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Reefton Community Meeting
July 2026

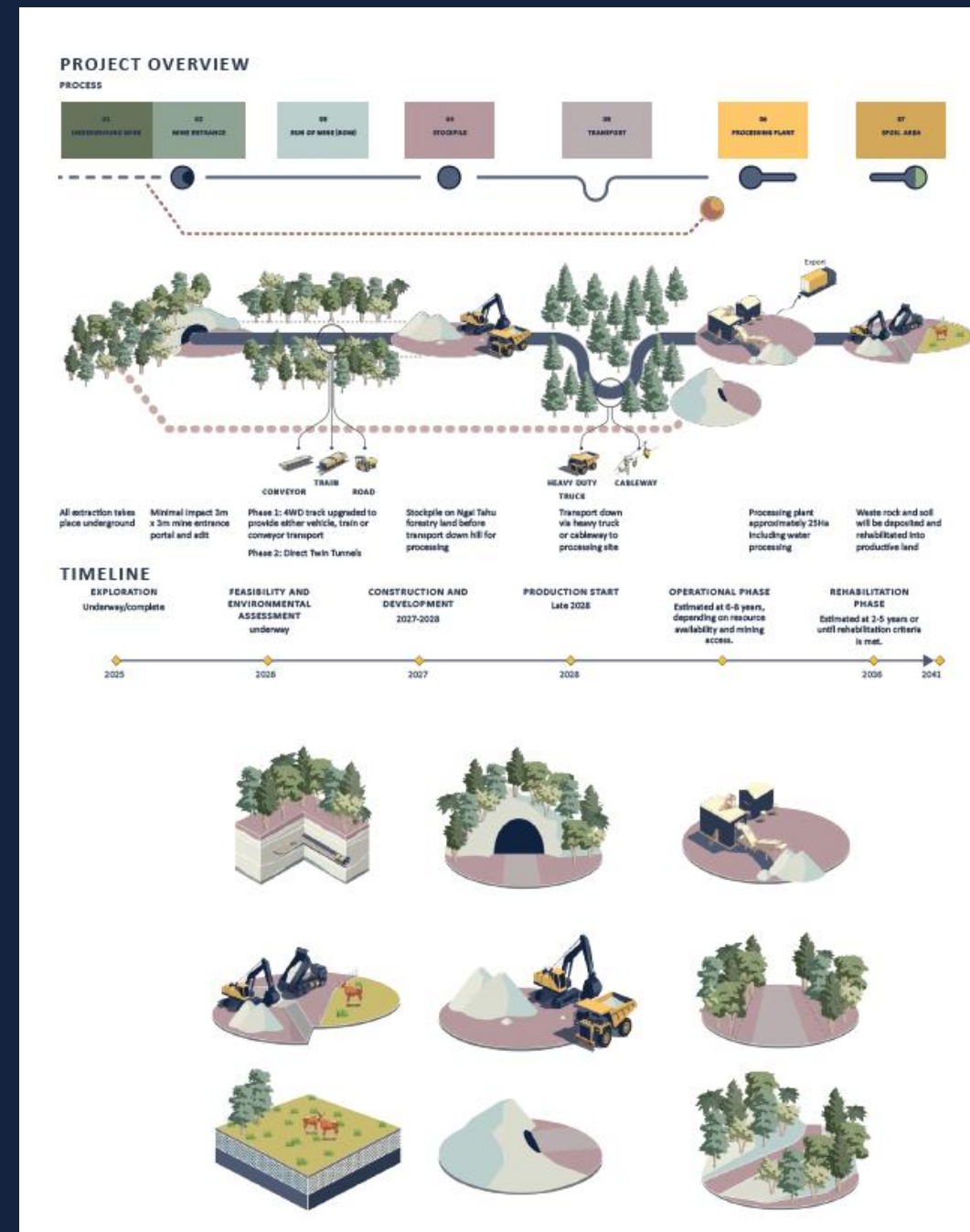
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Company Update

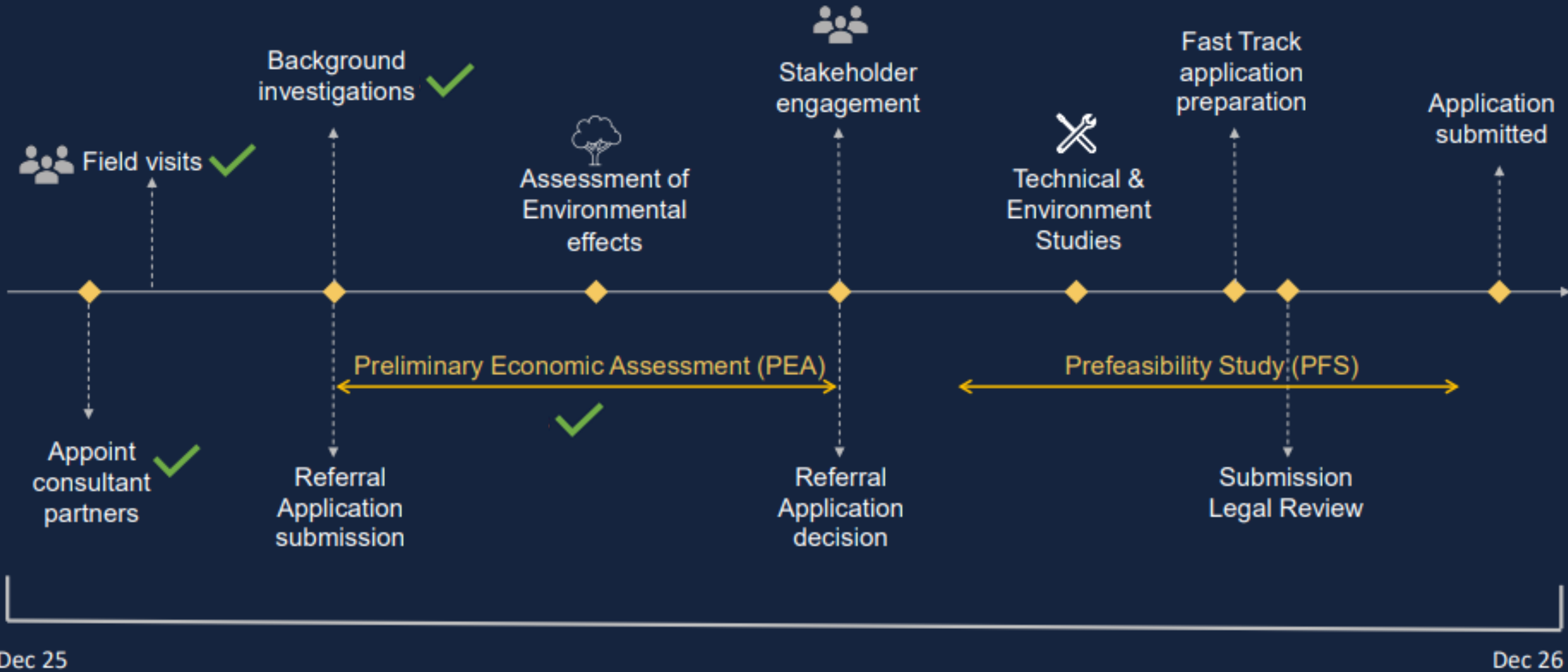
- Community, stakeholder & regulator engagement well underway.
- Fast Track Referral application submitted. OIO application submitted.
- Our team is supported by a group of 30 consultants to develop the fast track application.
- Our exploration & drilling contractors team have been working in the hills above Reefton, 20,000 metres of drilling program underway.
- Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) complete and PFS underway.
- Rua Gold listed on the NZX and encouraged to see 15% New Zealanders on our share register.



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Fast Track Project Timeline

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Proposed Mining Area

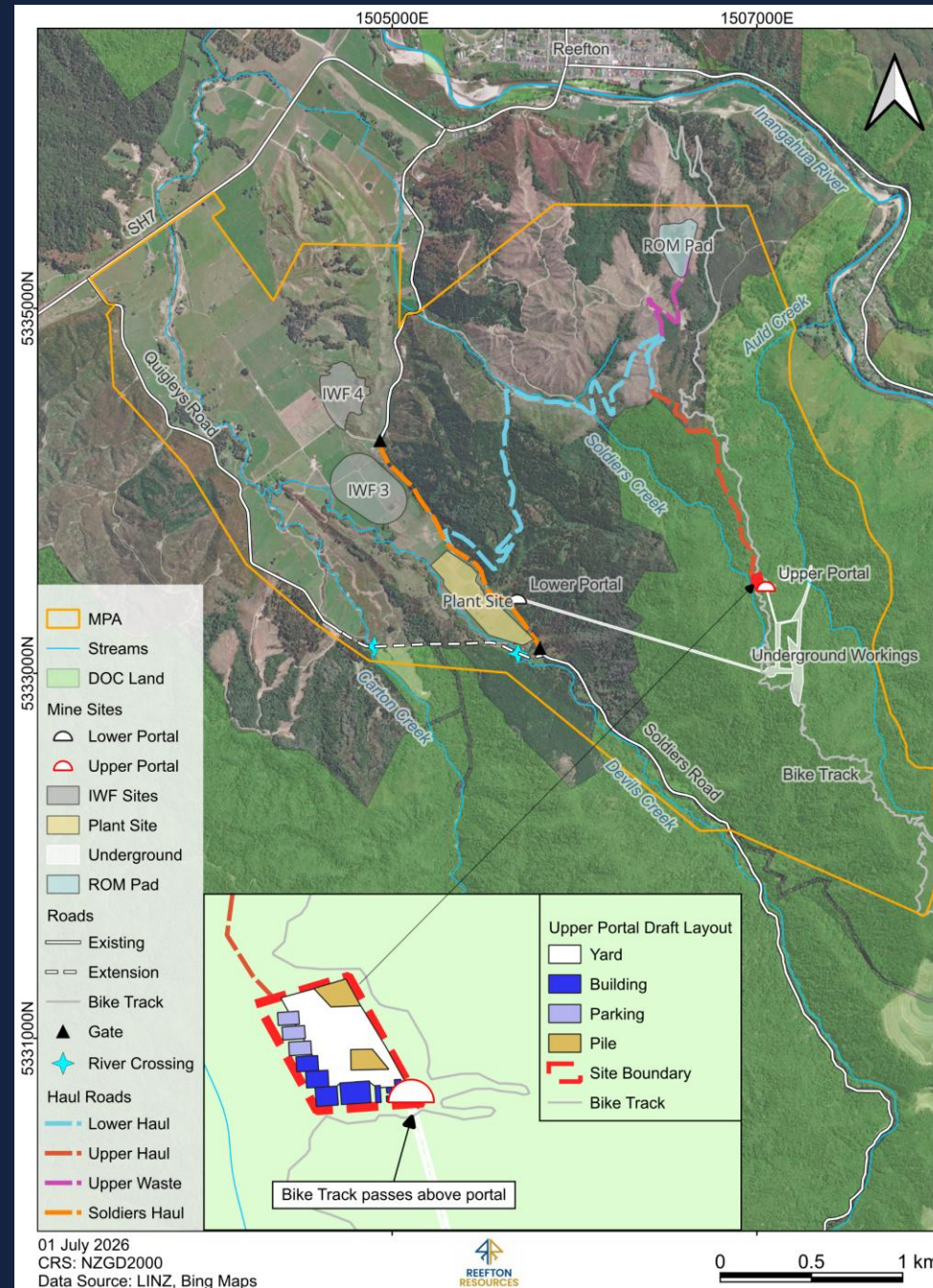
Consolidated map prepared as part of the updated project description.

Proposed road access to site via Quigleys road.

Globe Bike track remains open.

Road to Reefton look out remains open to public.

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Overview of Social Impact Assessment

A social impact assessment was undertaken in June with consultant group EMM Consulting. A series of interviews were conducted in Reefton and remotely with some remaining interviews to come.

Key points:

- There appears to be a good level of support for the project from the interviews
- The community values the contributions to date and would like to see these continue into the future as the project progresses through the stages of mining
- There is a strong view for protection of the environment and surrounding areas to the mine site including tracks and trails used by recreational users
- There is desire for local jobs to be prioritised and involvement from local schools to educate youth locally and create jobs close to home
- Housing is of concern for the amount of workers needed for the project



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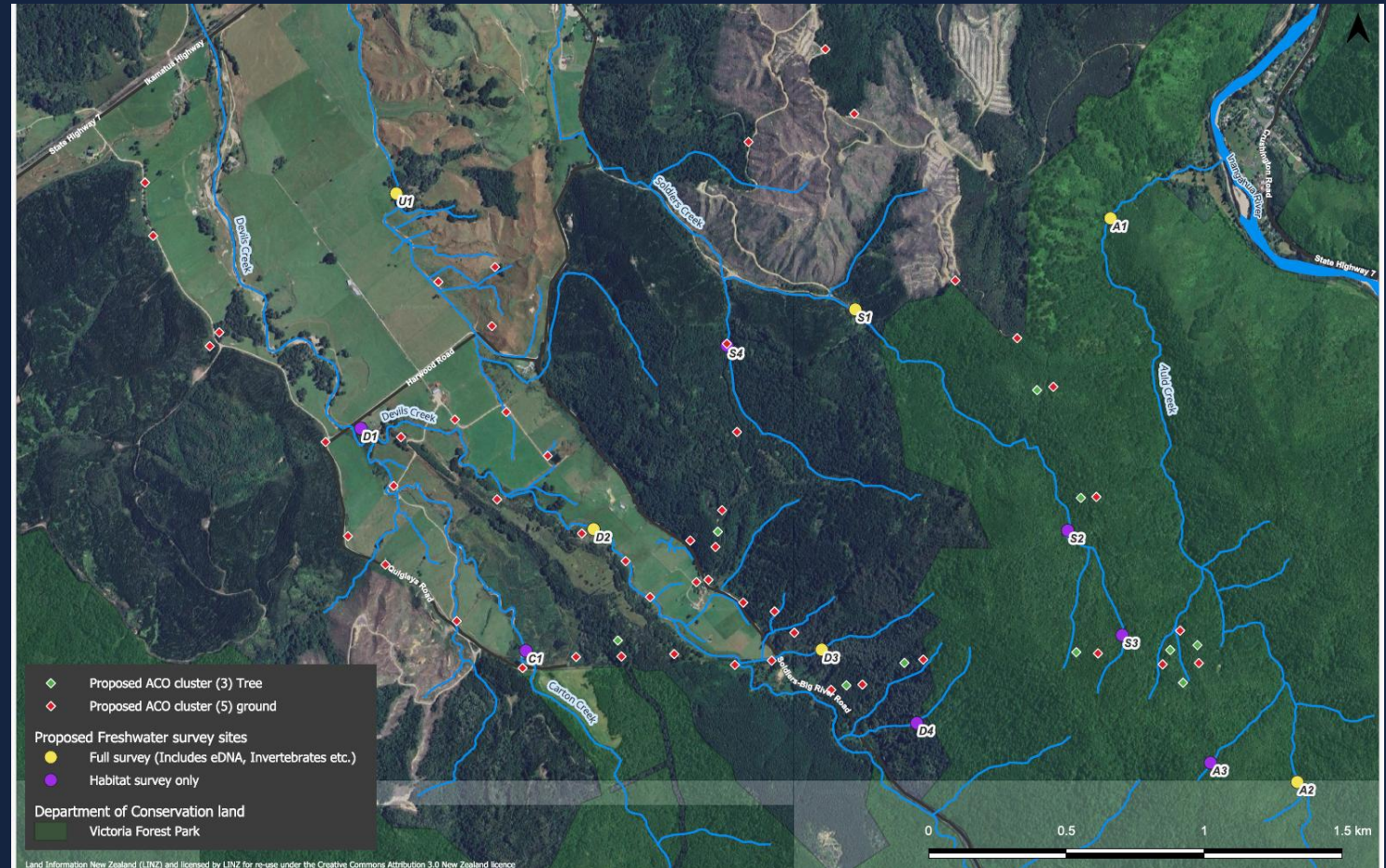
Ecology Overview

Teams from Ecological Solutions on site in early 2026 and over a 2-week period in June to conduct ground investigations.

Focus areas

- Terrestrial – ACO for lizards
- Wetlands
- Freshwater
- Vegetation types

The teams will revisit site later this year to collect the data from the ACO's and follow up.



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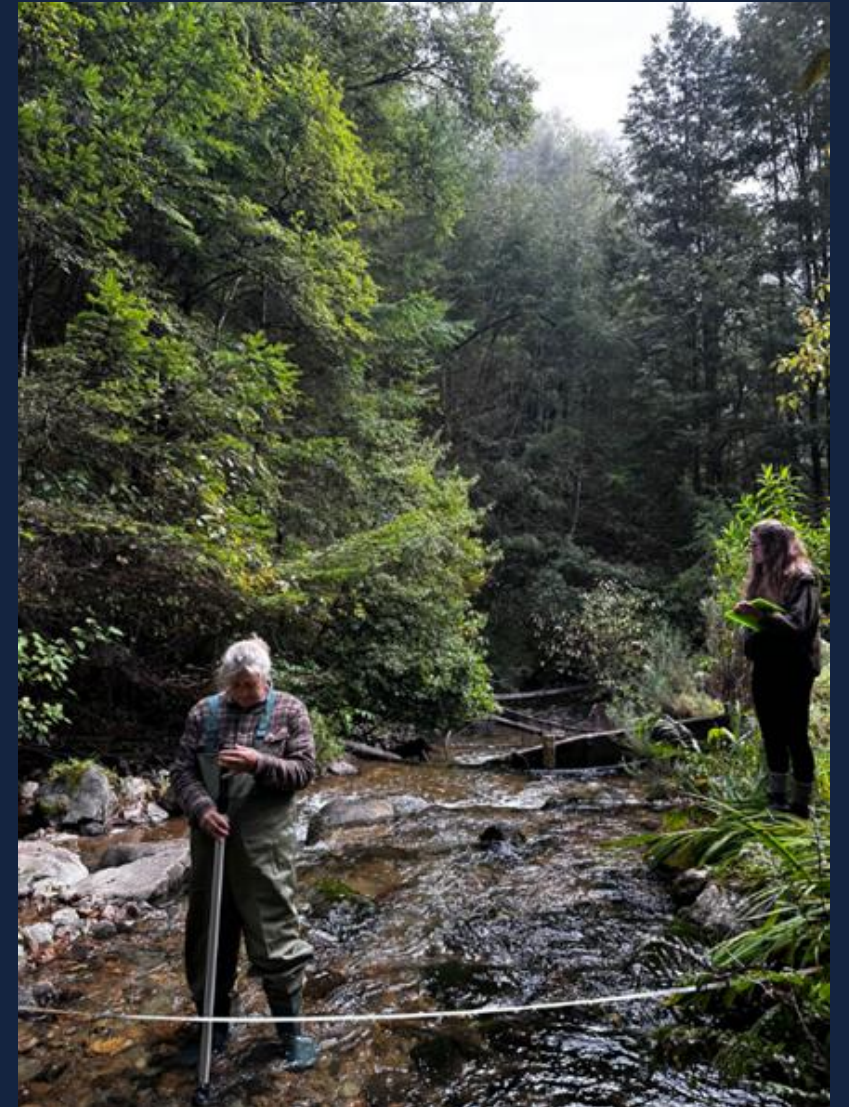
Water

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Water quality and flow sampling has continued with weekly samples taken at a range of locations to collect a baseline and build on existing knowledge of Devils Creek from OceanaGold monitoring programs.

The team from Ecological Solutions have worked closely with the Mine Waste Management team on establishing base line data and water monitoring locations.

Water quality limits have been prepared and will be shared with regulators over the coming month.

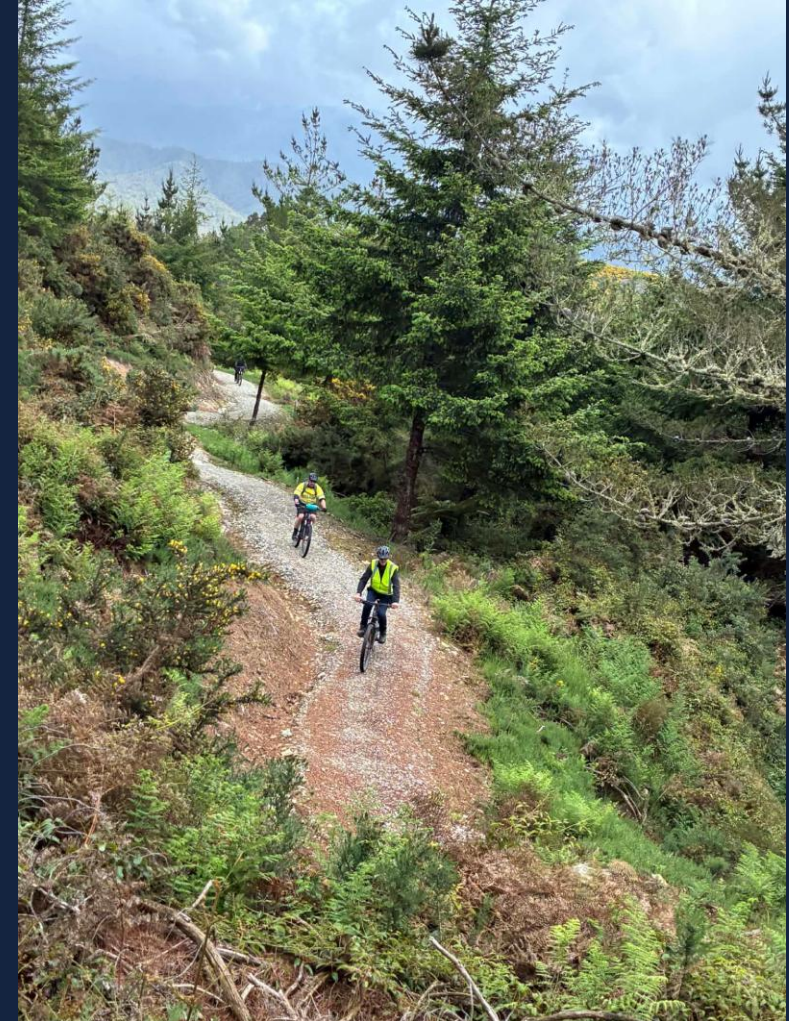


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Feedback from Fish & Game Consultation

Summary of Fish & Game commentary from initial consultation:

- Water Quality and Aquatic Habitat
- Acid Mine Drainage and Long-term Contamination
- Waste Rock and Tailings Management
- Catchment - scale Effects
- Monitoring, Compliance and Long-term Liability
- Downstream Rivers and Trout Fishery Values



02 MINE ENTRANCE

PORTAL AND ADIT



Disturbance at the mine entrance will be minimal.

The mine portal is not located in an area of historic or cultural significance.

It is not anticipated to impact on identified features. There is likely to be very limited to no visibility of the mine portal as it sits within dense mature vegetation away from publicly accessible locations and other sensitive viewpoints such as residential dwellings.

A number of small surface expressions for the mine portal, ventilation and supporting infrastructure.

The portal is the single visible entrance where the underground mine meets the hillside. It is a carefully managed point of access where vehicles and staff move in and out. Its design aims to sit neatly within the existing landform so that the surrounding landscape values with the area remain respected.

Phase one requires a portal and adit (tunnel) on DOC land. This will be 3m wide x 3m high. Temporary surface infrastructure includes equipment laydown and storage areas, and sheds/offices for workers. This will require a platform of approximately 50m x 50m.

After extraction is complete geotechnical stabilisation works will secure the rock mass and enable safe ongoing mining from the underground portal access.



POTENTIAL EFFECTS

Landscape architects will examine its visibility, how it sits within the landform, and how its lighting and structures influence natural character.

Noise engineers usually assess vehicle movements and machinery presence at the portal.

Stormwater and erosion specialists evaluate how runoff is captured and controlled to protect nearby waterways, soil stability, and aquatic health.

Heritage specialists may check whether the portal encroaches on archaeological features, historic mining remnants, or early settler infrastructure.

Ecologists will look at vegetation clearance, edge effects, and fauna disturbance — especially birds and bats that may be sensitive to lighting, vehicle activity, or noise.

Work will be needed to understand the species present in Victoria Forest Park that may be affected.



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Artist Impression – Landscape Impact

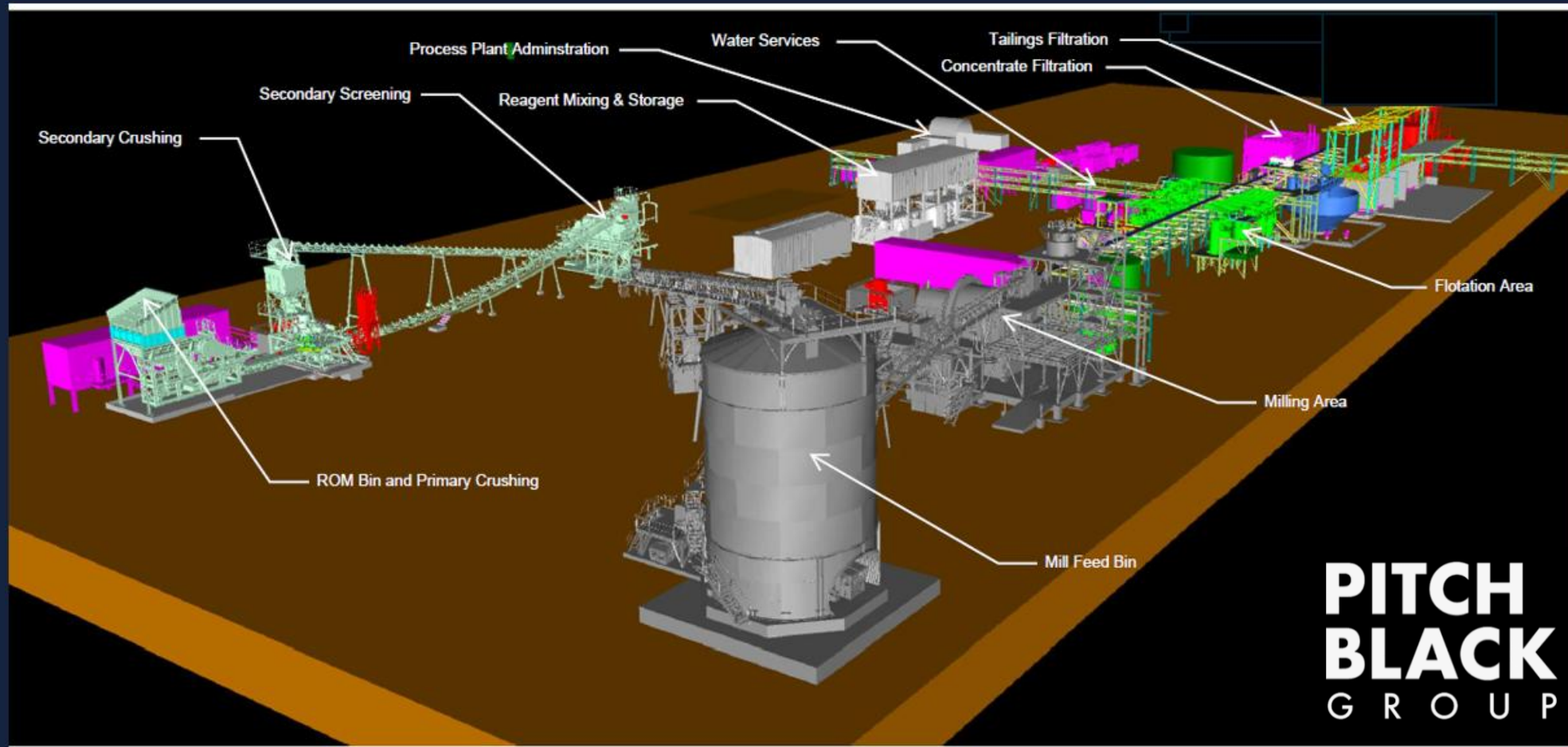
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Processing Plant PEA Concept Design

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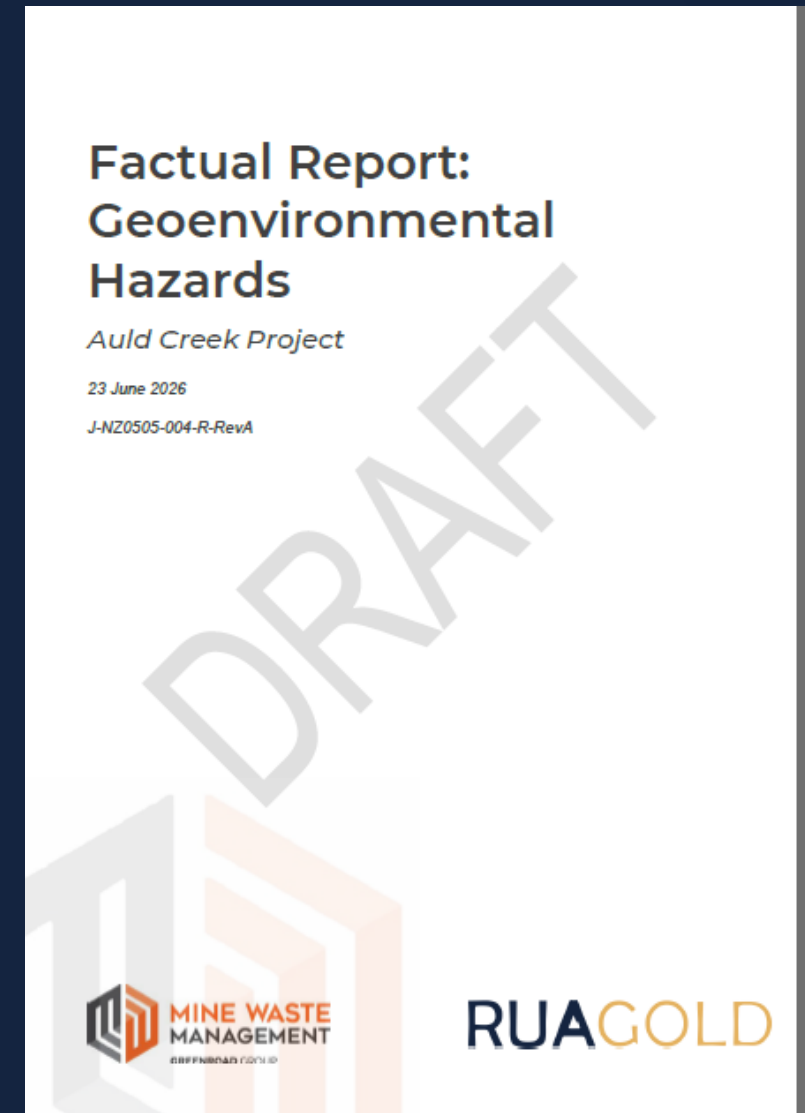
Geochemistry

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Geo environmental hazard report has been completed by the team from Mine Waste Management.

Key management implications determined from this study are:

- Prioritise identification and segregation of Sb- and As- enriched materials during operations such that they can be managed in an appropriate manner.
- Develop an operational waste-rock classification and handling process.
- Develop a Mine-Impacted Water Management Plan (MIW MP).



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Traffic

The preferred entry to the infrastructure site would be via Quigleys Road.

Some minor works will need to be completed to widen the road in order for it to be a suitable carriageway.

This will also include works to the intersection of State Highway 7 to provide safe access. Soldiers Big-River Road will end at the intersection of Harewood Road.

Quigleys Road will join Soldiers Big-River Road after to the processing plant to allow for access to the DoC managed land and associated tracks.

Noise, Dust & Vibration

A noise monitoring station has been temporarily set up on the corner of State Highway 7 & Quigley's Road to capture additional data that will be used as part of the reporting from the noise team.



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Mining – Upper Portal site

The Upper Portal includes an associated laydown area including

- Diesel generator;
- Portacom offices and crib room;
- Fuel tank;
- Container shelter;
- Water tanks & pond
- Electrical control room;
- Employee amenities;
- Consumable laydown;
- Waste rock stockpile;
- Wash bay and car parks;
- and
- Air compressor.



Above - Concept lay out for Auld Creek Upper Mine access
Below – Typical mine portal design



Below - Similar sized portal and mine access on the North Island in DoC managed land.



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Mining Studies

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Mining studies continues with the Mining One team progressing the PFS level studies, continuing to develop the mine plans and schedule as well as working closely with the Terra Firma Mining team on the operationalisation of the early mine plans.

Rua Gold has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Terra Firma Mining for the early works on the Auld Creek project.



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Fast Track Consultation – Liaison Group

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Rua Gold has established a monthly regulator liaison meeting as we step through permitting

Update to our key regulators once per month as a group and discuss any common items in that forum.

Ensure the broader group of agencies & Iwi are across common themes or emerging issues.

Monthly group dialogue with following key government agencies:

- Department of Conservation
- NZ Petroleum and Minerals
- West Coast Regional Council
- Buller District Council
- WorkSafe NZ
- Fish & Game NZ
- Te Runanga O Ngāti Waewae



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Community and Stakeholders

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- Over 800 stakeholder engagements so far.
- A further community meeting will be held in September, prior to submission.
- Stakeholder engagement strategy well advanced.
- Open approach to engaging with stakeholders, including regulators, Councils and Iwi.
- Continued support of local community programs and initiatives.
- Town office remains open two days per week with opportunity for additional dialogue to be conducted directly with the team via phone, email or in person.
- Continued dialogue with BDC on accommodation and town infrastructure as the project progresses.



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Local Procurement Policy

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This Local Procurement Policy Statement sets out the commitment of Rua Gold to support sustainable economic development in New Zealand by providing fair and transparent opportunities for local businesses and vendors to participate in the supply of goods and services to the Auld Creek project.

Rua Gold recognises that strong relationships with local suppliers contribute to regional employment, capability development, resilient supply chains, and positive long-term outcomes for Reefton and nearby communities on the West Coast.



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Community Support



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Sponsored Community Golf Tournament
Thursday 12th February 5pm
Ambrose format, any one welcome
Free entry and Free BBQ after
Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd

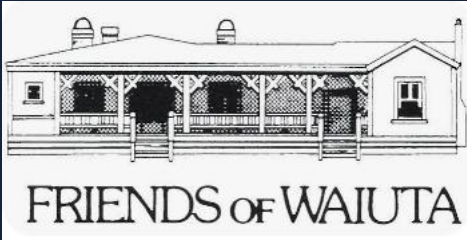


STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
Environmental Geochemistry for Sustainable Mining
MONIQUE WEBER



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- 25 Rua Gold team members - management, geologists & field staff
- 68 Alton & Eco Drilling team members from management, drillers, fitters/mechanics and builders
- 30 advisors working on the Fast-track program
- 10 advisors working on the Pre-Feasability Study
- 6 RSC contractors working on the project



- NZ\$6.4m spent in the local community in 2026 so far
- NZ\$750,000 government taxes, levies & fees



- 15,000 metres completed of 19,000 metre program at Auld Creek

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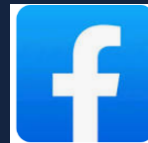
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