

REEFTON GOLDFIELDS PROJECT UPDATE

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News

Fast-track Referral Application Accepted

In early August, Rua Gold received news that our Referral Application has been accepted into the Fast-track process. This marks a significant milestone in this process, allowing our application to advance to the Substantive stage.

As we work closely with our advisor partners to move the application forward, we also remain dedicated to our local host community and encourage feedback regarding the application.

The team remain focused on submitting our application in October.

You can access the full Referral application and further details through the link below:

<https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/auld-creek-project>

About Rua Gold

Rua Gold is a minerals company at the forefront of the mining industry, specializing in gold exploration and discovery. Historical mining in the Reefton Goldfield started in 1872, and by its close, had produced 2 million ounces of gold from high-grade underground operations in orogenic quartz vein systems.

Rua Gold holds 95% of the tenements in this district and is currently drilling multiple targets across the land package.

Fast-track Application – Auld Creek

As we continue to progress the application, a large number of reports are being written by our advisor partners. These include everything from social and economic impacts to environmental and geochemical studies as well as a closure plan for well into the future.

Reporting includes:

Green Road Group

Hydrology & water assessment
Water load balance model
Flood modelling report
Geo environmental hazard report
Source term report
Passive water treatment report
Active water treatment report
Column leech test report

ENGEO

Hazard substances risk assessment and report

Southern Archaeology

Archaeology report

Stantec

Traffic study

Tonkin + Taylor

Noise & Vibration report
Dust affects report

Wayfinder

Landscape report

Ecological Solutions

Terrestrial ecology report
Aquatic ecology report

EMM Consulting

Social impact assessment

Southern Skies Environmental

Erosion & sediment control report

Eaqub & Eaqub

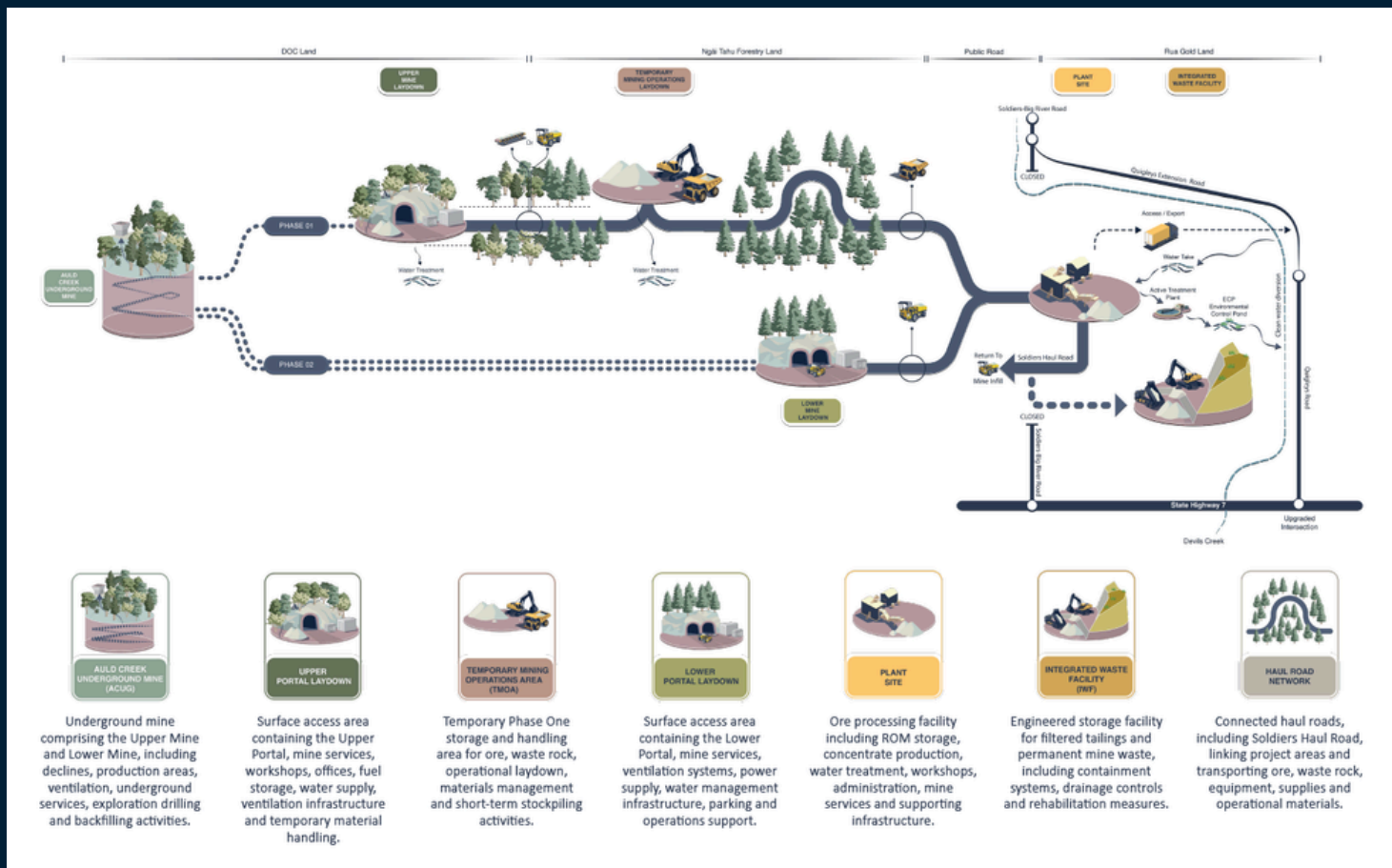
Economic assessment report

Lane Associates

Closure costs estimate report

Mining One

Mine plan and schedule – PFS



AusIMM New Zealand Conference

Rua Gold was proudly represented by several of our team members, who presented on the Auld Creek Project to the attendees. This conference gathers industry groups for three days of networking and educational opportunities. It was pleasing to see many of our advisory groups in attendance as well.



Stakeholder Interactions

Our host community in Reefton has shown positive support for our project, and we are always eager to connect with community members. Over the past ten months, we have achieved over 1,000 engagements with our stakeholders!



Sponsorships & Donations

We are excited to be providing Reefton Netball Club with a donation to assist them in the purchase of new netballs to support the growth and development of the local teams.

This sponsorship aligns with our commitment to our host community, assisting where we can with sponsorships and donations.

AusIMM Student Visit

The Reefton team recently hosted a group of students as part of a West Coast tour of mining operations. The group were able to get some first hand experience in the field and core shed, hopefully inspiring the next generation of geologists to the Coast!



Reward Mine Visit

Representatives from Rua Gold and Terra Firma Mining recently toured the Reward Mine in Australia to examine various mining equipment and processes. Given that the Reward Mine closely resembles the Auld Creek deposit in both size and scale, this visit provides valuable insights as we advance our plans for the mining phase.



Community

This month, some of Rua Gold's geologists and field team members have had the opportunity to relocate to one of Reefton's most historic buildings, The Surveyor's House, following its extensive restoration by local businessman John Bougen.

Originally constructed in 1878, this building served as the residence for the town surveyor's family and housed the local survey office until 1950. The structure has now been restored to meet historic standards and will provide accommodation for members of the Rua Gold team.

West Coast Mining Information Session

The Rua Gold team is excited to participate in the West Coast Mining Information Session taking place in Greymouth. This event, organised by Development West Coast, is designed to unite all mining and related employers in one location, where potential employees can enquire and learn more about the industry.

We can't wait to see you there!

WEST COAST MINING INFORMATION SESSION

Come along and learn more about the opportunities happening within the West Coast mining industry.

Meet local companies, hear about upcoming projects, explore career and training pathways, and connect with industry leaders and employers from across the region — everyone is welcome to attend!

Greymouth
Date: Monday 31, August 2026
Venue: Byte Digital Hub, 1A Guinness Street
Time: 5.00pm - 7.00pm

For more info - contact: Jade Mahuka jade@dwc.org.nz

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