

**OIAD-5275 – Matakanui Gold Ltd. (Santana Minerals Ltd.)**  
**Summary of internal correspondence (31/10/2024-26 May 2025)**

**Abbreviations**

BAU	Business as usual	JR	John Roberts (SSI Statutory Manager)
CC	Conservation Covenant	JS	Jenna Sinclair (Senior Ranger, Community)
CS	Charlie Sklenar (Operations Manager)	MGL	Matakanui Gold Ltd. (Santana Minerals)
CO	Central Otago (District Office)	PM	Pauline Marshall (Ranger, Community)
DDG	Deputy-Director General Policy and Regulatory Services		
DS	Donna Shepherd (SSI Statutory Manager)		
FT	Fast Track		
FTT	Fast Track Team		

DATE	DOCUMENT TITLE	DESCRIPTION	Parties	Theme	Comment
15/11/2024	15 November 2024 R and E Plan	Discussion regarding MGL's proposed Restoration and Enhancement Plan for mineral exploration drilling vehicle access tracks within Bendigo CC.	JR/JS	MGL mineral exploration vehicle access tracks Bendigo CC	BAU
19/11/2024	19 November 2024 Re Bendigo context - Meeting with EDS on Thursday 2.30-3.30pm	Request for background context on MGL Bendigo mineral exploration activities. JR provided a summary of the exploration activities and DOC District Office approvals to date.	DDG/JR/FTT	FT background information gathering	FT
19/11/2024	19 November 2024 How are you going on Bendigo overview email	Follow up email checking on progress with provision of Bendigo overview email to DDG.	Siobhan Quayle/JR	FT information gathering	FT
20/11/2024	20 November 2024 Re Bendigo	Sourcing information internally ahead of a meeting with the Environmental Defence Society (EDS).	JR/DDG /Siobhan Quayle/Aaron Fleming/Phillippa Fox/ Amelia Smith	FT information gathering	FT
08/12/2024	8.12.2024 Bendigo	Feedback and comments re: memo/approval letter for MGL application to undertake mineral exploration drilling activities within Bendigo CC.	JR/JS	MGL mineral exploration drilling application Bendigo CC	BAU
09/12/2024	8 December 2024 Bendigo	JS response to JR feedback/comments re: memo/approval letter for MGL application to undertake mineral exploration drilling activities within Bendigo CC.	JS/JR	MGL mineral exploration drilling application Bendigo CC	BAU
06/01/2025	9 February 2025 pre-app	Request for CO District Office communications/consultation information with MGL/Santana in order to compile all information in one place for FT application pre-consult. Advised all correspondence to date has been for approvals to undertake mineral exploration drilling only within the Bendigo CC.	FTT/JR/DS	FT background information gathering	FT
15/01/2025	15 Jan RE: Matakanui Gold Ltd, Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project (FTA107)	Notification from FT Applications Manager to multiple internal staff advising a list from MfE of Fast-Track Projects likely to be lodged with EPA. Response from JR providing background context on the area and MGL's mineral exploration activities within the Bendigo CC.	FT Applications Manager/JR/multiple DOC staff	FT related	FT
17/01/2025	17.1.2025 RE: Fast Track Application Inquiries - Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project	FTT requesting any communication/consultations that has occurred on the MGL's Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project project/s in the SSI region. JR provided requested material, including seeking advice on Sustainable Tarras (Community Group) requesting a talking spot with Otago Conservation Board, regarding Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project.	FTT/JR/DS/JS/CS	FT information gathering	FT

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21/01/2025	21 Jan 2025 E: Presentations to the Otago Conservation Board from parties with an interest in the Santana/Bendigo mining proposal	Similar email thread as 17.1.2025 RE: Fast Track Application Inquiries - Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project – with the further request for clarification of if there are any policy or process impediment to conservation boards receiving presentations from third parties with an interest in FT applications	FT Applications Manager/JR/ multiple DOC staff	FT related – third parties	FT
30/01/2025	30 Jan 2025 RE: Bendigo authority	Discussion and request for internal meeting, regarding upcoming MGL mineral exploration drilling application within the Bendigo CC, including response to meeting from SSI Director	Aaron Fleming/CS/JR/JS	MGL mineral exploration drilling application Bendigo CC	BAU
31/01/2025	29.1.2025-31.1.2025 Bendigo Authority	Discussion regarding the requirement for MGL to provide a comprehensive Restoration and Enhancement Plan for mineral exploration drilling works within the Bendigo CC.	JR/JS/CS	BAU MGL mineral exploration drilling. Bendigo CC	BAU
05/02/2025	5 February 2025 Rehabilitation - Bendigo	Internal discussion regarding the need to obtain a 2025 track rehabilitation update from MGL.	JR/CS/JS	BAU MGL mineral exploration drilling. Bendigo CC	BAU
05/02/2025	5.5.2025 FYI Bendigo - maps for your context	Background context on MGL proposal application to undertake further mineral exploration drilling activities within the Bendigo CC. Includes multiple attachments emails between JR and FTT, CC document and maps relating to MGL mineral exploration activities.	JR/CS/JS	MGL mineral exploration drilling within Bendigo CC <b>And</b> FT provision of background context	BAU
05/02/2025	5 Feb 2025 RE: Presentations to the Otago Conservation Board from parties with an interest in the Santana/Bendigo mining proposal	Discussion and FTT response regarding advice on Sustainable Tarras (Community Group) request for a talking spot with Otago Conservation Board, regarding Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project.	FTT/JR/Rick McGovern-Wilson/Eleanor Kettink	FT related	FT
10/02/2025	10.2.2025 RE: FYI - Fast Track Application Inquiries - Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project and a request for a team	Similar email thread as 17.1.2025 RE: Fast Track Application Inquiries - Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project – with the addition of FTT advising JR that Kim Morgan is the FT Project Lead and JR requesting Kim give him a call for background context.	FTT/JR/Kim Morgan	FT information gathering	FT
13/02/2025	13 Feb 2025 Bendigo- letter and status update	Original email requesting peer review of response letter and MOC weekly status report re: MGL application for approval to undertake further mineral exploration drilling activities within the Bendigo CC	JS/JR	MGL mineral exploration drilling application. Bendigo CC	BAU
13/02/2025	13 Feb 2025 RE: Bendigo- draft letter and status update	Peer review/comments on draft response letter re: MGL application for approval to undertake further mineral exploration drilling activities within the Bendigo CC	JS/JR/CS	MGL mineral exploration drilling application. Bendigo CC	BAU
17/02/2025	17 Feb 2025 FYI - Bendigo - Sustainable Tarras presentation to OCB this week	FYI information email regarding Sustainable Tarras (Community Group) presentation, regarding MGL/Santana proposed gold mining operation, to the Otago Conservation Board.	JR/CS/JS	FT related	FT
18/02/2025	18 Feb Letter to Santana re further exploratory activities within the 9(2)(b)(ii) Bendigo Conservation Covenant	SSI Region seeking advice from FTT regarding a response letter and MOC weekly status report, relating to MGL's application for approval to undertake further mineral exploration drilling activities within the Bendigo CC	Joanne Liew/ Siobhan Quayle/JS	MGL mineral exploration drilling application. Bendigo CC	BAU

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18/02/2025	18.2.2025 W: 25-I-0007 - Invitation evaluation - Request - Visit the Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project with Santana Minerals Limited - Central Otago	An FYI to CO District on what the FTT are sending re Santana Minerals' request to meet with the Minister of Conservation	Joanne Liew/CS/JR/JS	FT pre-consultation application	FT
20/02/2025	20 Feb 2025 Mining at Bendigo - being prepared re: defending heritage values in Covenant areas	An FYI email from internal Senior Heritage Advisor to District leadership and Legal staff re: defending the heritage values of the Bendigo CC in relation to MGL's Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project and further discussions.	Matt Schmidt/Pene Williams/CS/JR/JS/Kim Morgan	FT pre-consultation application	FT and BAU
29/02/2025	29 Feb 2025 RE: DDG Daily Report - Tuesday 18 February 2025 - MOC Status Update: Proposed Mining Exploration on Bendigo Station, Central Otago	Request for additional information for MOC weekly status report, regarding MGL's application for approval to undertake further mineral exploration drilling activities within the Bendigo CC.	Joanne Liew/JS/CS/JR	MGL mineral exploration drilling application. Bendigo CC	BAU
04/03/2025	RE: Bendigo Application for Exploration	Provision of initial internal ecological technical advice, regarding MGL's application for approval to undertake further mineral exploration drilling activities within the Bendigo CC.	Richard Ewans/JS/Matt Schmidt	MGL mineral exploration drilling application. Bendigo CC	BAU
13/03/2025	13 March 2025 RE: Letter regarding 9(2)(b)(ii) Resource Drilling Program	Response email from MGL re: MGL application for approval to undertake further mineral exploration drilling activities within the Bendigo CC. Handover meeting request.	JS/JR/CS	MGL mineral exploration drilling application. Bendigo CC	BAU
09/04/2025	9.4.2025 Bendigo Notes	Handover notes on all things related to Bendigo Station: Bendigo TR history, Conservation Covenant, surrounding PCL, current MGL/Santana applications (CC), doccm (internal document management system) links to previous CC approvals and DOC key contacts relating to Bendigo	JS/CS/JR	These notes were in preparation for JS leaving DOC.	BAU
16/04/2025	16 April RE: Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project - DOC contact request	Senior Advisor (FTT) request for local DOC contact person and background local context on MGL/Santana mineral exploration activities.	Marie Payne/JS/JR	FT information gathering	FT
17/04/2025	17 April 2025 Bendigo Exploration Application 2025	Request for internal technical advice on MGL's application for approval to undertake further mineral exploration drilling activities within the Bendigo CC.	JS/Matt Schmidt/Richard Ewans	MGL mineral exploration drilling application. Bendigo CC	BAU
23/04/2025	23 April 2025 RE: Conservation Covenant - Bendigo Station 9(2)(b)(ii)	Check-in between CO Operations Manager and SSI Statutory Manager, regarding receipt of MGL's application for approval for further mineral exploration drilling within the Bendigo CC.	CS/JR	MGL mineral exploration drilling application. Bendigo CC	BAU
24/04/2025	24 March 2025 RE: Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project - DOC contact request	Addition to email thread as 16 April RE: Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project - DOC contact request, with JR requesting access to FT application folder	JR/ Marie Payne	FT related	FT
30/04/2025	30 April 2025 RE: Review of 9(2)(b)(ii) Heritage Assessment prepared for Santana Minerals Ltd 9(2)(b)(ii), s.9(2)(a)	Internal heritage technical advice provided to CO OM and SSI Statutory Manger, regarding MGL's application for approval for further mineral exploration drilling within the Bendigo CC. Including CO OM response.	Matt Schmidt/CS/JR	MGL mineral exploration drilling application. Bendigo CC	BAU

05/05/2025	5.5.2025 RE: Review of [REDACTED] Heritage Assessment prepared for Santana Minerals Ltd [REDACTED] addition to my review	Additional heritage technical advice to email thread	Matt Schmidt/CS/JR	MGL mineral exploration drilling application. Bendigo CC	BAU
08/05/2025	8.5.2025 Bendigo context 2025 application and Matts review	Providing background context and links to current MGL/Santana application to undertake mineral exploration drilling within Bendigo CC, including links to internal technical advice and previous CC approvals.	JR/PM	Purpose was to bring PM up to speed to pick up interim District Lead role, due to JS departure from DOC.	BAU
12/05/2025	12 May 2025 Bendigo exploration application - Richard's advice	Provision of internal technical advice regarding MGL's application for approval to undertake further mineral exploration drilling activities within the Bendigo CC	JR/PM/Richard Ewans	MGL mineral exploration drilling application. Bendigo CC	BAU

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