

+Fast-Track Context Document

This document sets out an agenda for our Fast-track context meeting and any further information. The key purpose is to identify and co-ordinate the information and resource required to facilitate a pre-application meeting.

Key Information

Purpose of meeting

- Providing a brief overview of any project information available to date. Sharing knowledge.
- Identifying:
 - inputs and resources required to facilitate a pre-application meeting with applicants.
 - information DOC needs to provide efficient pre-application advice.
 - any potential risk management
 - likely timeframes to progress.

Things to remember

- Context meeting attendees are facilitating with project scoping and will not necessarily become an ongoing project resource.
- During pre-application consultation we can provide advice that could influence the standard of their application and level of information they provide.
- Giving thorough advice is key. Once an application is lodged our ability to request further information may be limited.
- Ask attendees to consider whether they have any conflicts of interest

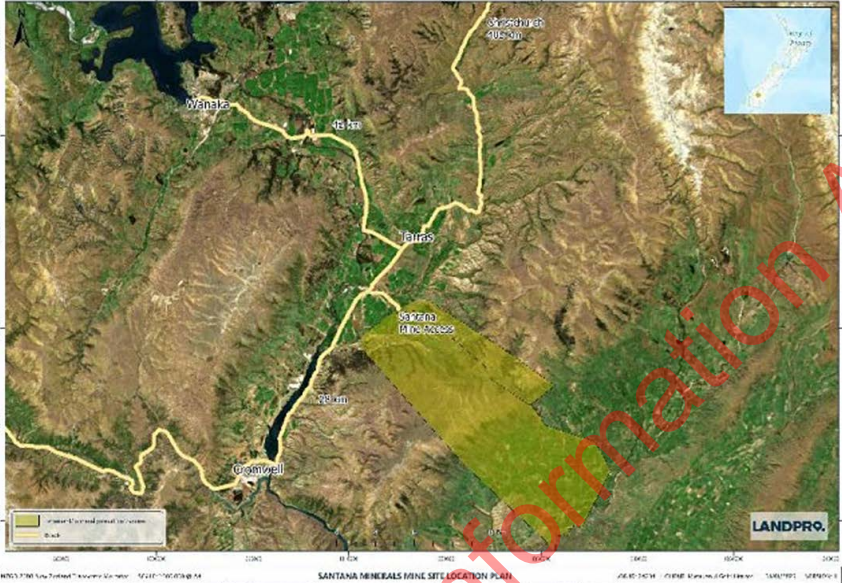
Project Details

Project name:	Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project
Engagement type:	DOC preparing for consultation/lodgement of substantive application
Date of meeting:	TBC
Applicant/agent:	s.9(2)(a) : Environment Manager, Santana Minerals Limited
Proposal overview:	<p>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 Ardour Terraces area</p> <p>The proposal is not on PCL - but is possible that some targeted areas of Public Conservation Land will be the subject of off-site mitigation and compensation package</p> <p>Note applicant has indicated lodgement April 29 2025</p>
Location:	The project is located 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



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Date pre-lodgement request received:	Received on
Documents provided by applicant:	List
Risk and priority assessment via Triage Status :	
Fast-track project lead DOC:	Marie Payne – Senior Fast-track Advisor (National Office)
DOC permissions and approvals that may be required as part of FT process (identified by applicant in pre-lodgement request)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Act 1987 - A conservation covenant under section 77 of the Reserves Act applies to the land <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concession Covenant (amending or revoking) Access arrangements under the crown minerals act Freshwater Fisheries Permissions Authorities under Wildlife Act 1953
DOC team/specialists that may be required in pre-app meeting:	Fast-track Project Lead RMA Planner Permissions Advisor(s) Statutory Manager (Regional Office) Concessions/Commercial advisor Statutory Land Management Advisor National Management Planning Advisor (Statutory Docs)
Project history to date (including any known existing consents):	The project site is subject to a covenant which was a product of Tenure review finalised in the early 90's and the covenant was placed in 2001. The covenant

	<p>predominately seeks to protect heritage and conversation values across the site (biodiversity/conversation approach not across all of site).</p> <p>Over the last few years the applicant has sought DOC approval via letters of authority for exploration activity (drilling holes/tracks) and DOC has undertaken photo point monitoring. The area of the site rise and shine has higher protection.</p> <p>The mining proposal appears to be a next step by the applicant following the exploration activity, DOC has previously advised the applicant that mining is prohibited on the site under the current covenant which has been previously varied to enable exploration activities. More information here.</p> <p>9(2)(g)(i)</p>
Any knowledge on applicant compliance history:	
DOC commentary on fast track approvals and permissions identified (based on information provided):	<p>Conservation Act Permissions/Approvals</p> <p>Potential issues to consider ...</p> <p>Wildlife Act Permissions</p> <p>Potential issues to consider</p> <p>Concessions</p> <p>Potential issues to consider</p>
Treaty partners:	<p>Commentary from the applicant 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.</p>
Any known Treaty settlement implications/considerations: (NB: Grace or Amelia to complete template)	
Any known Section 4 Conservation Act 1987 implications/considerations:	
Potential Resource Management Act (RMA) considerations and effects: <p><i>Note: DOC's role in relation to 53(2)(m)(i) FTAA</i></p>	<p>Potential issues to consider</p>

Any Statutory Planning Document considerations in relation to site (e.g. CGP/CMS/CMP):	
Any Conservation Management Plan implications for the project:	
Any specific information requests to applicants for pre-app engagement at this point:	Recommend further engagement prior to substantive application if project progresses as this would enable us to give more focused feedback.
Any further information/considerations (including risks/opportunities)	<p>Critical considerations appear to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals alignment with heritage values (historic gold mining sites) as per the covenant Proposals alignment with protecting and enhancing the natural character of the land in accordance with the covenant (including wildlife – lizards, birds, habitat and fauna) and freshwater Potential activities / impacts on adjoining/adjacent PCL
Summary of any additional consultation with Applicant	<u>N/A have requested further information from the applicant.</u>
Additional Notes:	While DOC will assist applicants as much as we can when they engage in pre-lodgement consultation, it is applicants' responsibility to comply with the Act and to ensure they have applied for all permissions they need.

Actions / Next steps

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