

**From:** s.9(2)(a)  
**To:** [FastTrackApplicationEnquiries](#)  
**Subject:** Bendigo Ophir Gold Project Fast-Track Application Consultation Request  
**Date:** Friday, 28 February 2025 11:08:27 am  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)  
[BOGP pre-lodgement-fast-track-application-consultation-application-form.pdf](#)  
[BOGP Project Description - AEE - 20 Feb 25 DOC FTA Consultation.pdf](#)

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Since aspects of the project are still being refined the Project Description is marked as draft.

We look forward to being able to discuss the project with you.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards



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# Request for Fast-track Pre-lodgement Consultation

**Purpose** – To request pre-lodgement consultation on fast-track referrals or substantive applications as required by the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

## Instructions:

Please email the completed form to [fasttrackapplicationenquiries@doc.govt.nz](mailto:fasttrackapplicationenquiries@doc.govt.nz)

NOTE: DOC will recover the actual and reasonable costs incurred in consulting and assisting you before the application is lodged (whether or not the application is subsequently lodged).

## Project Details

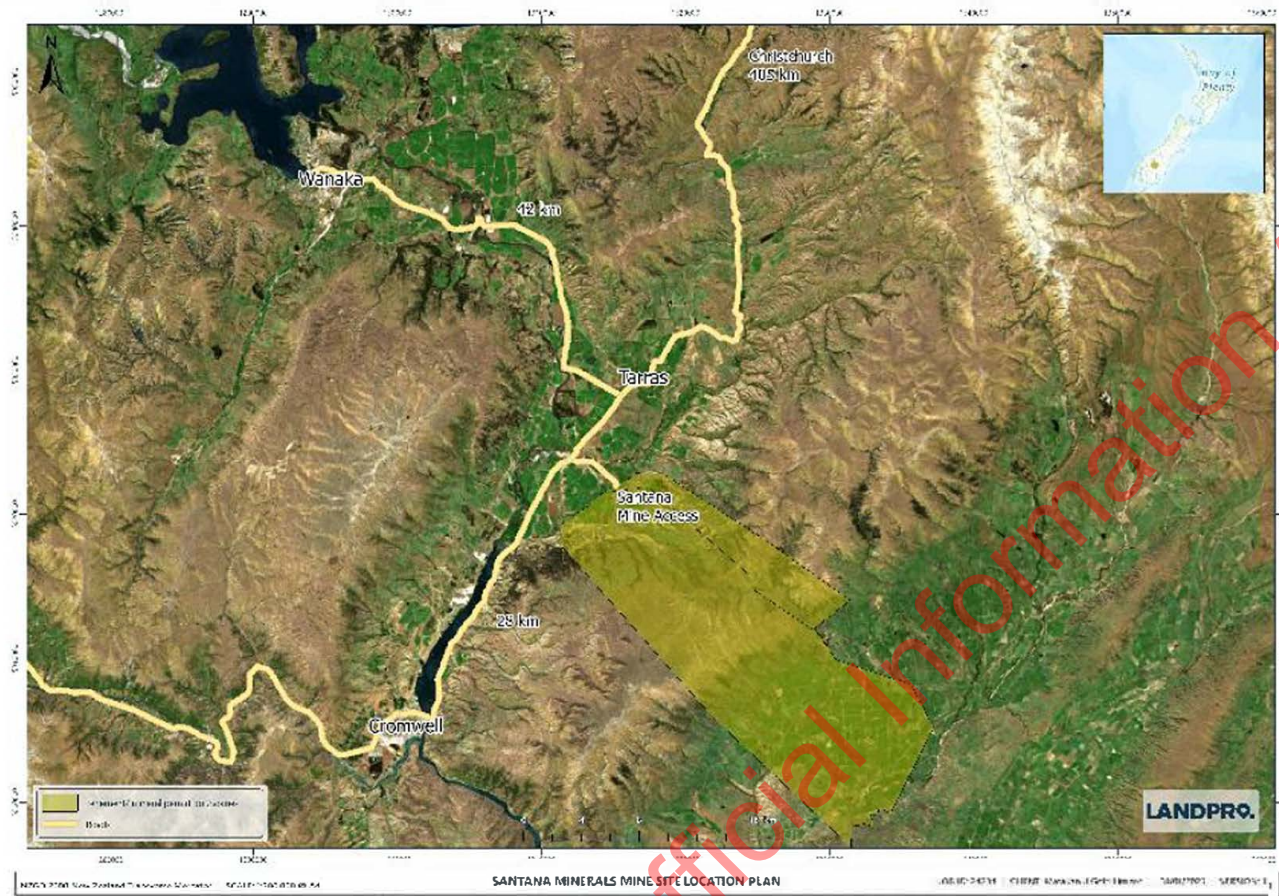
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| <b>Your name:</b> s.9(2)(a)  | <b>Your role &amp; company:</b> Environment Manager, Santana Minerals Limited |
| <b>Phone number:</b> s.9(2)(a)   | <b>Email:</b> s.9(2)(a)@santanaminerals.com                                   |
| <b>*Fast-track applicant's name (Company Name and Trading Name (if different)):</b> Matakanui Gold Limited   |   |
| <b>*Project name and summary:</b> Bendigo Ophir Gold Project (BOGP)<br><br>BOGP comprises a new gold mine, ancillary facilities and environmental mitigation measures. The BOGP involves mining the identified gold deposits at Rise and Shine ("RAS"), Come in Time ("CIT") and Srex ("SRX"). The resources will be mined by open pit methods at each location identified above, with underground mining methods also proposed to be utilised at RAS. The majority of the mining activities, ancillary facilities and associated infrastructure will be located in Shepherds Valley, with an additional general and administration area located on the adjoining Ardgour Terraces area. |   |
| <b>*Project location (high-level):</b><br><br>The project is located on Bendigo and Ardgour Stations in the Dunstan Mountains of Central Otago. The project site is located within Minerals Exploration Permit 60311, which is approximately 20 km north of Cromwell.  |   |



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o Aotearoa**  
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**GPS location and/or map:**



**Is the project on Public Conservation Land?** - No, but is possible that some targeted areas of Public Conservation Land will be the subject of off-site mitigation and compensation package

**Type of Fast-track Application:** An application under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024. See below in relation to the type of consents sought (in addition to resource consents under the RMA).

**Applicant Phone number:**

s.9(2)(a)

**Applicant email:** s.9(2)(a)@santanaminerals.com

**Details of the proposed activity:**

See attached document

**Details of any relevant Treaty of Waitangi settlement obligations you are aware of and any engagement you have undertaken with local iwi/hapū:**

While the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 applies to the geographical location of the project we are not aware of any specific Treaty of Waitangi settlement obligations affecting the project site. No statutory acknowledgements apply to the site. Consultation has been initiated with local iwi/hapū.

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| <b>What conservation approvals do you think may be required for the activity?</b>   |     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Concessions under the Conservation Act 1987, Reserves Act 1977, Wildlife Act 1953, and National Parks Act 1980</b></li> </ul>                   | Yes |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Authorities provided under the Wildlife Act 1953</b></li> </ul>   | Yes |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Specific permissions under the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983</b></li> </ul>   | Yes |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Access arrangements under the Crown Minerals Act 1991</b></li> </ul>  | Yes |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Exchanges of land under the Conservation Act 1987 or Reserves Act 1977</b></li> </ul>   | No  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Amending or revoking conservation covenants under section 27 of the Conservation Act 1987 or section 77 of the Reserves Act 1977</b></li> </ul> | Yes |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Other</b></li> </ul>  |     |
| <b>What current interests over the land are you aware of?</b> A conservation covenant under section 77 of the Reserves Act applies to the land  |     |
| <b>Is there any other additional information that may be relevant?</b> (e.g. is the activity in a World Heritage Area?)<br><br>N/A  |     |
| <b>Date initially planning to lodge (subject to pre-lodgement consultation discussions):</b><br><br>29 April 2025   |     |

### Disclaimers:

- The purpose of collecting this information is to enable the Department to respond to your request for pre-lodgement consultation and your application if one is subsequently lodged. The Department will not use this information for any reason not related to that purpose.
- DOC works with others to achieve its conservation goals and has a responsibility to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. DOC may share some of the high-level information you provide above (highlighted with a \*) with our Treaty partners and Conservation Boards and Authority within the context of dealing with your application. To clarify DOC will not be consulting with these groups on your behalf and you are responsible for any pre-lodgement consultation with them. DOC will also not represent the views of those groups or others in our pre-lodgement consultation with you. However, if any interests are identified early, this can help support DOC's advice to you in the early steps of this application.
- Applicants should be aware that provisions of the Official Information Act may require that some or all information provided to DOC be publicly released.



## 1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This section of the AEE is provided in accordance with Clause X and X of Schedule X of the Fast-track Approvals Act and provides a description of the activities proposed by MGL as part of its fast-track application.

For completeness, and in accordance with Clause X of Schedule X of the Fast-track Approvals Act, this section of the AEE provides a complete description of all activities that form part of the proposed BOGP.

### 1.1 PROJECT OVERVIEW

As previously noted, the BOGP comprises a new gold mine, ancillary facilities and environmental mitigation measures on Bendigo and Ardour Stations in the Dunstan Mountains of Central Otago. The project site is located within Minerals Exploration Permit 60311, which is approximately 20 km north of Cromwell.

The BOGP is located adjacent to land administered by the Department of Conservation ("DOC"), including the Bendigo Historic Reserve, the Bendigo Conservation Area and the Ardour Conservation Area.

Rest of document withheld under s.9(2)(ba)(i) & 9(2)(b)(ii)

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**To:** s.9(2)(a)  
**Cc:** [FastTrackApplicationEnquiries](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Bendigo Ophir Gold Project Fast-Track Application Consultation Request  
**Date:** Friday, 28 February 2025 3:12:44 pm  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)  
[Cost Recovery Initial Estimate Letter - s.9\(2\)\(a\).pdf](#)

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Kia ora s.9(2)(a)

Thank you for your interest in engaging with DOC in consideration of your proposed Fast-track Approvals application.

The Fast-track (Cost Recovery) Regulations 2025 and DOCs Fast-track Cost Recovery Policy were published on 7 February 2025. Under the fast-track Cost Recovery regime applicants are required to pay an estimate of the costs prior to pre-lodgement consultation. The enclosed letter includes this estimate.

Please complete the New Customer Form found [here](#), and return it to us at [FastTrackApplicationEnquiries@doc.govt.nz](mailto:FastTrackApplicationEnquiries@doc.govt.nz) to enable us to proceed with the pre-lodgement consultation.

Once this has been completed, we will send you an invoice for payment that must be paid before work can commence.

Ngā mihi nui,

**Grace Masterton** ([she/her](#))

Permissions Advisor

Te Papa Atawhai | Department of Conservation

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28-02-2025

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Santana Minerals Limited

Tēnā koe s.9(2)(a)

## Fast Track Application – Pre-Consultation Request

Thank you for your interest in engaging with DOC in consideration of your proposed Fast-track Approvals application.

Section 104 of the Fast-track Approvals Act allows for DOC to recover the actual and reasonable costs in undertaking pre-consultation. DOC's Cost Recovery Policy can be found on the DOC website - [Request a fast-track pre-lodgement consultation](#).

In summary the key steps from here are:

- DOC will send you an estimate of pre-lodgement costs (this letter) and a New Customer Form. Please fill out the New Customer Form for our Finance system and return asap;
- You will then be sent an invoice for payment that must be paid before work can commence.
- Actual time will be tracked, and you will be advised as we progress; and any difference between the estimate and the final time will then be invoiced or refunded.

DOC has a standard \$204 hourly rate for all work undertaken as part of exercising its role under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, with the first hour provided free.

### Pre-lodgement Estimate

Our initial fee estimate for your application is based on an estimated 10 hours of work. Given the first hour is free, this totals \$1,836 (before GST).

A breakdown of these estimated costs is provided in the table below:

| Step   | Estimated Resourcing        | Total Time |
|--|-----------------------------|------------|
| Receive Request / Undertake Initial Assessment | 1 person for 2 hours        | 2 hours    |
| Engage DOC Experts                             | 3 people for 1.5 hours each | 4.5 hours  |
| Summarise Advice                               | 1 person 1.5 hours          | 2 hours    |
| Pre-Lodgement Meeting with Applicant           | 3 people 30 mins            | 1.5 hours  |

Should additional matters be raised, adding to the complexity, an updated fees assessment will be provided to you. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at [fasttrackapplicationenquiries@doc.govt.nz](mailto:fasttrackapplicationenquiries@doc.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā

**Susan Smith**  
Fast-track Applications Manager

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**From:** Marie Payne <mpayne@doc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 19 May 2025 9:02 am  
**To:** John Roberts <jroberts@doc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** FW: DOC Pre-lodgement consultation request BOGP

Hey John,

FYI the response below from s.9(2)(a)

Kind regards,

Marie

On behalf of the Fast Track Applications team  
Te Papa Atawhai | Department of Conservation

Whare Kaupapa Atawhai | Conservation House  
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**From:** s.9(2)(a) <[s.9\(2\)\(a\)@santanaminerals.com](mailto:s.9(2)(a)@santanaminerals.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 19 May 2025 8:35 am  
**To:** Marie Payne <[mpayne@doc.govt.nz](mailto:mpayne@doc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: DOC Pre-lodgement consultation request BOGP

Good morning Marie,

You have been on my mind! Indeed, the submission date has been pushed back until June (late) and we are crazy busy as you could imagine.

We are just about ready to send through the information you requested. It has taken longer than I planned but we are nearly there.

Many thanks for checking in, I will be in touch.

cheers

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**From:** Marie Payne <[mpayne@doc.govt.nz](mailto:mpayne@doc.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 19 May 2025 8:26 am  
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Hi [s.9\(2\)\(a\)](mailto:s.9(2)(a)@santanaminerals.com)

It has been a few weeks since we last caught up so I just wanted to check in, in relation to the below. Previously I understood you were working on providing some further information which was specific to the DOC approvals being sought.

I note that the intended lodgement date initially provided was the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, so also wondered if you were working towards a revised target lodgement date.

Happy to set up a meeting/discuss further and answer any questions etc...

Kind regards,

Marie

**Marie Payne**  
Senior Advisor Fast Track Applications  
Te Whanganui-a-Tara | Wellington  
Mobile: [s.9\(2\)\(a\)](tel:s.9(2)(a)@santanaminerals.com)



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**From:** FastTrackApplicationEnquiries  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 March 2025 4:00 pm  
**To:** [s.9\(2\)\(a\)@santanaminerals.com](mailto:s.9(2)(a)@santanaminerals.com)  
**Subject:** DOC Pre-lodgement consultation request BOGP

Kia ora [s.9\(2\)\(a\)](mailto:s.9(2)(a)@santanaminerals.com)

Thank you for the pre-lodgement consultation request submitted. I (Marie Payne) will be the DOC fast track application lead for the Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project.

I have reviewed the information provided to date and request and to move forward it would be helpful if you could provide some more information around the fast-track proposal.

- Specific detail around each permission/activity for which an approval is being sought from DOC e.g. a Wildlife Approval would need to be specific to species and activity. Concessions should detail specific activity/location etc...
- Background information to support that approval e.g. draft application documents/external assessments and reports
- Identification of any requests/application currently underway with the permissions team/local office

Without more specific further information we would be unable to provide feedback in relation to the DOC approvals being sought.

I acknowledge that you have been working with our local office previously for different approvals. As a fast-track request, I will be co-ordinating DOC's response to all of the approvals/permissions you identify as part of the fast-track application.

Our financial team has also noted no consultation deposit had not been received as of late last week, if you are able to progress this to enable us to proceed when further information is received that would be very helpful. If you have already, please confirm and I can follow up.

I am on leave tomorrow but happy to give you a call and walk through DOC's fast track process/answer any questions you may have at this point (my details are below).

Kind regards,

Marie

**Marie Payne**  
Senior Advisor Fast Track Applications  
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**Fast Track Application Enquiries**

**To: Marie Payne, Senior Advisor Fast Track Applications**

**Department of Conservation**

**Subject: DOC Pre-lodgement consultation request BOGP**

**Date: 19 May 2025**

**From: s.9(2)(a) Environment Manager**

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Responding to your request for more information on the Bendigo Ophir Gold Project (BOGP) fast-track proposal, please find below information regarding:

- Specific detail around each permission/activity for which an approval is being sought from DOC e.g. a Wildlife Approval would need to be specific to species and activity. Concessions should detail specific activity/location etc...
- Background information to support that approval e.g. draft application documents/external assessments and reports
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**Cc:** [FastTrackApplicationEnquiries](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Bendigo Ophir Gold Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, 11 March 2025 10:59:02 am  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)

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Kia ora s.9(2)(a)

A DOC initial estimate cost recovery invoice was sent to your accounts team on 6<sup>th</sup> March regarding your request for pre-lodgement consultation for Fast-track Bendigo Ophir Gold Project.

Once this invoice has been paid, we will assign your application with a team lead and begin consultation.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi,

[Grace Masterton \(she/her\)](#)

Permissions Advisor

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**From:** FastTrackApplicationEnquiries

**Sent:** Tuesday, 4 March 2025 4:39 pm

**To:** s.9(2)(a)

**Cc:** FastTrackApplicationEnquiries

**Subject:** RE: Bendigo Ophir Gold Project - New Customer form

Kia ora s.9(2)(a)

Thank you for this.

We are now working on getting the invoice sent to you shortly.

Once this invoice has been paid, we will commence pre-lodgement consultation with you.

Ngā mihi,

[Grace Masterton \(she/her\)](#)

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 4 March 2025 1:57 pm

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Hi Grace,

Thank you for your email on 3 March regarding the New Customer Form. I have completed the form and attached as requested.

If you require any further information, please let me know.

Regards



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