

**OIAD-5389 – Matakanui Gold Ltd. (Santana Minerals Ltd.)**  
**Summary of internal correspondence (27/05/2025-27/06/2025)**

**Abbreviations**

CC	Conservation Covenant	JR	John Roberts (SSI Statutory Manager)
CS	Charlie Sklenar (Operations Manager)	MGL	Matakanui Gold Ltd. (Santana Minerals)
CO	Central Otago (District Office)	PM	Pauline Marshall (Ranger, Community)
FT	Fast Track		
FTT	Fast Track Team		

DATE	DOCUMENT TITLE	DESCRIPTION	Parties	Theme	Comment
04/06/2025	Couple of additions in BLUE - JR edits - Peer Review Request - Response - Mineral exploration works - MGL - Bendigo Conservation Covenant	Peer reviewing and amendments/suggestion for fine tuning CO response letter/recommending memo, regarding MGL's application to undertake further mineral exploration drilling within Bendigo CC	JR/PM	MGL mineral exploration drilling application Bendigo CC	BAU
04/06/2025	RE: Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project - DOC contact request	FTT request to CO for background context on MGL's Bendigo exploration activities. FTT advising and requesting CO comments on the ability for the MOC to comment to MBIE re: MGL mining application. CO comments on above and provision of further background context.	FTT/JS/PM	FT information gathering	FT
05/06/2025	Re: Fast Track Query - Bendigo Conservation Covenant - Matakanui Gold Ltd.	Richard Ewans (Technical Adviser) passing on OIA request, from MGL consultant, for information on threatened plant species to FTT. Questioning which OIA Advisor was assigned to a similar OIA request in late 2024. FTT questioning whether a decision has been made regarding MGL's application to undertake further mineral exploration drilling within Bendigo CC	Richard Ewans/FTT/PM	FT related	FT
06/06/2025	Re: OIAD-5275 clarification	OIA team providing OIAD-5275 requestors written request for review and discussion, questions regarding release of information.	Victoria Waddon/JR	OIA request regarding MGL proposed open cast mine project	OIA
06/06/2025	2nd Round - Peer Review Request - Response - Mineral exploration works - MGL - Bendigo Conservation Covenant	Document peer review request of response letter to MGL, regarding their application to undertake further mineral exploration drilling within Bendigo CC	JR/PM	MGL mineral exploration drilling application Bendigo CC	BAU
08/06/2025	RE: In Confidence - Bendigo Conservation Covenant - exploration proposal Matakanui Gold Ltd.	Discussion between FTT and JR regarding decision making progress, regarding MGL's application to undertake further mineral exploration drilling within Bendigo CC. FTT requesting a 'hold' is placed on the district response to MGL until after the FTT/MGL meeting.	FTT/JR/PM	FT related	FT
09/06/2025	RE: In Confidence - Bendigo Conservation Covenant - exploration proposal Matakanui Gold Ltd.	As per above email thread with the addition of attached approved draft MOC weekly status report.	FTT/JR/PM	FT related	FT
10/06/2025	RE: Requested Additional Info. - Response - Mineral exploration works - MGL -	Provision of detailed heritage sites for inclusion in CO response letter/recommending memo, regarding MGL's application to undertake further mineral exploration drilling within Bendigo CC.	PM/JR	MGL mineral exploration drilling application Bendigo CC	BAU

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	Bendigo Conservation Covenant				
10/06/2025	Re: Draft MOC status report and internal key messages - Bendigo	Provision of draft MOC weekly status report key messages and fine tuning it, regarding MGL's application to undertake further mineral exploration drilling within Bendigo CC.	JR/PM	MGL mineral exploration drilling application Bendigo CC	BAU
10/06/2025	Re: FYA Bendigo app - need some time tomorrow to discuss - paperwork done; needs decision by Friday	Request for phone discussion regarding completed documents and a decision required regarding MGL's application to undertake further mineral exploration drilling within Bendigo CC.	JR/CS	MGL mineral exploration drilling application Bendigo CC	BAU
10/06/2025	Important - DOCCM Links - Letter & Memo - Mineral exploration works - MGL - Bendigo Conservation Covenant	Provision of doccm links to CO response letter and recommending memo regarding MGL's application to undertake further mineral exploration drilling within Bendigo CC.	PM/JR	MGL mineral exploration drilling application Bendigo CC	BAU
11/06/2025	Bendigo exploration memo and letter	JR providing CS doccm links for CO response letter/recommending memo, regarding MGL's application to undertake further mineral exploration drilling within Bendigo CC	JR/CS	MGL mineral exploration drilling application Bendigo CC	BAU
12/06/2025	Bendigo - communicating the latest exploration (BAU) application decision	Discussion with FTT regarding whether to pause sending the CO response letter, regarding MGL's application to undertake further mineral exploration drilling within Bendigo CC, until after the FTT have met with MGL and discussed this with them. Also, whether to send the associated MOC weekly status report.	JR/ Siobhan Quayle	MGL mineral exploration drilling application Bendigo CC	BAU/FT
12/06/2025	FYI - Bendigo - communicating the latest exploration (BAU) application decision	FYI only email regarding email ' <i>Bendigo - communicating the latest exploration (BAU) application decision.</i> '	JR/PM	MGL mineral exploration drilling application Bendigo CC	BAU/FT
12/06/2025	MOC status report for week of 16 June; plus for the DG	JR providing MOC weekly status report, regarding MGL's application to undertake further mineral exploration drilling within the Bendigo CC.	JR/Joanne Liew	MGL mineral exploration drilling application Bendigo CC	BAU/FT
15/06/2025	Bendigo applications for approval in train - no pending permissions	Permissions team advising FTT there are no pending mining permissions applications within Bendigo. Also, advised of the BAU application from MGL to undertake further mineral exploration drilling within the Bendigo CC. Including Siobhan Quayle reply.	Rebecca Beaumont/ Siobhan Quayle	Permissions	BAU/FT
16/06/2025	FYI - Bendigo - the latest exploration application (BAU and outside of FT)	JR advising of the decision to place the CO letter/recommending memo/MOC weekly status report re MGL's application to undertake further mineral exploration drilling within the Bendigo CC, on 'hold' until after FTT/MGL meeting. Includes doccm links to these documents	JR/CS/PM/Marie Payne/Jenni Fitzgerald	MGL mineral exploration drilling application Bendigo CC	BAU/FT