent the highest quality drilling as quality control records are available for review. Earlier open hole percussion drilling and cross over RC percussion drilling is considered to be of lower confidence given the opportunity for down-hole contamination which is inherent in these drill methods. The open hole percussion drilling methods are particularly at risk for this contamination. While this is the case, the majority of the drill hole database is considered to represent high quality data.

The wet RC percussion drilling that remains in the exploration/resource database represents a significant risk. The factoring approach applied by Oceana to reduce the impact of the remaining wet RC percussion drilling is reasonable although it does not account for local variability and down-hole contamination i.e. artificially extended ore zone widths. No appropriate method exists to adjust the wet RC percussion for bias. At Frasers, the wet RC percussion drilling impacts the resource estimates most significantly at depth (Stage 4 and 4C of the open pits). Expenditure allocated for infill drilling is expected reduce the number of wet sampled drill holes used in the resource estimates.

Available reconciliation data indicates the resource models represent robust estimates of metal and are generally acceptable estimators of tonnage and grade. In the cases of Golden Bar and Deepdell, the resource models have been overly selective resulting in an undercall of tonnage and an overcall of grade. Note that both these areas are no longer included in the mining plan.

The Mineral Resource statement determined as at June 30, 2009 has been prepared and reported in accordance with Canadian National Instrument 43-101, 'Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects' of December 2005 (the Instrument) and the classifications adopted by CIM Council in August 2000. Furthermore, estimation and classification is consistent with the Australasian Code for the 'Reporting of Identified Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves' of December 2004 (the Code) as prepared by the Joint Ore Reserves Committee of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, Australian Institute of Geoscientists and Minerals Council of Australia (JORC).

## 19.2 Mining

Oceana's performance at Macraes has shown that the mining equipment and mining methods are suited to the required mining rates and deposit geometry. Open pit and underground mine design procedures are appropriate and have been conducted in accordance with established industry standards and with input from appropriately qualified geotechnical specialists, hydrological specialists and external consultants. Historical productivity and safety records are generally in line with or better than industry standards. The LOMP08 has been prepared from 2009-2013; the schedules rely only on reserves, and are considered appropriate and reasonable.

The LOMP08 schedule has factors applied to account for poor weather, public holidays, equipment availability, equipment utilization, historically justified limitations on mine production and historically justified limitations on mill throughput.

The Frasers deposit provides the bulk of future reserves under LOMP08 so the operation is benefiting from fewer equipment moves, fewer haul roads to maintain and more homogeneous feed to the mill.

Management will be able to concentrate on the Frasers operation and further optimization of the life of mine plan should occur.

# 19.3 Processing

Over the last eighteen years Oceana has developed considerable experience in development and operation of the complex ore processing technology required to optimise gold recovery from the Macraes refractory ores.

Emphasis is placed on the control of costs. The relatively high tonnage processed, the simple flotation reagent regime and economies resulting from concentration of the gold into a flotation product comprising between 1.5% and 3% of the ore mass treated reduce operating cost. Labour costs are also lower than in most comparable developed countries. The operating cost of the core sulphide process is due to low comminution costs (contributed to by the coarse grind, and relatively soft ore).

Plant utilisation has been maintained at about 95% which is at the high end of typical industry benchmarks. Gold recovery on open pit ore and underground combined, from July 2008 to June 2009 averaged 80.9%. Overall, recoveries are considered reasonable given the refractory nature of the ores.

Oceana, has reviewed 2008 performance in response to the BDA consideration noted in the 2007 independent assessment. However, the open pit and underground ores are combined early in the process plant operation, achieving the combined average recovery of 80.9% noted above. That early combination of the ore streams precludes any definitive assessment of recovery from each ore stream, independently of the other.

It should be noted that the treatment of sulphide concentrate from the Reefton operation at Macraes utilises spare capacity in the autoclave circuit. In some years excess concentrate will be produced. Oceana will bypass some low-preg robbing Macraes concentrate around the autoclave, feeding it directly to the CIL plant to enable all the highly refractory Reefton material to be oxidised.

## 19.4 Infrastructure, Environment and Tenement Status

In 2008, Oceana commissioned the FRUG operation. This post-dated the 2007 BDA infrastructure assessment. Oceana continues to maintain appropriate infrastructure at Macraes, including road access, power, water supplies and administration facilities.

Environmental management and mitigation measures are maintained at Macraes, including ongoing monitoring to ensure compliance with resource consent conditions and permit requirements. These consents and permits are issued by the MOED, the ORC and the WDC. Tailings and waste rock disposal facilities are maintained and managed on an ongoing basis. Progressive rehabilitation is ongoing.

Consents are in place for additional uplifts to be constructed on tailings storage facilities (Mixed Tailings Impoundment and Southern Pit 11).

The project reserves, plant site, tailings dams and waste dumps are located on land that is covered by mining permits, and which Oceana owns or has access to mine with the sole exception of the Coronation deposit, where land access is under negotiation. All material tenements and landholder agreements are in good standing and have been independently reviewed. There is sufficient consented tailings capacity for LOMP08 tailings.

There are no material compliance issues relating to the principal mining and processing operations. Oceana has consents for the creation of a Heritage and Art Park at the Macraes site as part of its mine closure and restoration strategy. Implementation of this Heritage and Art Park is now well underway, with various artworks completed or under consideration. Oceana is in partnership with Fish and Game, a semi-government organisation, to manage a Trout Hatchery on the Macraes mine site.

A draft closure and rehabilitation plan has been prepared and is being reviewed. Oceana intends to incorporate the closure plan into future LOM plans. Estimated costs for final closure may require review. As more of the Heritage and Art Park is developed a better knowledge of costs involved will be available.

## 19.5 Production

Oceana has prepared LOMP08 production plans from reserves only which cover 2009-2013 for Macraes. The production rates forecast are consistent with recent performance and the anticipated grades. The mine production plans are considered reasonable for the purpose of long term scheduling.

During the 2009-2011 peak production years the open pit excavator fleet is planned to comprise two Caterpillar 5130's, one Caterpillar 5230 and one Hitachi Ex 3600, to load six Caterpillar 785 haul trucks and eleven Caterpillar 789 haul trucks. After mid-2011, Oceana is satisfied that there are sufficient working areas for the excavators to operate and there is reasonable opportunity to reassess the requirements.

During the 2009-2011 peak production years the underground operation will provide ~15% of the Macraes ore using a fleet of two Tamrock H205D electrohydrualic jumbos, one Caterpillar 2900, one Caterpillar 1700 and two Tamrock 1400 LHD's in conjunction with four Tamrock 50D haul trucks. The underground ore is dumped at an in-pit stockpile for periodic rehandling by the open pit fleet to the process plants run of mine stockpile. Production for 2009 to late 2011 is primarily stope ore with additional development ore when encountered within the mine design. The LOM08 mine plan has production during 2012 being solely derived from stope extraction. Oceana is satisfied with the accuracy of the September 2005 Frasers Underground Technical Study recommendations and conclusions and the 2008 underground life of mine schedule is considered reasonable for the purpose of long term scheduling.

The projected plant throughput fluctuates between 5.4Mt and 5.6Mt for 2009 to 2012. Projected recoveries have been reviewed as recommended by the 2007 BDA assessment.

## 19.6 Management

The owner operator open cut mine and the alliance agreement underground mine are, performing to expectation under Oceana's management.

Oceana management has sought out new opportunities for cost reduction and increased efficiency. The mining and processing operations have concentrated on minimising production costs to maintain profitability. Oceana continues to pursue cost reduction innovations.

The general management approach is strongly safety oriented and the safety performance statistics generally reflect that attention, with performances significantly better than industry averages.

# 19.7 Capital and Operating Costs

Capital cost estimation and forecasting appear reasonable and consistent with proposed development program and ongoing requirements. In practice, capital expenditures over the LOM period may be more variable than forecast due to unforeseen problems, modifications, upgrades and introduction of new technology.

Capital expenditure provisions (from July 2009 to 2013) include expenditures for capitalised mining costs totalling NZ106M and sustaining capital of NZ12M (including exploration) and are considered accurate to within  $\pm 15\%$ .

Mine capital expenditure (excluding pre-strip) has been based on known expenditures required for 2009 and includes replacement of some equipment in 2010.

The process plant capital expenditure consists of known expenditure for replacement mill parts and modifications. Included is the tailings embankment expenditure to RL551 to incorporate life of mine requirements.

Plant operating cost estimates for Macraes are considered reasonable and consistent with recent experience and trends, and are regarded as accurate to  $\pm 15\%$ . However, these costs are considered to be subject to volatility in commodities prices.

With the mine operating cost estimates Oceana is very focused on cost efficiency in all phases of the operation. Business improvements strategies are implemented to help control costs and strive for continued improvements. The mine operating cost estimates for Macraes are also considered reasonable and consistent with recent experience and trends, and are regarded as accurate to ±15%.

## 19.8 Environment

The Macraes Project is consented for environmental purposes, with actual and potential environmental effects regularly monitored and reported to the relevant agencies.

The site is achieving environmental compliance with good internal and external reporting of environmental issues and performance. The site environmental documentation is appropriate and follows EMS principles although it does not constitute a full EMS.

Overall, no material environmental issues have been identified which might limit the ongoing operation of the mine within LOMP08.

# 20 RECOMMENDATIONS

## 20.1 Geology

In May, 2007 RSG Global recommended that:

• Additional drilling is completed, where possible, to replace the wet RC percussion drill holes.

Oceana are currently conducting a diamond twin drilling program to mitigate wet sampling bias in Round Hill. In regard to Frasers Open Pit, no more wet samples drill holes have been replaced, so a risk in relation to sampling bias remains. As discussed below, further infill drilling is planned for Frasers, so a proportion of remaining wet samples will be replaced via this program.

• Infill drilling is completed in pit regions defined by a drill spacing of greater than 50m x 50m. The infill drilling will allow an increased resource confidence potentially converting some inferred resource to higher resource categories.

Oceana have recently allocated NZ\$1.6M for infill drilling within and beyond the toe of Frasers Open Pit.

• Infill drilling is completed at FRUG. This drilling would logically be completed from underground once access is available from underground.

Oceana have commenced development of a drilling drive to allow infill drilling of the eastern portion of Panel 2.

 The exploration and resource evaluation departments should monitor all exploration data quality. The current practise of allowing the mining department to manage quality control of exploration data is considered bad practise. Assay batches that fail to meet minimum quality criteria (acceptable standard assays) should be rejected with AMDEL reassaying the entire batch. The quality control protocols should also include assessment of pulverisation (sizing analyses) and routine round robin assaying.

For the time being, Oceana has elected to use alternative assay facilities for most resource drilling.

A single estimation method should be used for all zones of the FRUG deposit. If conditional simulation is to be considered, then risk analysis should be part of that study. The current approach applied to Panel 1 and 2 has produced acceptable results but is overly complex as the E-type estimate is reported which approximates an ordinary kriging estimate when sufficient realisations are generated. If no risk analysis is used then RSG Global strongly recommends that Oceana not used conditional simulation as estimation technique.

The current estimation approach has been simplified, using ordinary kriging rather than conditional simulation.

• Polygonal estimation methods are not used in any future grade estimation studies.

Due to the paucity of data, Golden Point remains a polygonal estimate. This is classified as inferred.

 The current reconciliation practises are continued and that resource models are refined on an ongoing basis using the reconciliation data and new drilling information data. When change of support is implemented, the grade control drilling and reconciliation data should be used to determine the change of support coefficients, as is the case for the Frasers open pit. Hellman and Schofield also recommend that Oceana review the block support adjustments for Frasers open pit stockwork mineralization.

Review has been ongoing. Since 2007, no changes have been implemented due to acceptable reconciliations.

## 20.2 Mining

Oceana agrees with the 2007 Report, where BDA recommended clarification of FRUG ore loss and dilution factors. Staff turnover has prevented the recommendation being carried out to the extent Oceana would like in order to modify the stated factors within the September 2005 Frasers Underground Technical Study.

Steps taken by Oceana in response to BDA's suggestions coming out of the 2007 Report are summarised in Table 20.1.

Table 20.1:	Recomme	endations
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Item	Recommendation
Grade	Recent reconciliation data shows actual tonnes, grade and contained metal typically within $\pm 5\%$ of reserve predictions. BDA suggests that it would be prudent to test the sensitivity of a 5% reduction in mill head grade, although it should be noted that YTD June 2004 milled head grade is actually showing a positive variance relative to plan. Oceana is continually reviewing reconciliation. Overall the grade predictions have been acceptable since the May 2007 BDA recommendation.
Mill Recovery	Oceana in response to the 2007 BDA recommendation reviewed the 2008 performance with mixed ores and now utilises an average recovery of 81.8% in LOM plans.
Mine Capital	Increase estimate by NZ\$3.6M (see capital cost schedules) plus NZ\$7M for lower continuous improvement gains (1% instead of 2% per year). This has been taken into consideration in the assessment of an appropriate allowance in LOMP08.
Mill Capital	Increase estimate by NZ\$3M (see capital cost schedules). This has been taken into consideration in the assessment of an appropriate allowance in LOMP08.
Mine Operating Costs	Reduce Continuous Improvement saving by 50% (from 2% pa to 1% pa) - LOM impact +NZ\$10.7M. This has been taken into consideration in the assessment of an appropriate allowance in LOMP08.
Mill Operating Costs	Allow for operating costs 5% higher than forecast, i.e. averaging NZ\$8.80/t rather than the projected average of NZ\$8.39/t. This has been taken into consideration in the assessment of an appropriate allowance in LOMP08.
Power Costs	Oceana in response to the 2007 BDA recommendation has electricity supply to Macraes partially hedged, and the balance is payable at spot prices. The 2008 average unit cost was entered and appropriately indexed within the LOMP08.

## 20.3 Infrastructure, Environment and Tenement Status

In May 2007, GHD recommended that Oceana:

- Determine the cause of tailings seepage to Sump B within Maori Tommy Gully, and monitor the preferential pathway and contaminant levels. In response to this Oceana reviewed the role and operation of Sump B. Sump B replaced a smaller stand pipe collector system in 1994. The drains to the original collector system were laid in gravelled channel. This channel carried a small volume of seepage which bypassed Sump B. This volume is not considered significant by Oceana; and
- Finalise an EMS. Oceana is progressing with this but the report is not yet complete. Documentation for the key components is in place.

Oceana intends to:

- Continue the current monitoring and reporting regime, and expand to cover additions to the project;
- Refine the mine closure plan and cost estimates; and
- Continue to refine documentation along the principles of an EMS.

# 21 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TECHNICAL REPORTS ON DEVELOPMENT PROPERTIES AND PRODUCTION PROPERTIES

This section is an amended summary of the 2007 Report.

## 21.1 Mining Operations

Macraes is mined by a combination of conventional open cut and underground retreat long-hole open stope (RLHOS) methods along the line of strike.

### 21.1.1 Open Pit

The Macraes open pit mining operation is centred on the Macraes line of lode. Since open pit mining commenced at the Macraes Project, a series of conventional open pits have been developed along the northwest trending (mine grid north) HMSZ. Gold mineralisation is variably distributed along the Hangingwall shear as well as along a number of erratic, concordant shears, located below the Hangingwall shear. Zones of sheeted, and variously orientated, quartz veins within the intrashear schist also carry some mineralisation. The footwall schists are typically barren.

The hangingwall shear dips at 15-20° to the east (mine grid) with a mineralized width of 5-30m. The structure has been mined over a strike length of 6km and, in the Frasers area, is known to be mineralized to depths in excess of 500m.

Ore mining at Macraes has come from ten pits, comprising, from north to south, Deepdell North, Deepdell South, Northwest Pit, Golden Point, Round Hill, Southern Pit, Innes Mills, Frasers North and South, Golden Ridge and Golden Bar. Current operations are in Frasers North Stage 4 and Frasers North Stage 4C. Coronation and Frasers South Stage 3 are still to be mined. Mineralization has also been outlined to the south at the Taylors deposit; exploration of the Macraes North area is incomplete.

The conventional open cut mining operation at Macraes, utilises two Montabert drills for ore grade control and blast holes, one Drilltech drill for overburden blast holes and various service units in addition to the four hydraulic excavators and seventeen rear-dump diesel trucks to remove both overburden and ore. Blasting requires relatively light powder factors compared with some other operations due to the relatively weak and fractured rock mass. Ore is blasted in 7.5m high benches and excavated in three, nominally 2.5m high flitches.

The LOMP08 has factors applied to account for poor weather, public holidays, equipment availability, equipment utilisation, historically justified limitations on mine production and historically justified limitations on mill throughput.

The Frasers deposit provides the bulk of future reserves under the LOMP08. Oceana plans to develop the Coronation deposit to the north once an access agreement with the land owners has been signed.

The open cut operation is owner-operated by Oceana and is supported by a maintenance and repair contract ("MARC") with the equipment suppliers, who also supply ground engaging tools. Contracts for fuel and other commodities and services support the open pit operations.

Oceana's performance at Macraes has shown that the mining equipment and mining methods are suited to the required mining rates and deposit geometry. Open pit mine design procedures are appropriate and have been conducted in accordance with established industry standards and with input from appropriately qualified geotechnical specialists, hydrological specialists and external consultants. Historical productivity and safety records are generally in line with or better than industry standards. The LOMP08 has been prepared for 2009 to 2013 and relies only on open pit reserves, and are considered appropriate and reasonable.

### 21.1.1.1 Pit Optimisation

The open pit production and design parameters have been optimised using Whittle Four-X software. The main input parameters are gold price, the current mining and non-mining costs, the current metallurgical recovery and pit slope criteria. The parameters are peer reviewed as part of the optimisation process.

The practical final pit designs continue to be based on the 2007 derived gold price of NZ\$877/oz. During 2009 the Frasers Open Cut mine stages will undergo Whittle Four-X scrutiny with parameters based upon 2009 costs and a spread of gold prices between NZ\$1,000/oz and NZ\$1,800/oz to ensure pit designs remain plausible. The mining of Frasers is staged with the current Frasers North Stage 5 and Frasers South Stage 3 being the current economic limit. The mining of the existing NZ\$877/oz Frasers pit limits was initiated in January 2009 with completion planned for early 2013.

### 21.1.1.2 Geotechnical Parameters

Given the long duration of experience in mining the local rock mass, Oceana are able to design pit walls at angles that are well optimised in light of geotechnical considerations. While this results in occasional localised batter failure, an active monitoring system has ensured that safety is not compromised and has allowed potential geotechnical problems to be anticipated. Minimal ore has been lost through wall failures to date and the approach has allowed the minimisation of overburden removal costs. Pit wall conditions remain manageable with regard to safety and the continued extraction of ore.

Specialist geotechnical expertise is utilised to ensure that any potential ground movement at the various operations is unlikely to interfere with production. The Footwall Fault, which runs beneath all the pits along strike at Macraes, has a long history of "creep" movement. Oceana has developed several operational techniques, including displacement monitoring, toe buttressing with backfill, drainage depressurisation and intermittent mining, all of which control the risk to operations. Another technique has been to split the pits into two or more sections, so that one zone is supported while mining takes place in adjacent areas. Oceana's 12 years of experience in six separate pits has evolved geotechnical provisions that are appropriate and effective to be able to continue mining without major interruption from Footwall Fault movement.

At this stage, the Frasers pits comprise the bulk of the remaining resource and has a final depth of around 270m. The Frasers pit is located to the south of the Macraes fault zone, an east-west striking shear zone approximately 100m in width. The Macraes fault zone intersects with the upper north wall of the Stage 5 Frasers Pit cut back, and accordingly the affected section of northern pit slope has been moderated to 37 degrees. Site experience with the Macraes fault zone and similar fault zones has shown that this designed slope angle allows the wall to be safely excavated without inducing large-scale failure. Additionally a set of discontinuous north-south structures, dipping moderately steeply to the west may cause batter scale failures on the east wall and a large persistent moderately angled east-dipping set of shears known locally as the Northern Gully Fault Family provides release surfaces for occasional batter-scale wedge failures.

### 21.1.1.3 Open Pit Mining

Gold production without the underground operation was formerly around 170-180koz per annum for the life of the operation. However due to the successful commissioning of the Frasers underground project the open pit mining contribution has been scaled back to an average of 140koz per annum until the end of 2012. Total material movement is scheduled to progressively reduce from around 52Mtpa in 2009, tailing off as stripping operations reduce and the ore in the final pits is exposed. Average annual stripping ratios (waste:ore) in 2009, and will average around 8.2:1. Due to pre-strip requirements and scheduling constraints, there are periods when the mining operations are unable to provide sufficient ore to the mill and the mill feed is then supplemented with medium/low grade stockpiles ore. The proposed mine plan for the remaining life of the Macraes open cut operation is summarised in Table 21.1.

Item	Unit	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total			
Macraes Open Cut Mining										
Ore Milled	Mt	4.53	4.63	4.79	4.99	4.10	23.04			
Grade – Au	g/t	1.34	1.07	1.09	1.31	0.73	1.12			
Recovery – Au	%	81.8	81.3	81.9	82.6	78.9	82.0			
Gold Produced	koz	160	130	138	176	76	680			

Table 21.1:	Macraes	Minina	Schedule	2009 to	2013

Potential exists to define additional mineable ore from material not in the current reserves, including open cut stockwork zones and down-dip extensions of current ore regions that, depending on gold price, further infill drilling and mine planning may identify some of this material as mineable.

Gold production shown in Table 21.1 is only the contribution of the Macraes open cut mining operations to the combined output from the Macraes plant, which includes ore and concentrates from other sources.

## 21.1.2 Frasers Underground Mine

The Frasers deposit mineralization remains open down dip to the east of the final walls of the Macraes Stage 5 open pit, which is planned to be mined to a depth of 270m. Diamond drilling has intersected significant grades of mineralization along the hangingwall shear structure, extending to depths of 600m. Although the dip flattens to around 10-15°, the incremental stripping ratio down dip is high and the economics of further cut-backs appear marginal.

The FRUG operation was commissioned in 2008 following positive outcomes of the 2007 extraction of the trial stopes. The FRUG operation is mined under an alliance agreement, with Oceana providing management and technical guidance to the mining contractor who performs the physical mining tasks.

Oceana has retained the services of a number of geotechnical and mining engineering specialists that contributed to the 2004 Bankable Feasibility Study and 2005 Technical Study to maintain a working knowledge of this evolving mining method and to provide futher design recommendations based on the actual mines performance.

The underground retreat long-hole open stope (RLHOS) mining operation utilises electro-hydraulic development jumbos, diesel load-haul-dump units, diesel haul trucks and a production drill rig to extract both waste and ore. The retreat stope voids are not backfilled, instead the mine design utilises yeilding pillars between adjacent extracted stopes to gradually deform over a timeframe that permits ore extraction.

The two panels described in the 2007 Technical Report are now being developed with stope extraction from Panel 1 during the majority of 2008. The up-dip panel (Panel 1) represents an extension of the Stage 5 open pit mineralization, extending from 270m to a depth of around 320m. At around 320m, the tenor of mineralization drops, and remains patchy down dip for a distance of approximately 250m. The width, grade and continuity then improve below 370m to at least 600m, forming a second panel (Panel 2) which to date remains open down dip below 600m. Both panels have been drilled to approximately 50m patterns.

The mineralized zone within Panel 1 averages 15-25m thick. Panel 2 intersections are generally thinner. Oceana personnel have created practical conceptual designs and final designs for development and stopes down to 575m which have estimated ore loss and dilution factors applied. Inferred resources have influenced development placement but have not been included in the reserves or the financial analysis.

Exploration drilling of the Panel 2 deeps and possibly for a Panel 3 will be dependent on how the process plant feed can continue beyond 2013 without a large open pit contributing ore. For 2009 Oceana has estimated the FRUG sustaining capital cost of NZ\$7.4M, with mine operating costs of NZ\$47.63/t of ore, or NZ\$640/ounce poured for 2009.

Oceana's performance at FRUG has shown that the mining equipment and mining methods are suited to the required mining rates and deposit geometry. The underground mine design procedures are appropriate and have been conducted in accordance with established industry standards and with input from appropriately qualified geotechnical specialists, mining engineering specialists and external consultants. Safety records are generally in line with or better than industry standards. The FRUG LOMP08 schedule has been prepared for 2009 to 2013, the schedule relies on reserves and approximately 31,000 additional mined ounces from a small number of inferred stopes and a conservative low grade for development through inferred resource, which are considered appropriate and reasonable for long term site planning. For this NI 43-101 document the quantities and financial figures have been back adjusted for the FRUG mine to remove the LOM's approximate 31,000 mined ounces derived from inferred resource.

### 21.1.2.1 Development Plan

The established infrastructure in the FRUG mine consists of the portal at 352.5mRL within the Frasers open pit with a decline to 525mRL, a 355m by 4mØ return air raise to surface with fans installed underground, a 350m by 2.4mØ secondary egress raise with ladder to surface, an underground crib room, explosives magazine, satellite refuelling station, two Mineark refuge stations and dewatering pump station.

Development waste, development ore and stope ore are hauled from underground to an in-pit stockpile area at the 367.5mRL and paddock dumped and manually screened for metal and other rubbish. Twice a

month the stockpile waste and ore are rehandled by the open pit fleet to a waste dump or process plant ROM respectively.

The revised underground development design will facilitate the completion of infill drilling of Panel 2 from suitable locations underground, as well as further define the identified Panel 2 deeps resources further down dip.

Oceana has continued to utilise an underground mining contracting firm through an alliance contract arrangement now that stope production is progressing. The option mentioned in the 2007 Technical Report to change to owner-operator for the underground mine was reviewed in 2008 through a cost/benefit analysis which resulted in the continuance of the alliance.

The underground long term plan is to produce at around 800,000tpa for 2009 to 2012 with the Macraes open pit production operating in parallel. The underground ore is being blended with the Macraes ore and Reefton concentrate at the Macraes Process Plant.

Depending on ongoing ore definition drilling, the overall mine life may be extended if the open pit contribution that ceases in 2013 can be supplemented to keep the processing costs economic.

#### 21.1.2.2 Mining Method

The FRUG mine has evolved the RHLOS mining process from the initial trials undertaken in 2007. The experience obtained from extracting the 3 adjacent trail stopes suggested that a continuously retreating parallel set of stopes of 15m excavation width with 6m of pillar between the stope voids would permit enough time for ore extraction before yielding of the surrounding rock occurred. Reslotting frequency as a result of significant dilution was within the consultant's expectations and resulted in planning of pillar placement for the Panel 1 and Panel 2 mine designs.

During 2008 the Frasers open pit scheduled production mined down and exposed the caved ground above the collapsed trial stope voids and in the process defined the degree of unravelling and permitted the geotechnical consultant's to calibrate their recommendations in predicting future rock displacement and standoff requirements for future underground infrastructure.

The 2005 studies 30m remnant pillar between the open pit and the underground stopes still exists but has been locationally adjusted due to changes in the open pit design. Due to the delayed timing of stope extraction some additional ore could be scavenged from this pillar as long as all activities in the Frasers pit have ceased. The additional ore in the open pit abuttment pillar has not been included in the reserves or financial anaylsis.

The RLHOS mining method has been site proven with the extraction of 492,200 tonnes of stope ore during 2008 and 281,750 tonnes of stope ore during the first half of 2009, all be it with the permanent loss of one remote loader in early 2008 through over zealousness. Procedures regarding when a remote loader can venture entirely within the stope void are now in place and although expected remote loader damage has occurred all remaining loaders are still operational.

The Chevron up-hole retreat stoping method, which is a hybrid form of room and pillar mining method has not be site trialled. There is currently 76kt of ore, or 3.0% of remaining reserve to be extracted by the Chevron stoping method.

The designs assume a mining recovery of around 40% of the in situ mineralization, generating approximately 2.49Mt of ore to a depth of 575m. An alternate mining option described in the 2005 Technical Study considered inclusion of mining with paste fill, adopting a similar layout but increasing recovery by allowing a portion of the pillar material between the adjacent stopes to be recovered. Should additional resource be delinated down dip then the backfilling of voids option will need reassessment as part of the financial analysis component before adding to the reserve.

The Panel 1 ore geometry is flat-lying, at around 10-15°, averaging 15-20m thickness, and comprises stope blocks "A", "B", "C", "D" and "8A", with "8A" encompassing the infrastructure stopes and stopes adjacent to the abuttment pillar beneath the pit wall. The extracted Panel 1 "A" and "B" stopes were amenable to the RLHOS mining process through utilising every second stope to lead whilst the intermediate stopes had their voids lagging behind by 25-50m. Panel 1 designs are considered final for all but the "8A" block of stopes which will alter with pit design changes.

The Panel 2 mineralization tends to be thinner, but is also suited to the RLHOS mining method with a similar lead and lag mining front being utilised in the "B" stope block that began extraction in November 2008 and "C" stope block that began extraction in March 2009. Panel 2 designs are considered final for <sup>162</sup>
stope blocks "B", "C", "D" and "G" while stope blocks "A", "E", "F" and most of "H" are conceptually designed but are awaiting in-fill diamond drilling results before final designs are completed over the coming 18 months.

#### 21.1.2.3 Geotechnical Parameters

Over the previous 18 months of the FRUG operational life the technical services personnel have learned and adapted to the ground conditions. The use of shotcrete was widespread during the early stages of development but since the beginning of 2009 it was deemed unsuitable to the deforming ground conditions. The decision to change drive surface support to mesh continues to be a success with the mesh surface supports ability to withstand ground deformation better than the brittle aspects of shotcrete.

Structural conditions can be difficult at times with a pervasive east dipping fault set. These conditions are managed in development drives by use of a Ground Control Management Plan (GCMP). The GCMP is an easy to follow plan for what to do when poor ground conditions are encountered, and can be updated as experience is gained. The GCMP details the geotechnical engineer's recommendations for the various ground conditions and drive geometries. The recommendations include the types of bolts to be installed, the bolt spacing and location of placement, the type of surface support and the requirement for subsequent cable bolt installation and who to contact should the ground support installer encounter ground conditions outside of what is considered normal.

Stope production is carried out safely and efficiently by careful design of stope pillars and installation of long twin stranded brow cables. Stope stability is managed by orientating ore drives at an angle to the pervasive fault set. This minimises structural effects on pillar and back stability.

The upper section of FRUG is situated beside the Frasers open pit. The open pit's wall relaxation causes ground movement in the main access decline which results in periodic rehabilitation of the declines surfaces though the installation of additional or replacement ground support. Monitoring prisms are located on the pit walls and within the access decline to monitor movement rates. Daily inspections of the upper decline and scheduled rehabilitation days mitigate the risk to the underground workforce to the hazard of a ground support failure.

Specialist geotechnical consultants are utilised on a regular basis to review installed ground support performance, to assess current ground support practices and predict the ground support requirements for future conceptual development drive and stope designs.

#### 21.1.2.4 Production Forecasts

The production target of 2,200-2,400tpd was consistently achieved during the final six months of 2008 after a slow start resulting from delays in interpreting the trial stope data and the resultant modifications to mine designs through consultant recommendations. The 770-880ktpa production forecasts derived through the use of Runge's Xpac scheduling software using time and rate constraints derived from the 2005 Technical Study is considered reasonable given the relatively stable performance of the Frasers underground operation over the 12 months from July 2008.

#### 21.1.2.5 Underground Mining

Gold production from the FRUG operation produces an average of 60koz per annum until the end of 2011. Total material movement is around 0.8Mtpa from 2009 to end of 2011, tailing off in 2012 as ore sources are depleted. Development ore tonnes cease in 2011. The amended mine plan for the remaining life of the Macraes FRUG operation is summarised in Table 21.2. Note: Full year figures are not detailed.

ltem	Unit	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total			
Macraes FRUG Mining										
Ore Milled	Mt	0.87	0.88	0.82	0.15		2.72			
Grade – Au	g/t	2.83	2.98	2.38	2.08		2.70			
Recovery – Au	%	82.0	81.3	81.9	83.6		82.1			
Gold Produced	koz	65	68	52	8		193			

Table 21.2:	Frasers U	Inderground	amended	Mining	Schedule	2009 to	2012
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Potential exists to define additional mineable ore from material not in the current reserves, including underground stockwork zones and down-dip extensions of current ore regions that, depending on gold price, further infill drilling and mine planning may identify some of this material as mineable reserves.

Gold production shown in Table 21.2 is only the contribution of the Macraes FRUG operation to the combined output from the Macraes Process Plant, which includes ore and concentrates from other sources.

# 21.2 Processing

## 21.2.1 Ore Mineralogy

Gold is mostly present as <10 micron ( $\mu$ m) particles in sulphide grains, principally within pyrite and arsenopyrite. This gold is refractory and is not readily recoverable by standard cyanidation methods. It requires the sulphide grains to be broken down prior to cyanidation. This is accomplished using pressure oxidation in an autoclave. The sulphide component is concentrated into a sulphide flotation concentrate prior to pressure oxidation. Free gold content varies between deposits, comprising between 5-30% of the total gold in the ore.

The Macraes ore also contains a carbonaceous fraction. Coarse grained ores tend to contain less organic carbon, while finer grained ores contain higher levels of carbon. The carbonaceous material has a negative impact in the CIL circuit, adsorbing some of the dissolved gold from the CIL circuit liquor; this effect is not uncommon and is termed 'preg-robbing'. The carbonaceous material is typically recovered to the flotation concentrate, although its flotation kinetics are slower than those of the sulphide minerals, so that carbon recovery is generally lower than sulphide recovery. The soft carbonaceous material also tends to smear on the gangue components of the ore, imparting some degree of hydrophobicity increasing the recovery of non-sulphides in the flotation concentrate. Experience at Macraes and at other plants worldwide indicates that the autoclave pressure oxidation under normal oxidising conditions tends to further activate the carbonaceous material. Macraes has adopted technology developed by Newmont Limited of the US that allows passivation of the carbonaceous material by introducing limestone into the feed to the autoclave. This, along with the use of kerosene in the CIL circuit and judicious management of the activated carbon in the CIL circuit has provided an effective means of controlling and mitigating the preg-robbing effect.

## 21.2.2 Plant Description

The Macraes process plant recovers gold by concentrating the metal into a relatively small fraction of flotation concentrate, oxidising the reground concentrate in a pressure oxidation autoclave, washing the oxidised residue and then utilising a carbon-in-leach process to recover gold from the residue. Figure 21.1 is a schematic diagram of the plant flow sheet following the 2007 Flotation Plant Upgrade.

In detail the plant comprises:

- two single stage jaw crushing circuits, which reduce the ore to a top size of approximately 200 mm; the products from these two circuits are directly fed to the two SAG mills and an emergency feeder on the conveyor system feeding the higher capacity circuit provides continuity of feed to the grinding circuit if the jaw crusher feed is interrupted;
- a complex grinding circuit to reduce the particle size of the ore to 80% passing 140 µm; the original, higher capacity crushing circuit feeds a 2300 kW SAG mill and the new crushing circuit feeds a 1500 kW SAG mill; discharge from the two SAG mills are directed to two separate cyclone clusters, the underflow from which is fed to the flash flotation section or two parallel ball mills (2300 kW and 2500 kW); ball mill discharge is directed to the larger of the cyclone clusters;
- the flash flotation circuit, comprising both roughing and cleaning, on the circulating load of the grinding circuit, to recover as much of the sulphide minerals, and consequently the gold, at as coarse a size as possible;
- a main primary flotation circuit comprising tank cells and trough-style cells to maximise gold recovery to flotation concentrate; a cleaner flotation circuit controls to the sulphur grade of the concentrate to optimise the performance of the following pressure oxidation circuit;

- regrinding of the flotation concentrate in a 900 kW ball mill to 80% passing 20 µm improves pressure oxidation kinetics; limestone is added to the regrind circuit feed to control net acid generation in the pressure oxidation circuit;
- washing and thickening of the reground flotation concentrate in a high rate thickener to control the level of chloride ion in the liquor fed to the pressure oxidation circuit;
- repulping and treatment of Reefton concentrate through a 450 kW IsaMill, generating an 80% passing 20 μm sized product;
- pressure oxidation in a 77 m3 autoclave at 3,150 kPa and 225 °C to achieve greater than 75% oxidation of the sulphide component of the Macraes concentrate; oxygen is supplied to the autoclaves from a cryogenic plant operated by BOC;
- pressure oxidation through the autoclave of Reefton concentrate at the same operating conditions as for Macraes concentrate, targeting greater than 88% oxidation;
- Macraes and Reefton concentrates treated separately, excess concentrate from either source results in a proportion of Macraes concentrate being sent to CIL unoxidised as direct leach (due to the higher recoveries achievable on unoxidised Macraes concentrate compared to unoxidised Reefton concentrate);
- washing of the oxidised residue from the pressure oxidation (POX) process to separate the acid liquor generated by the oxidation;
- further neutralisation of the acid liquor using flotation tailings and lime;
- leaching of gold from the POX residue using cyanide in a CIL circuit that uses kerosene and high activated carbon concentrations to control preg-robbing by the carbonaceous component in the ore;
- destruction of the cyanide in the CIL tailings using the INCO process, with sodium metabisulphite as a source of sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>); and
- recovery of gold from the loaded carbon using a normal elution and single pass electrowinning circuit, followed by smelting to produce gold bullion.

The POX plant uses technology that minimises formation of gold chloride complexes in the autoclave. Formation of these soluble complexes in the presence of active carbon can result in preg-robbing prior to contact of the oxidised residue with cyanide. Washing the concentrate with water in a thickener controls chloride levels in the flotation concentrate pulp. The acidity of the autoclave pulp is controlled by the addition of limestone to the regrind. The sulphur oxidation was designed to about 97% of the total sulphide present but more recently test work has indicated that reduction in the level of oxidation to greater than 75% has enabled increased gold extractions in CIL to be achieved by increased throughput through the autoclave.

Commissioning of the POX circuit in 1999 proceeded with minimal disruption to plant operations and the process has been both a technical and economic success, being a large contributor to a significant reduction in cost per ounce of production.

Figure 21.1: Macraes Process plant Flowsheet – Post 2007 Flotation Upgrade



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In 2007 Oceana replaced the primary flotation columns and the 38 m<sup>3</sup> trough-style flotation cells with three 300 m<sup>3</sup> tank cells simplifying the rougher/scavenger flotation circuit and enabling the large conventional cells to be used to increase the capacity of the cleaner circuit.

The underground ore is being separately crushed and primary milled before being blended with open pit ore during the secondary grinding stage at the Macraes Process Plant.

# 21.3 Recoverability

Details are provided in section 16.

# 21.4 Contracts

## 21.4.1 Open Pit

#### 21.4.1.1 Concentrating, Smelting, Refining, Transportation and Sales

Concentrating of the Macraes ore to produce a concentrate for further processing is part of the operation carried out by Oceana at the Macraes site and is not contracted out.

A contract is in place with AGR Matthey Pty Ltd for the transportation and refining of the dore bullion into fine gold and silver for sale. This contract sets prices for transporting and refining the dore under conditions which generally comply with industry norms. The contract was initially for a three year period ending in July 2006 and has subsequently rolled over annually on the same terms and conditions.

#### 21.4.1.2 Mining

Open pit mining at Macraes is carried out by Oceana personnel using mining equipment leased by Oceana under master lease agreements with ANZ National Bank Limited and Caterpillar Financial New Zealand Limited. Gough, Gough and Hamer Limited maintains the mining equipment under an agreement that is in place through to January 2013 with the exception of one Hitachi 3600 excavator, which is maintained by Oceana personnel.

Tyres for rubber-tyred mobile mining equipment are sourced directly from local suppliers Tyreline Distributors Ltd (Michelin brand) and Bridgestone Firestone New Zealand Limited with a minimum number of Michelin brand tyres secured by a long-term supply agreement.

The supply and mixing of explosives for mining is provided by Orica New Zealand Limited under an expired contract which is under negotiation for a further term through to April 30, 2011. The scope of the proposed contract comprises the supply of explosive materials for both of the open pit and the underground mines. Charging and blasting of blast holes is carried out by Oceana personnel.

All of the mining contracts in place and under negotiation are structured, and include terms and conditions and pricing arrangements, which comply or are expected to comply with industry norms.

#### 21.4.1.3 Power Supply

Power is supplied under a base supply contract with Meridian Energy Limited which was entered into in October 2003 and is current until September 2013. This contract provides for supply at spot prices which have in the past fluctuated over a wide range. Oceana has also entered into a hedging agreement with Meridian which provides partial protection for Oceana against significant increases in the spot price. The terms of the hedging agreement are set out in a standard Master Agreement as published by the International Swap Dealers Association which is widely used throughout the power supply industry in New Zealand and internationally.

The supply and hedging agreements are based on standard documents used by large power consumers in New Zealand. The agreements are well documented and were freely negotiated with a substantial public utility to provide reasonable security of supply and pricing for the operation.

#### 21.4.1.4 Water Supply

Water is supplied from the Taieri River, approximately 12km west of the site. Oceana owns water rights to pump water from the river provided its flow is above a minimum level and has entered into agreements with two local farmers for the use of the farmers' water entitlements in the event that the river flow falls

below that specified. While the water supply has to be managed carefully in drought conditions, inability to pump from the river has never curtailed processing operations to date. The water rights agreement and the agreements with the farmers are in accordance with industry norms.

#### 21.4.1.5 Engineering, Procurement and Construction

There are no significant construction or engineering works currently in progress at Macraes process plant.

Oceana has now fully commissioned and is operating the most recent projects, comprising the repulping and regrinding facility to prepare the concentrate from the Globe Progress operation for treatment in the autoclave at the Macraes Process Plant and three additional large flotation cells to improve overall recovery of gold.

#### 21.4.2 Frasers Underground

#### 21.4.2.1 Concentrating, Smelting, Refining, Transportation and Sales

Concentrating of the Frasers ore to produce a concentrate for further processing is part of the operation carried out by Oceana at the Macraes site and is not be contracted out.

The AGR Matthey Pty Ltd contract for the transportation and refining of the dore bullion into fine gold and silver for sale described in the Macraes section above applies to the production from Frasers ore.

#### 21.4.2.2 Mining

Underground development and production mining at Frasers is carried out under an "Alliance" contract let to Byrnecut Mining Limited. Equipment for the mining contract is owned by Byrnecut or is being financed under equipment finance leases from the CBA Bank (NZ or Australia) to which Byrnecut is party. Oceana holds step-in rights under a tripartite deed with CBA NZ and rights to purchase major items of Byrnecut's equipment. A small number of items of equipment are owned by Oceana or leased under an operating lease with GE Commercial and Finance. Maintenance of the mining equipment is included in the contract with Byrnecut. The terms of the mining contract and the finance leases are generally in accordance with current mining practice.

Orica New Zealand Limited supplies and mixes explosive materials under the arrangements described in the Macraes section above. Byrnecut performs the charging of blast holes.

#### 21.4.2.3 Power Supply

The power supply contract with Meridian described under Macraes above also applies to the power supply for the Frasers mining operation.

#### 21.4.2.4 Water Supply

The water supply arrangements described under Macraes above also apply to the water supply for the Frasers mining operation.

#### 21.4.2.5 Engineering, Procurement and Construction

Ore from the Frasers mine is fed to the current Macraes process plant.

#### 21.4.3 Hedging and Forward Sales Contracts

The hedge book is split between delivery into a flat forward contract and an options collar contract with puts and calls. All hedge contracts are with three banks: CBA, ANZ and Societe Generale.

The flat forward contract has an average price of NZ\$773 and continues from July 2009 to December 2010. This contract will be delivered into with ore from Macraes and FRUG.

The options call contract is for 104,024 ounces, all of which could be called in 2010. The average price of these options is NZ\$1,062 per ounce. It is expected in 2010 that these will be called by the banks. There also remains under the options contract a total of 124,788 put ounces with an average price of NZ\$1,000. Of these put ounces 42,708 are contracted for in the remainder of 2009, and 82,080 are contracted for 2010.

# 21.5 Environmental Considerations

## 21.5.1 Open Pit

Bonding can be required as a condition of the statutory approvals required to licence mining activities. The bonding levels are given below for the Macraes mines, noting the agencies to whom the bond is in favour. The bonding levels are calculated on the basis of a third party being required to complete rehabilitation/remediation of mining activities. In particular, the RMA (section 108A) makes provision for a bond to be attached as a condition of resource consent "to secure the ongoing performance of conditions relating to long term effects". The bond may cover:

- structures;
- remedial, restoration, or maintenance work; and
- ongoing monitoring of long-term effects.

The bond requirement may continue beyond the term of the consent. Annual bond limit reviews may occur to account for the progressive nature of mine site development and operation with associated rehabilitation.

Bonding is assessed on an annual basis in conjunction with the next years Project Overview and Annual Work and Rehabilitation Plan. Bonds in place for the 2009 are:

- NZ\$1,500,000 joint bond for site rehabilitation covering ML 32-3047. This bond is split between the Ministry of Economic Development (MED), the Otago Regional Council (ORC) and the Waitaki District Council (WDC). Expiry date October 30, 2010. This bond is a fixed quantum and is not subject to annual review.
- NZ\$25,000 in favour MED covering rehabilitation of the pipeline corridor from Taieri River to ML32-3047. Expiry date October 30, 2010. This bond is a fixed quantum and is not subject to annual review.
- NZ\$2,000,000 in favour of ORC for rehabilitation and monitoring within ML32-3047/MP41-064. Expiry date August 31, 2032. This bond is subject to annual review.
- NZ\$2,825,000 in favour of ORC for tailings impoundment and open pit rehabilitation. Expiry date October 12, 2041. This bond is subject to annual review.
- NZ \$7,125,000 in favour of WDC for land use rehabilitation. Expiry date March 31, 2011 and subject to annual review.

# 21.6 Taxes

#### 21.6.1 Income taxes

NZ company tax rate is 30%. NZ tax rules allow mining companies operating in NZ to claim an immediate tax deduction for mining related capital expenditure rather than an amount for tax depreciation. Consequently due to Oceana's high levels of capital expenditure in recent years the company has built up considerable tax losses.

### 21.6.2 Other Taxes

Fringe Benefit Tax (FBT) is a tax paid on non-cash benefits paid to staff such as motor vehicle and subsidized medical insurance. The rate paid by the employer on the benefit received by an employee from April 01, 2009 will reduce from 64% to 61%.

See section 4.7 for information regarding royalties.

# 21.7 Capital and Operating Cost Estimates

# 21.7.1 Open Pit

#### 21.7.1.1 Capital Expenditure Programme

A summary of forecast capital expenditure for the Macraes operation for the life of the mine is set out in Table 21.3.

Item	Jul – Dec 2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Mine	33.4	34.5	22.0	0.2	0	90.1
Process Plant and Tailings	2.5	3.1	4.0	1.0	0	10.6
Other	0.6	2.0	1.7	1.0	0	5.3
Total	36.6	39.6	27.7	2.2	0	106.0

Table 21.3: Macraes Capital Expenditure for Life of Mine (NZ\$M)

The programme covers the period from July 2009 to 2013 and includes a range of expenditures which are:

- essential for the continuity of the operation;
- justified by improvement in the economics of the operation;
- required for regulatory compliance;
- required to maintain plant conditions at satisfactory levels; and
- closure costs, including site rehabilitation.

Based on historical performance, specific capital estimates are regarded as being reasonably reliable and accurate, based on Oceana experience of the equipment condition refurbishment requirements. Based on reviews of specific items in the various capital categories, the overall capital estimates for most refurbishment components are accurate within  $\pm 15\%$  and carry a reasonable contingency provision.

#### 21.7.1.2 Macraes Operating Cost Estimates

The projected mining operating costs for the Macraes open pit life of mining and processing operation have been derived from current costs, using known consumable and labour costs, ownership/lease costs and fleet maintenance costs. The plan includes the use of contract maintenance, tyre supply and blasting, with performance-based incentives forming part of the contract prices and a commitment from vendors to invest in cost-saving developments. The picture is somewhat complicated by the fact the Macraes mill and plant will be treating ore from FRUG and concentrate from Reefton, and these costs have all been consolidated into one table later in this document to present a consolidated operating cost estimate for the three Oceana operations.

Since 1990, total mining costs have progressively reduced from NZ\$1.90 per tonne of material moved to the current level for the full 2008 year of NZ\$1.63 per tonne for all material moved, which is one of the lowest cost performances in Australasia. Oceana has adopted continuous improvement schemes, targeting maintenance, tyre costs, drilling, blasting and vendor guarantees. Oceana is very focused on cost efficiency in all phases of the operation and the mining costs projected for 2009 are soundly determined and achievable.

Macraes site processing costs were NZ\$11.35 per tonne milled in 2008 which is higher than previous years due to the introduction of processing Reefton and FRUG ore combined with abnormally high electricity costs experienced in 2008, but have been projected forward to NZ\$10.81 per tonne from 2009 to 2013. Oceana estimates its operating costs from first principles, using known manning levels, power, reagent and consumable usage rates and established maintenance spares costs, together with estimates of future salaries and prices for power, reagents, consumables and maintenance spares. Oceana maintains an aggressive approach to cost control with an active cost improvement programme. Power is probably the cost component which is least predictable, due to large fluctuations in the spot price which

are related to storage dam levels in New Zealand's largely hydro-based electricity supply system. It is understood from previous experience at Macraes that spot power prices can vary between 4 and 14c/kWh, and as a consequence, Oceana hedges the price on most of its Macraes power supply.

Oceana process operating cost estimates for Macraes are likely to be accurate to within  $\pm 15\%$  at the time they were completed.

Administration and environmental cost projections for 2009 are reasonably consistent with actual costs in 2008 and are considered achievable.

The Macraes operating costs, as they relate to the open pit mining and the processing operation, are presented in Table 21.4. It should be noted that the costs set out below include the processing costs of treating of ore from the FRUG operation and concentrate from the Reefton mining and processing operation.

 Table 21.4:
 Macraes Open Pit Operating Cost Schedule 2008 to 2013

Item	Unit	2008 Actual	2009 Plan	2010 Plan	2011 Plan	2012 Plan	2013 Plan	Total 09 - 13
Unit Cash Cost Per oz Au Sold	NZ\$/oz	802	539	892	840	644	1000	758
	US\$/oz	465	313	526	512	386	600	455

#### 21.7.1.3 Combined Operating Costs – All Oceana Mining And Processing Operations

The operating costs are somewhat complicated by the fact that both the Macraes open cut and the FRUG ores are treated through the Macraes plant, as well as the concentrate from the Reefton operation. To put all this in perspective, Table 21.5 sets out operating cost forecasts for all of the Oceana operations for the period from 2009 to 2013, comparing these projections with the operating cost levels achieved in 2008.

Table 21.5: OGN	ZL Operating	Cost 2008 to	2013
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ltem	Unit	2008 Actual	2009 Plan	2010 Plan	2011 Plan	2012 Plan	2013 Plan	Total 08 - 13
Unit Cash Cost Per oz Au Sold- Consolidated	NZ\$/oz	743	603	813	749	739	1,038	751
	US\$/oz	430	350	480	457	444	622	468

#### 21.7.1.4 Macraes Operating Costs

Site mining and processing costs have been estimated from first principles, using known manning levels, power, reagent and consumable usage rates and established maintenance spares costs, together with estimates of future salaries and prices for power, reagents, consumables and maintenance spares. The power cost is the least predictable, due to large fluctuations in the spot price. Oceana hedges the price on most of its Macraes power supply.

#### 21.7.1.5 Frasers Underground Operating Costs

FRUG mining costs are discussed in detail in the later sections of this report. With respect to the processing costs, it should be noted that the process operating costs for FRUG are the costs of treating the FRUG ore through the Macraes plant. In terms of unit costs per tonne milled, these costs are very similar to the costs of processing Macraes open pit ores and have been estimated using identical methodology.

The FRUG project is integrated into the Macraes site operations and is not considered to have any administration costs which are separable from the administration costs of the open pit mining operation.

#### 21.7.1.6 Reefton Operating Costs

Reefton mining costs are discussed in detail in the later sections of this report. Reefton process plant operating costs have been estimated in a similar manner to those for the Macraes process plant. Unit consumption of power, reagents and consumables have been estimated from test work data and from inhouse knowledge and prices have been applied to the consumption rates.

## 21.7.2 Frasers Underground

#### 21.7.2.1 Capital Expenditure Programme

Oceana has developed a capital expenditure programme for FRUG. Projected yearly expenditures are shown in Table 21.6.

Table 21.6:	Frasers Underg	round Capital	Expenditure S	Summary Se	chedule (	N7\$M)
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Item	Jul – Dec 2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Total	3.0	4.4	3.7	0.2	0	11.3

The programme covers the period from July 2009 to 2013 and includes a range of expenditure which are:

- for underground capital development and initial fixed mine equipment;
- essential for the continuity of the operation;
- justified by improvement in the economics of the operation;
- required for regulatory compliance; and
- closure costs, including site rehabilitation.

The capital requirements for the initial mine development have been estimated in great detail as part of a formal feasibility study. Sustaining capital has also been estimated in reasonable detail but is likely to be subject to some adjustment as operating experience is gained by the operations personnel

The overall capital estimates for initial mine development and sustaining capital are accurate within  $\pm 15\%$  and carry a reasonable contingency provision.

#### 21.7.2.2 Operating Cost Estimates

The FRUG mining costs have been estimated based on the contractors pricing with an allowance for additional works outside contract. With this approach you would expect the cost estimates to be accurate within  $\pm 15\%$ . Costs include the ongoing stope development but exclude capital development on permanent underground infrastructure and accesses.

The process operating costs for FRUG are the costs of treating the FRUG ore through the Macraes process plant. In terms of unit costs per tonne milled, these costs are very similar to the costs of processing Macraes open pit ores and have been estimated using identical methodology.

The FRUG project is integrated into the Macraes site operations and is not considered to have any administration costs which are separable from the administration costs of the open pit mining operation. Table 21.7 sets out operating cost forecast for the FRUG operations for the period from 2009 to 2013.

ltem	Unit	2008 Actual	2009 Plan	2010 Plan	2011 Plan	2012 Plan	2013 Plan	Total 09 - 13
Unit Cash Cost/oz sold	NZ\$/oz	869	640	675	759	856	0	688
	US\$/oz	503	371	398	463	513	0	419

Table 21.7: Frasers Underground Operating Cost Schedule 2009 to 2013 (NZ\$M)

# 21.8 Economic Analyses

The projected net mine cash flows are shown net of operating costs, development capital, sustaining capital, reclamation costs, taxes, repayment of the external project debt and associated interest costs, exploration costs, and excluding any allowances for the potential to extend the mine life beyond current reserves.

# 21.8.1 Macraes Project

Table 21.8 below sets forth the net mine cash flows currently projected to be generated from the Macraes Project.

	Jul – Dec 2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Macraes Project	4,485	(9,021)	66,975	58,417	52,948	173,804
Gold Price in US\$/oz	780	867	853	825	800	825

Table 21.8: Macraes Projected Net Cash Flow (NZ\$'000)

The forecast net mine cash flows for the period July 2009 to 2013 from the Macraes Project (including both Macraes open pit and FRUG) are estimated to total NZ\$174 million.

# 21.8.2 Open Pit

Table 21.9 below shows the projected net cash flow for the Macraes open pit mine. The project is expected to generate approximately NZ\$101.6 million over its remaining mine life based on current reserves.

Table 21.9: Macraes Open Pit Baseline Net Cash Flow (NZ\$'000)

Baseline Scenario	Jul – Dec 2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Macraes	(13,492)	(33,255)	38,139	57,239	52,948	101,579

Table 21.10 below shows the sensitivity of the Macraes open pit net cash flow to variations in operating expenditure, capital expenditure and gold grade. The model demonstrates that the project is robust against a range of sensitivities applied to key operational parameters.

Table 21.10:	Macraes	<b>Open P</b>	it Sensitivity	<b>Analysis</b>	(NZ\$'000)
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Macraes Open Pit							
	Jul – Dec 2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total	
Opex +10%	(19,917)	(48,284)	22,661	40,661	38,487	33,609	
Opex – 10%	(7,067)	(18,226)	53,617	73,817	67,410	169,550	
Capex +10%	(17,126)	(37,219)	35,371	57,015	52,948	90,990	
Capex – 10%	(9,858)	(29,292)	40,907	57,463	52,948	112,168	
Grade – 5%	(9,900)	(25,382)	47,847	69,476	64,482	146,523	
Grade + 5%	(17,843)	(40,126)	28,509	45,033	49,299	64,872	

## 21.8.3 Frasers Underground

Table 21.11 below shows the projected net cash flow for the FRUG mine. The project is expected to generate approximately NZ\$72.2 million based on current reserves.

Baseline Scenario	Jul – Dec 2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
FRUG	17,977	24,234	28,836	1,178	0	72,225

Table 21.11: Frasers Underground Baseline Net Cash Flow (NZ\$'000)

Table 21.12 below shows the sensitivity of the FRUG mine's net cash flows to variations in operating expenditure, capital expenditure and gold grade.

The cash flow model sensitivities shown relate only to reserves (that portion of the resource that has been drilled to an approximate 50 by 50m pattern, which is classified as Indicated). While there are additional potentially minable Inferred resources adjoining the reserves, there is insufficient drilling at present to provide accurate grade and tonnage estimates to the standards required for reserves definition.

Frasers Underground	Jul – Dec 2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Opex +15%	12,401	14,310	20,727	706	0	48,144
Opex -15%	23,553	34,158	36,945	1,650	0	96,306
Capex +15%	17,533	23,573	28,281	1,144	0	70,531
Capex -15%	18,421	24,895	29,391	1,212	0	73,919
Grade +5%	20,132	28,151	32,182	1,471	0	81,936
Grade -5%	15,842	20,624	25,028	1,085	0	62,580

Table 21.12: Frasers Underground Sensitivity Analysis (NZ\$'000)

# 21.9 Payback

Treating initial fully-funded capital as sunk costs, based on gold prices in Table 21.3, and after taking into account the Company's current gold hedge positions, the payback period for the current Macraes open pit operation is 4 years, with the project becoming net cash-flow positive at the end of 2012.

The Frasers underground mine commenced production in 2008. Based on the cash flow projections presented in Table 21.11, the FRUG mine pays back the projected capital and operating costs within 2.8 years, becoming net cash flow positive in 2010.

# 21.10 Mine Life

The projected mine life based on defined mineral reserves for the Macraes open pit operation extends to 2013. Current work, based on gold prices around NZ\$1,400 is anticipated to extend mine life.

The projected mine life of the Macraes underground operation is 2012, based on current reserves of 2.49Mt. Additional geological drilling of the known adjacent mineralization is being undertaken and, if additional reserves are subsequently defined and the economics of operating without open-cut ore supply to cover overheads can be justified then the underground mine life may be extended.

# 21.11 Exploration Potential

### 21.11.1 Summary

Future exploration will continue to focus along the strike extent of the HMSZ and subsidiary Hangingwall or splay structures that may contain significant mineralization. The exploration targets are direct analogues of the mineralization that has been previously exploited by open pit and underground mining methods.

The near surface part of the HMSZ has been well tested in the vicinity of the main open pit mines and consequently the greatest geological prospectively along the HMSZ is down-dip. Concurrent open cut and underground mining operations are likely to continue, with a longer term trend towards underground targets over time. Exploration for semi-concealed deposits (analogous to discovery of the Frasers deposit) and underground targets analogous to discovery of the FRUG deposit will be continuously refined as the key geological parameters that control the distribution of mineralized "shoots" at a mine scale are better understood and incorporated into the exploration model.

## 21.11.2 Open Pit Mineralization

The acquisition of the Macraes North tenements in 2002 has provided additional along-strike exploration potential. The northern tenement covers 7.5km of the HMSZ, which has been only sparsely explored in recent years. Mineralization is known to occur at a number of sites including Nunns, Coronation North, Mareburn and Trimbels. Oceana's exploration has outlined a small reserve at Coronation and further drilling is planned.

The discovery of potentially mineable underground mineralization down dip at Frasers opens up the possibility of extensions of mineralization down dip of some of the northern pits.

Stockwork mineralization below the Hangingwall shear is not always present, and where it does occur, it is generally discontinuous. Given however, its proximity to the Hangingwall shear, stockwork provides an opportunity to increase reserves for a small additional increment of waste stripping.

## 21.11.3 Underground Mineralization

A number of broadly defined exploration opportunities that may be exploitable from an underground operation have been identified. These areas will be targeted over the next few years. These include:

- down dip extension of Panel 2 which is currently open at depth;
- continuation of Panel 1 mineralization on the northern side of the Macraes Fault Zone;
- potential Panel 3 mineralization down dip of Panel 2;
- narrow (5m) higher grade (2.5-3.0 g/t Au) along the hangingwall of Panel 1 and Panel 2; and
- extensions of the Round Hill shoot (Round Hill East) where high grade mineralization has been intersected in drill holes.

Figure 21.2: Macraes Open Pit Target Areas







# 22 GLOSSARY

>	greater than
<	less than
=	equal
%	percent
±	plus or minus
í	feet
#	mesh
\$	dollars
0	degrees
°C	degrees Celsius
Ωm	ohm metres
3D	three dimensional
AMPRD	Absolute Mean Paired Relative Difference
As	arsenic
Au	gold
AusIMM	Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy
AWRP	Annual Work and Rehabilitation Programme
BDA	Behre Dolbear Australia Proprietary Limited
BHP	BHP Limited
BLEG	bulk leach extractable gold
BOC	BOC Limited
ccdf	conditional cumulative distribution function
CIL	carbon-in-leach
CIM	Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum
CMA	Crown Minerals Act
CS	conditional simulation
CSAMT	controlled source audio frequency magneto-tellurics
CV	coefficient of variation
DD	diamond drilling
DDH	diamond drill hole
Decline	An inclined tunnel that permits vehicular access to the economic portion/s of an underground mineral resource
DIGHEM	digital helicopter electromagnetics
DOSLI	Department of Survey and Land Information
Drive	Underground mines general term for a tunnel
E	east
ea	each
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EM	electromagnetic
EMS	Environment Management Strategy
EP	Exploration Permit
FBT	fringe benefit tax
FRUG	Frasers Underground
GCMP	Ground Control Management Plan
GHD	GHD Limited
gcm⁻³	grams per cubic centimetre
g/t	grams per tonne
GPS	global positioning system
GRD	Gold Resource Development
HARD	Half Absolute Relative Difference
H&S	Hellman & Schofield Pty Ltd
HEM	helicopter electromagnetics
HMSZ	Hyde Macraes Shear Zone
HNZEL	Homestake New Zealand Exploration Limited
HRD	Half Relative Difference
HW	hangingwall
Hz	hertz
ICP	inductively coupled plasma
ICP-MS	inductively coupled plasma mass spectroscopy
ICP-OES	inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectroscopy
IGNS	Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences
IK	Indicator Kriging
INCO	proprietary INCO metallurgical process
IP	induced potential
IsaMill	proprietary Mt Isa mill technology
JORC	Joint Ore Reserves Committee
km	kilometre
km <sup>2</sup>	square kilometre
koz	thousand ounces
kPa	kilopascal
kt	Thousand tonnes
kW	kilowatt
I	litre
LHD	Load-Haul-Dump, specialised underground front end loader
LOM	Life of Mine
LOMP08	Life of Mine Plan 2008
LOTEM	long offset time domain electromagnetics

ls	lode schist
m	metre
m <sup>3</sup>	cubic metre
Μ	million
Ма	million years
MARC	Maintenance and Repairs Contract
MED	Ministry of Economic Development
medIK	median Indicator Kriging
MFZ	Macraes Fault Zone
MIK	multiple Indicator Kriging
ML	Mining Lease
MLOS	Macraes Line of Strike
mm	millimetre
μm	micron / micometre
MMCL	Macraes Mining Company Limited
MMI	Mobile Metal Ion
MOED	Ministry of Economic Development
Moz	million ounces
MP	Mining Permit
MPRD	Mean Paired Relative Difference
mE	metres East
mN	Metres North
mRL	metres Relative Level
Mt	million tonnes
Mtpa	million tonnes per annum
Ν	north
NZ	New Zealand
NZ\$	New Zealand dollar
NZMG	New Zealand Map Grid
Oceana	Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited
ОК	Ordinary Kriging
ORC	Otago Regional Council
oz	ounce
ppb	parts per billion
ppm	parts per million
POX	pressure oxidation
Q-Q	Quantile-Quantile
QAQC	quality assurance, quality control
RC	reverse circulation

RCD	diamond drill hole with percussion pre-collar
RL	relative level
RLHOS	retreat long hole open stope
RMA	Resource Management Act 1991
RQD	rock quality designation
RSG	RSG Global Consulting Pty Ltd
SAG	semi-autogenous grinding
S	sulphur
S <sup>2-</sup>	sulphide sulphur
SO <sub>2</sub>	sulphur dioxide
t	tonnes
TEM	time domain EM soundings
TSP	total suspended particulate
TSP TSFF	total suspended particulate total sediment fine fraction
TSP TSFF US	total suspended particulate total sediment fine fraction United States of America
TSP TSFF US US\$	total suspended particulate total sediment fine fraction United States of America United States of America dollar
TSP TSFF US US\$ UHW	total suspended particulate total sediment fine fraction United States of America United States of America dollar Upper hangingwall
TSP TSFF US US\$ UHW W	total suspended particulate total sediment fine fraction United States of America United States of America dollar Upper hangingwall tungsten
TSP TSFF US US\$ UHW W WO <sub>3</sub>	total suspended particulate total sediment fine fraction United States of America United States of America dollar Upper hangingwall tungsten tungsten oxide
TSP TSFF US US\$ UHW W WO <sub>3</sub> WDC	total suspended particulate total sediment fine fraction United States of America United States of America dollar Upper hangingwall tungsten tungsten oxide Waitaki District Council

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# 24 APPENDIX

# 24.1 Exploration Drill Data

RSG Global has reviewed a series of ASCII files of quality control data provided by Oceana which relates to AMDEL assaying only. The data available for review comprised certified standards, blanks, duplicates and field duplicates.

A brief discussion of the investigation is provided below.

## 24.1.1 Standards

The standards database available for review comprises 439 Gannet Standards assays. The source and details of these data is not well documented which lessens the value of the subsequent review. Summary statistics of the standards data is presented in Table 14.2.

Substantial mixing of standards is noted. Where appropriate, RSG Global has excluded the clearly incorrectly assigned standards from the investigation.

When considering all the standards data (including the mixed data), 384 (87%) of the 439 standards are within a  $\pm 10\%$  accuracy range. When mixed standards are excluded, 89% of the standards are within a  $\pm 10\%$  accuracy range.

No systematic bias is noted in the data, with the majority of standards displaying a relative bias measure of less than 5%, although notable exceptions do occur such as ST11 and ST19.

In general, RSG Global concludes that no systematic bias exists, although it is apparent that no reasonable monitoring and follow up of the exploration assay quality is completed. Any batch which includes an out of range standard assay should be flagged and reassay completed prior to accepting the data.



Figure 24.1: Control Plot – Standard ST10

Standard	ST10	ST11	ST12	ST13	ST19	ST19
						(Mixed Standards Removed <1.4 g/t)
Expected Value:	2.64	4.82	0.82	1.32	0.58	0.58
Expected Value Range:	2.38 to 2.90	4.34 to 5.30	0.74 to 0.90	1.18 to 1.45	0.52 to 0.64	0.52 to 0.64
Count	62	28	55	80	76	75
Minimum	1.37	0.58	0.64	0.32	0.53	0.53
Maximum	5.98	5.29	0.94	6.51	2.68	0.73
Mean	2.68	4.25	0.83	1.4	0.65	0.62
Std Deviation	0.47	1.41	0.04	0.61	0.24	0.04
% in Tolerance	93.55%	78.57%	94.55%	86.25%	76.32%	77.33%
% Bias	1.50%	-11.89%	0.80%	6.62%	10.93%	6.28%
% RSD	17.50%	33.17%	5.19%	43.57%	36.78%	6.19%
Standard	ST20	ST20	ST22	ST23	ST42	ST205
		(Mixed Standards Removed >3.0 g/t)				
Expected Value:	5.91	5.91	2.6	0.83	1.37	0.41
Expected Value Range:	5.32 to 6.50	5.32 to 6.50	2.34 to 2.86	0.75 to 0.91	1.23 to 1.51	0.37 to 0.45
Count	41	39	6	6	27	38
Minimum	1.26	5.6	1.92	0.76	1.27	0.35
Maximum	6.24	6.24	2.74	0.85	1.48	0.54
Mean	5.69	5.91	2.49	0.81	1.35	0.43
Std Deviation	1.01	0.14	0.27	0.03	0.05	0.03
% in Tolerance	95.12%	100.00%	83.33%	100.00%	100.00%	84.21%
% Bias	-3.78%	0.04%	-4.25%	-2.73%	-1.38%	4.17%
% RSD	17.70%	2.40%	10.64%	3.38%	3.86%	7.20%
Standard	ST274	ST274 (Mixed Standards Removed >4.0 g/t)				
Expected Value:	6.27	6.27				
Expected Value Range:	5.64 to 6.90	5.64 to 6.90				
Count	20	17				
Minimum	1.74	5.46				
Maximum	6.88	6.88				
Mean	5.66	6.22				
Std Deviation	1.37	0.34				
% in Tolerance	80.00%	94.12%				
% Bias	-9.67%	-0.87%				
% RSD	24.27%	5.40%				

Table 24.1: Macraes Operation – Summary of Certified Standards

## 24.1.2 Laboratory Repeats

Laboratory repeats (duplicate 50g samples of the sample pulp collected after pulverisation) have been assessed. The following data is presented as quality control statistics:

- Figure 14.2: Quality Control Statistics All Gold Data Laboratory Repeats;
- Figure 14.3: Quality Control Statistics Diamond Drilling Gold Assay (Au g/t) Laboratory Repeats;
- Figure 14.4: Quality Control Statistics Percussion Drilling Gold Assay (Au g/t) Laboratory Repeats;
- Figure 14.5: Quality Control Statistics All Sulphur Data (S %) Laboratory Repeats; and
- Figure 14.6: Quality Control Statistics All Arsenic Data (As ppm) Laboratory Repeats.

Very good correlation is noted for the gold data with the linear correlation generally >0.97. No apparent bias is evident with the mean HRD calculated as -0.13 for the entire gold data set. No difference is noted for the laboratory repeats for the data grouped by sample type (diamond and percussion drilling). Acceptable levels of precision are noted for the gold repeats as shown by the mean HARD of 7.70.

The sulphur and arsenic repeat data set also show strong correlation between the original and repeat assay (r= 0.93 for sulphur and r=0.97 for arsenic). As with gold, no bias is noted in these data sets and the majority of data is  $\pm 20\%$ .



#### Figure 24.2: Quality Control Statistics – All Gold Data – Laboratory Repeats



#### Figure 24.3: Quality Control Statistics - Diamond Drilling - Gold Assay (Au g/t) Laboratory Repeats



#### Figure 24.4: Quality Control Statistics - RC Percussion Drilling - Gold Assay (Au g/t) Laboratory Repeats



#### Figure 24.5: Quality Control Statistics – All Sulphur Data (S %) – Laboratory Repeats



#### Figure 24.6: Quality Control Statistics - All Arsenic Data (As ppm) - Laboratory Repeats

## 24.1.3 Field Duplicates

Field duplicates represent a second sample collected at the RC percussion drill rig. These field duplicates are then submitted for assay using the same analytical approach as the original sample and provide a measure of the total error including sampling error.

A limited field duplicate data set is available. The gold data (Figure 24.7) shows the duplicate samples have reasonably reproduced the original assays with the linear correlation coefficient calculated at 0.92. Only 52% of the data is within  $\pm 10\%$  precision (HARD) while approximately 80% of the data are  $\pm 20\%$ . This relatively poor precision is interpreted to indicate a high sampling error component. RSG Global strongly recommends this be reviewed and appropriate strategies are put in place to improve sampling.

Relative few sulphur data are available to assess. Based on the available data, the field duplicates indicate an acceptable level of precision is being achieved in sampling when only sulphur is considered. Figure 24.8 displays the quality control charts for sulphur.



Figure 24.7: Quality Control Statistics – All Gold Data – Field Duplicates





# 24.2 Mining Department Data

The Macraes mining department monitors the AMDEL laboratory assay quality on an ongoing basis. RSG Global therefore reviewed a series of quality control data files sourced from the Macraes Operation mining department whilst on site in November 2005. The data available for review comprised certified standards, assay blanks, duplicates and field duplicates.

A brief summary of the data and assessment is provided below.

# 24.2.1 Standards

Consistent with exploration data presented above, the standards data are generally well within the  $\pm 10\%$  and 2 standard deviations accuracy limits targeted. Figure 24.9 presents the standards data as function of standard deviation from the certified value.





## 24.2.2 Blanks

As highlighted in Figure 24.10, the majority of the blank assays data return less than 5% relative contamination. While little contamination is present in these data, some primary and reserve blank blanks exceed a 0.1 g/t Au grade threshold which represents 10 times the detection limit.





## 24.2.3 Laboratory Repeats

The mining department laboratory gold repeats have been assessed as presented in Figure 24.11. High levels of correlation is noted between the data pairs (r=0.85) with a mean HARD of 8.91 indicating acceptable levels of precision is returned. It is of note that the marginal distributions between the data sets are different (see QQ Plot) which is due to a small number of duplicate assays being significantly higher than the original. It is entirely reasonable to suggest that this is due to mixing of the sample numbers/data although RSG Global suggests these data warrant further investigation.

In general, this analysis supports findings of the exploration data set investigations. RSG Global concludes the laboratory repeats indicate acceptable levels of precision are being achieved in the AMDEL laboratory.


#### 24.2.4 Field Duplicates

RSG Global elected not to review the field duplicate data as the sampling approach is different to that completed for the percussion drilling (exploration and resource development). Therefore the sampling error associated with the grade control drilling (blastholes) will be vastly different from that associated with the percussion drilling.

### 24.3 Quality Control Investigation Summary

Based on the quality control database assessed by RSG Global, acceptable levels of assay precision and accuracy are generally being achieved by AMDEL. The conclusion is supported by the available reconciliation data.

### 24.4 Recovery

As described above, a portion of the Macraes database (pre 1994) contains insufficient data to assess the recovery achieved in either the diamond or RC percussion drilling. However enough data is available to assess the recovery trends from the Frasers deposit.

High diamond core recoveries were visually noted by RSG Global during the site visit. The available recovery data supports this observation with the average recovery for the diamond drilling calculated as above 90%. Furthermore there is no relationship between drilling recovery and gold grade, as illustrated in Figure 24.12.



Figure 24.12: Scatter Plot Comparing Gold versus Recovery (Diamond Drilling)

The sample recovery for the percussion drilling has been visually estimated by Oceana technical personnel. This data is presented as a scatter plot of recovery against gold in Figure 24.13. Similar to the diamond drilling, no relationship is evident between gold grade and recovery. However, it is also evident that the estimate of recovery is qualitative and not always reliable, with recoveries of above 100% and below 0% common. In addition, precision steps in the recovery estimates are also noted. The average percussion recoveries are approximately 90% which also supports the low data confidence observation as percussion drilling recovery is generally unlikely to exceed 85% on an ongoing basis.

Despite shortcomings in the recovery estimates, no relationship exists between the recovery and gold grade.





## 24.5 Summary

Due to the long exploration and mining history of the project, the quality control database is incomplete for the Macraes Project making complete and thorough investigation impossible. The risk associated with the incomplete quality control data set is offset by the available mining and reconciliation data which supports the quality of the data.

Notwithstanding the limitations in the data set, the available recovery and quality assurance, quality control (QAQC) data indicates the assay data meets acceptable limits of accuracy and precision and is therefore suitable for the purposes of grade estimation. The bias associated with the wet RC percussion drilling remains a material item and while Oceana have taken steps to mitigate the risks associated with this data set, ultimately only removal of this data can ensure no negative effects in the grade estimates. Additional drilling is likely to be required at the Frasers open pit mine where significant amounts of wet RC percussion drilling impact the depth extensions of the resource model.

In addition to the assay data, the survey data both collar and down-the-hole survey, is considered to be robust and present little risk.

# 25 TECHNICAL REPORT CERTIFICATION AND SIGN OFF

The effective date of this Technical Report and sign off is November 9, 2009.

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Date of Signature: November 9, 2009

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Jonathan Godfrey MOORE Date of Signature: November 9, 2009

#### CERTIFICATE OF AUTHOR

As a qualified person responsible for the report titled "Technical Report for the Macraes Project" dated November 9, 2009, (the "Technical Report") to which this certificate applies, I, Mark David Cadzow do hereby certify that:

- 1. I, Mark David Cadzow, am the Chief Operating Officer of Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited. My business address is OceanaGold, Taunton Mews, 22 Maclaggan Street, Dunedin, New Zealand.
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- 3. I am a member in good standing of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.
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- 5. I have read the definition of "qualified person" set out in National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101") and confirm that by reason of my education, affiliation with a professional association (as defined in NI 43-101) and past relevant work experience, I fulfill the requirements to be a "qualified person" for the purposes of NI 43-101.
- 6. Since my employment with Oceana in 1991 I have either been site based or visit the site on a regular basis.
- 7. I am responsible for sections 1.6, 1.7.2 to 1.7.8, 4.7, 4.8, 5, 16, 17.11, 17.12, 17.14, 19.2 to 19.8, 20.2, 20.3 and 21.1 to 21.10 of the Technical Report.
- 8. I am not independent of OceanaGold Corporation applying all the tests in section 1.4 of NI 43-101 because I am an employee of Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited.
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- 11. As of the date of this certificate, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the Technical Report contains all scientific and technical information that is required to be disclosed to make the Technical Report not misleading.

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- 4. I have worked as a geologist in the mining industry for a total of 20 years since my graduation.
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