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Reefton Community Meeting
September 2026



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Company Update

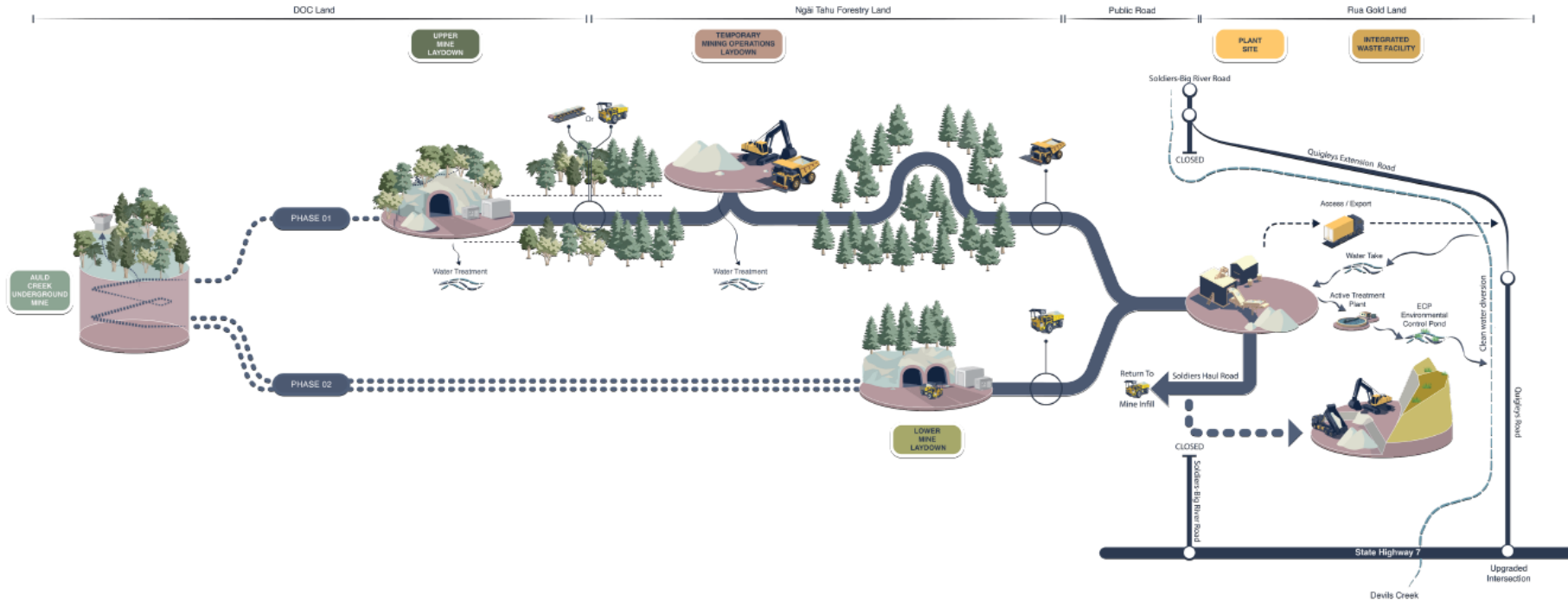
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- Strong community, stakeholder & regulator engagement with over 1000 stakeholder engagements to date.
- Fast-track Referral application accepted. Application moving to the Substantive phase.
- Our team is supported by a group of over 40 consultants to develop the fast track application.
- Over 18,000 metres of drilling now completed.
- Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) complete and PFS underway.
- There are currently approx. 150 people engaged on the project.

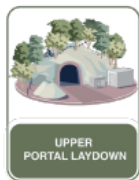


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Underground mine comprising the Upper Mine and Lower Mine, including declines, production areas, ventilation, underground services, exploration drilling and backfilling activities.



Surface access area containing the Upper Portal, mine services, workshops, offices, fuel storage, water supply, ventilation infrastructure and temporary material handling.



Temporary Phase One storage and handling area for ore, waste rock, operational laydown, materials management and short-term stockpiling activities.



Surface access area containing the Lower Portal, mine services, ventilation systems, power supply, water management infrastructure, parking and operations support.



Ore processing facility including ROM storage, concentrate production, water treatment, workshops, administration, mine services and supporting infrastructure.



Engineered storage facility for filtered tailings and permanent mine waste, including containment systems, drainage controls and rehabilitation measures.

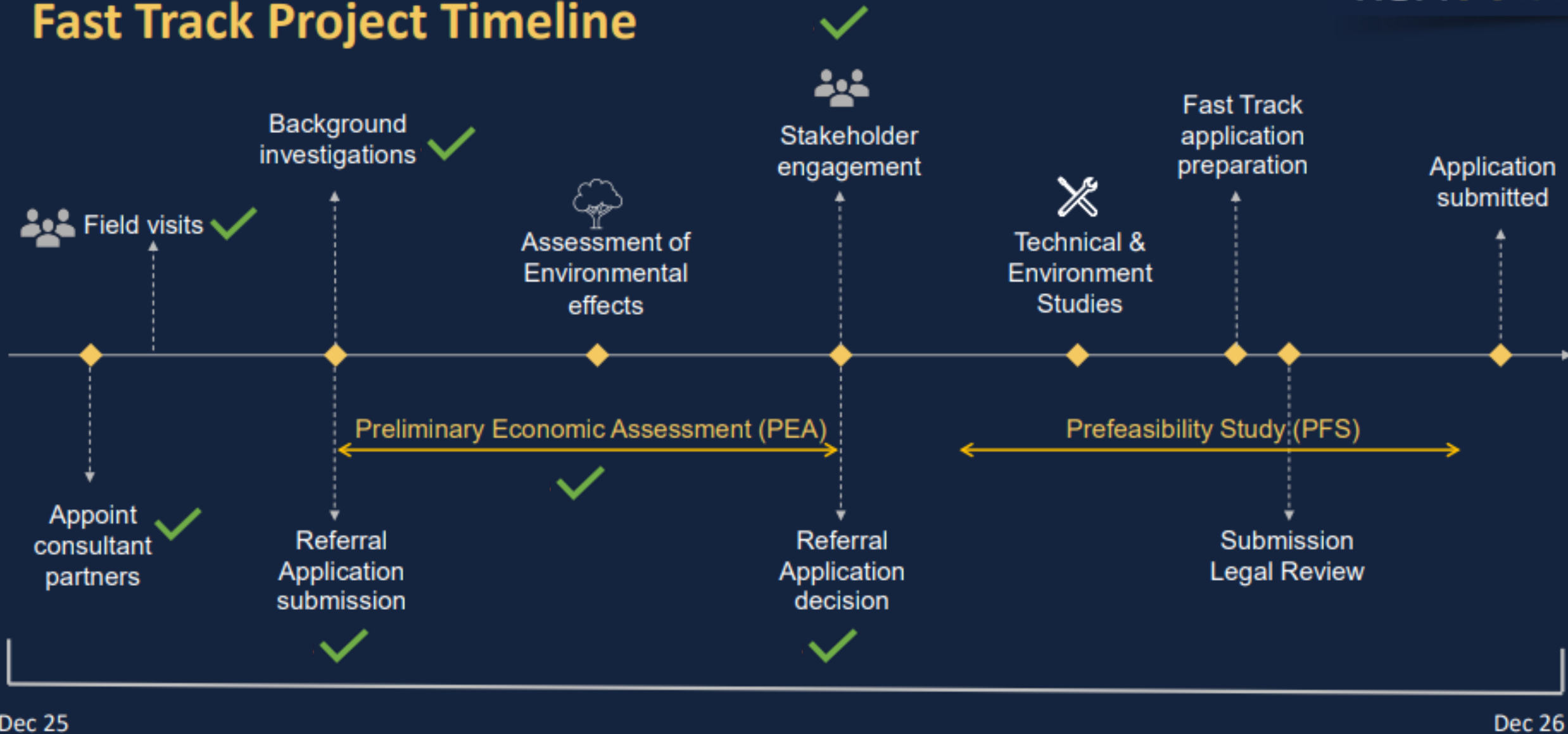


Connected haul roads, including Soldiers Haul Road, linking project areas and transporting ore, waste rock, equipment, supplies and operational materials.

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Fast Track Project Timeline

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Fast Track Reporting Update

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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
- ✓ Preliminary site investigation (PSI)

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

Eaqub & Eaqub

Economic assessment report

Lane Associates

Closure costs estimate report

Mining One

Mine plan and schedule – PFS

Southern Skies Environmental

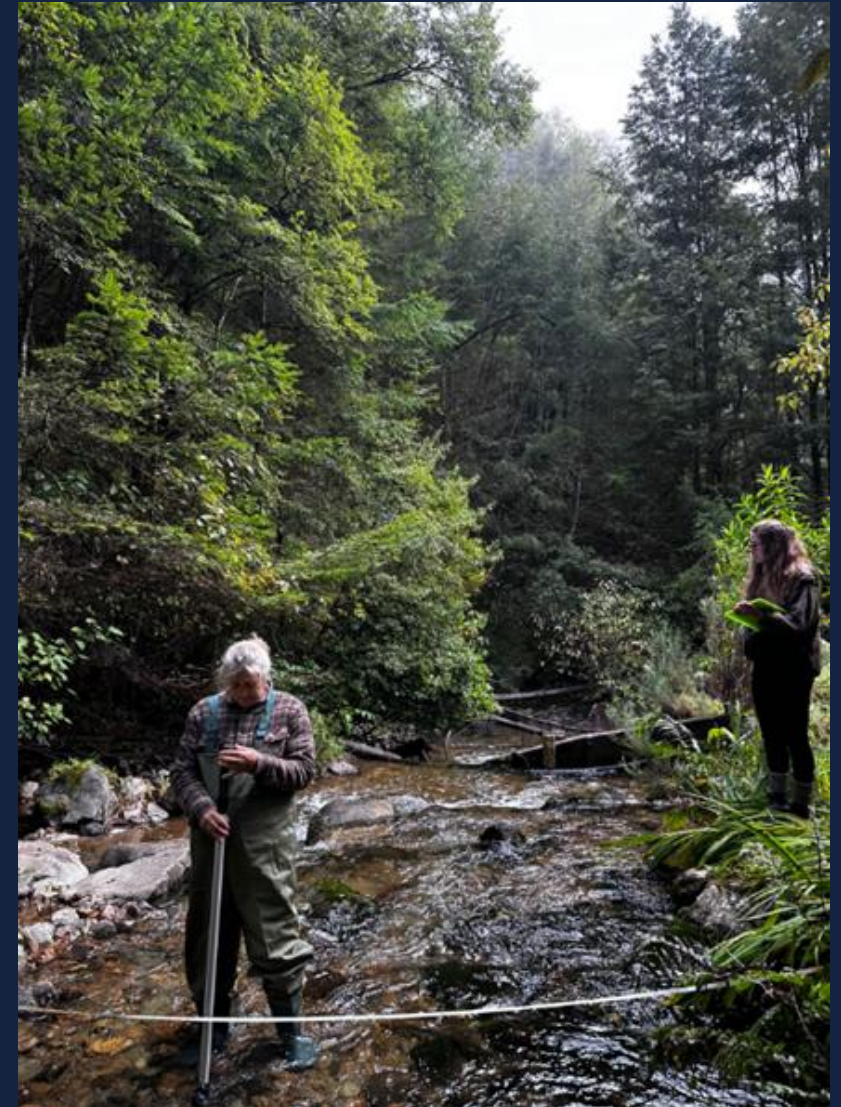
Erosion & sediment control report

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Water

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- Water quality and flow sampling completed weekly samples taken at a range of locations to collect a baseline.
- Build on existing knowledge of Devils Creek from OceanaGold monitoring programs.
- Ecological Solutions have worked with the Mine Waste Management team on establishing base line data and water monitoring locations.
- Water quality limits have been prepared and have been shared with regulators.
- Management of Geochemistry risks to protect water.
- Active water treatment plant.



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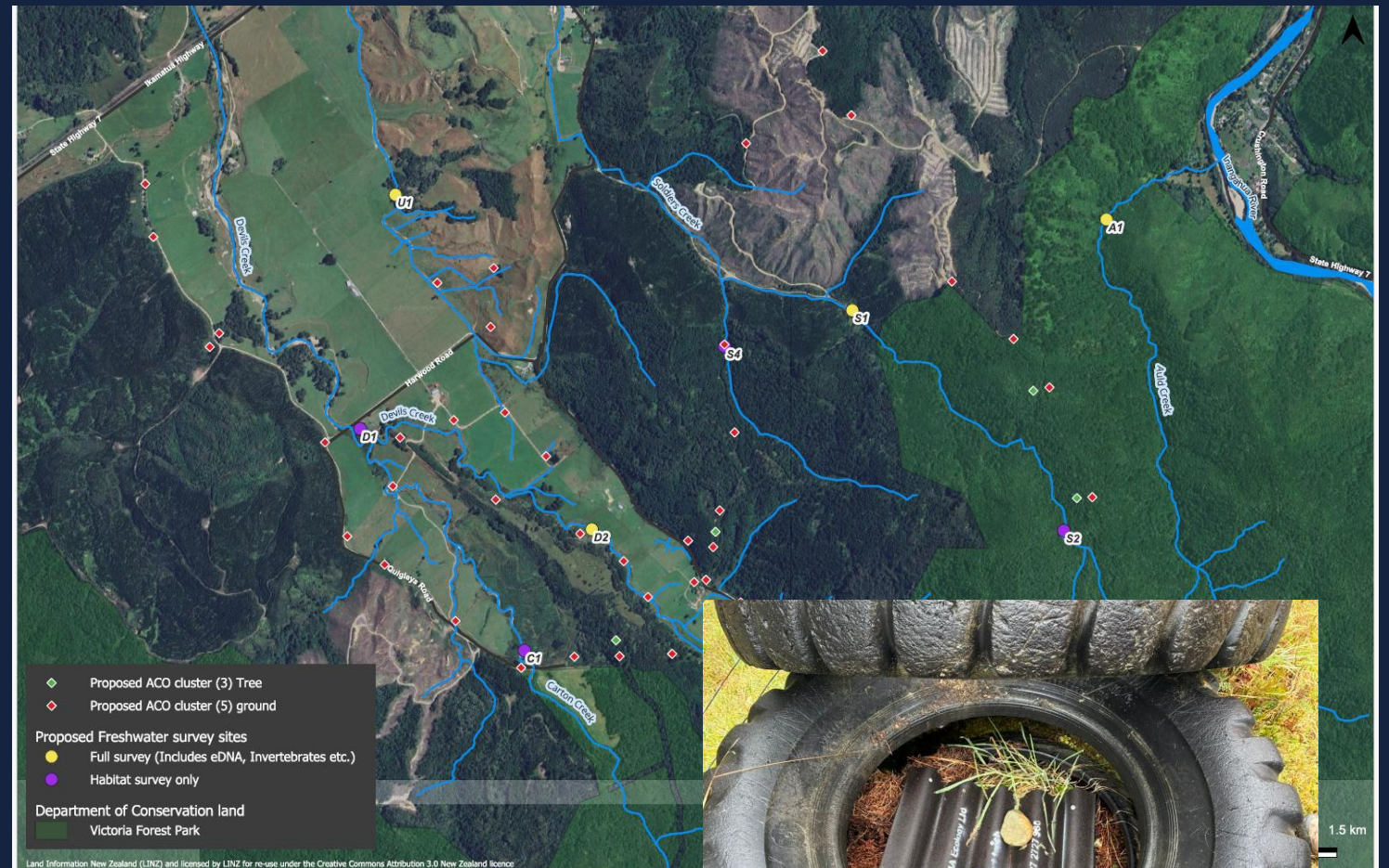
Ecology Overview

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Teams from Ecological Solutions on site in early 2026 to conduct ground investigations.

Focus areas

- Terrestrial – ACOs for lizards
- Wetlands investigation
- Freshwater
- Vegetation types



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Environmental Consultants



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Our Starter Mine

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Proposed central processing hub is located 5 minutes from Reefton.

Less than a hectare of disturbance in DoC managed land.

Proposed road access to site via Quigleys Road.

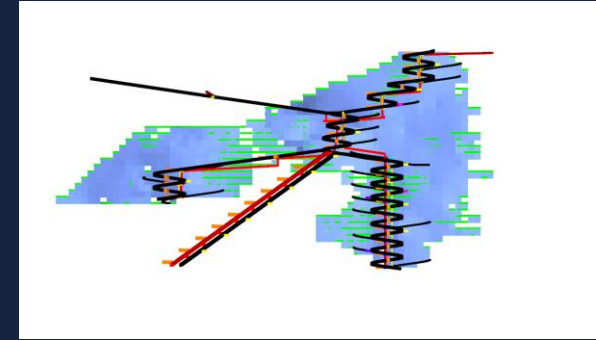
Globe Bike Track remains open, potential viewing platform.

Road to Reefton look out remains open to public.

Noise, dust & light emissions can be managed.

Concentrate will be transported by road / rail in shipping containers.

Intersection upgrade required with State Highway.



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Globe Track

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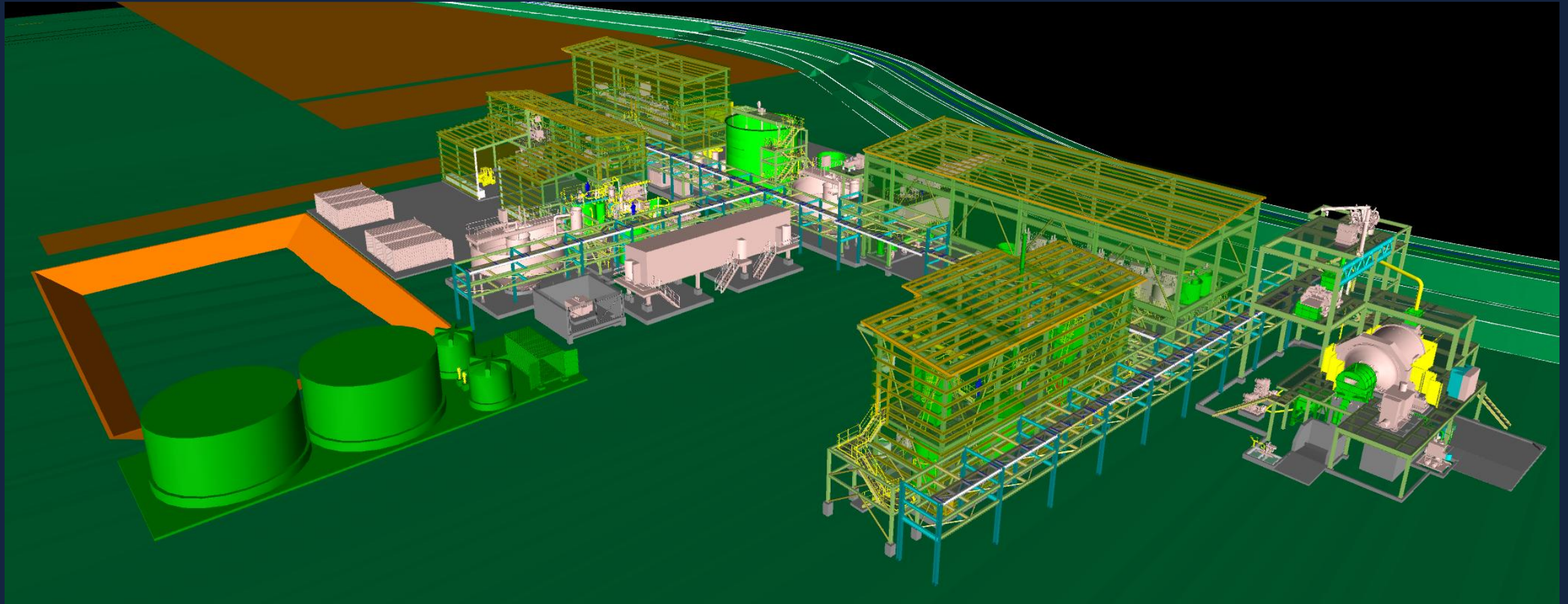


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Processing Plant Design

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Mining Studies

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The PFS level studies continue with Mining One, working in closely with the Terra Firma Mining team on the final mine designs ahead of the report being ready later this year.

Pitch Black Group and Knight Piesold are working closely on the design and engineering of the Processing Plant with a concept design now available.



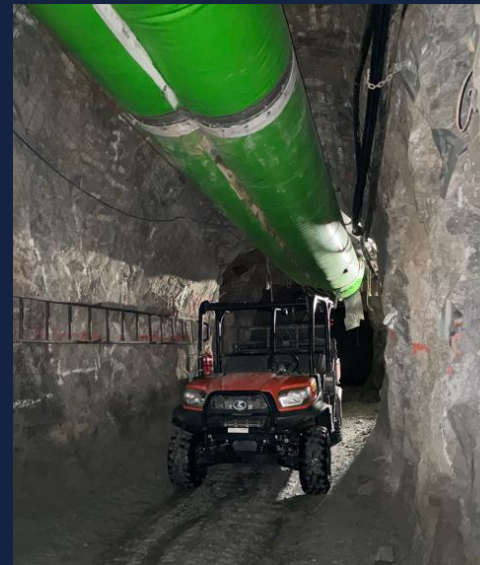
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Rua and Terra Firma Mining recently visited the Reward Mine in NSW for operational readiness purposes looking at their mobile fleet and approach to narrow vein mining.

These insights will assist with our PFS studies and preparations for early works if Fast-track application is successful.



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1000+ Stakeholder Interactions so far

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Strong focus on our stakeholders

Stakeholder engagement plan

Town office

Public meetings

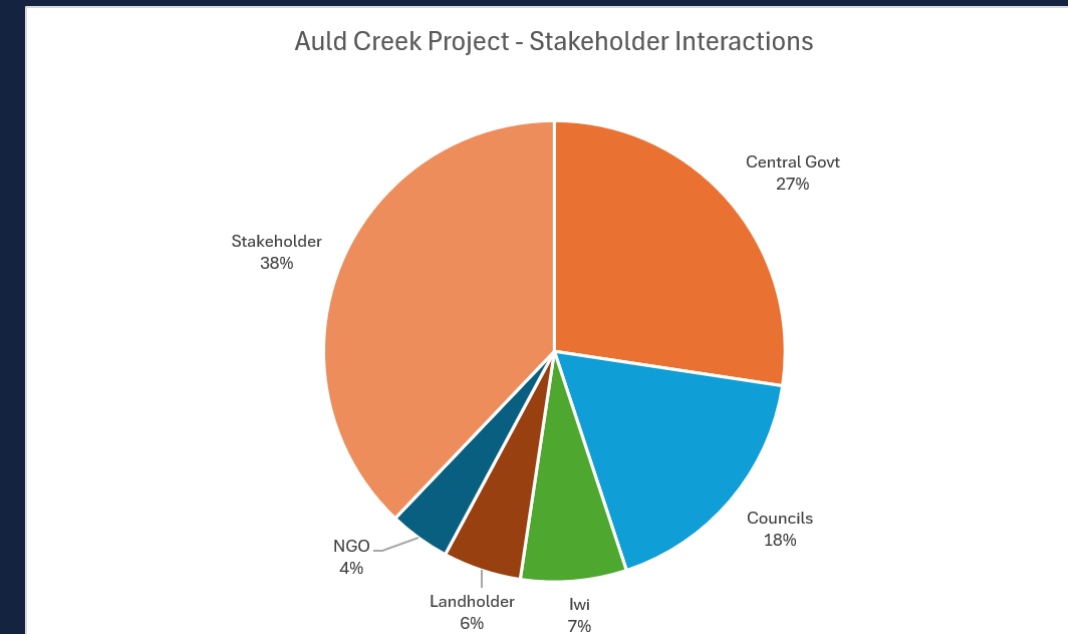
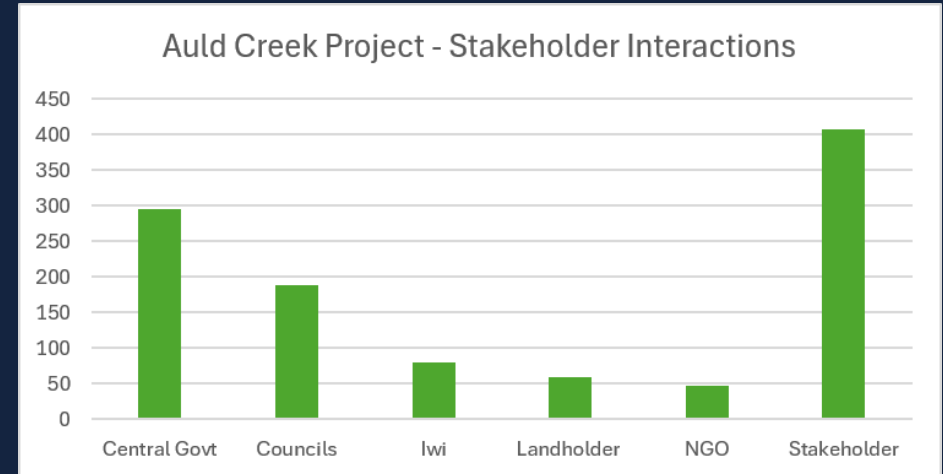
Social media

Newsletters

Open dialogue

Regulator visits

Community events



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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
- NZTA



Fast-track

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Phased development and operation of a new underground mine to extract gold and antimony from the Auld Creek deposit near Reefton.

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Fast Track Consultation – Liaison Group

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Consultation has continued with various agencies including:

- WCRC – Closure planning, key conditions, management plans, forecast of report preparation, bonds.
- BDC - Closure planning, key conditions, management plans, forecast of report preparation, bonds.
- DoC – Upper mine engagement and overall project dialogue, forecast of report preparation.
- NZTA – Roding, Quigleys Road & SH7 intersection
- NZP&M – Mining permit application



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Community and Stakeholders

- Over 1000 stakeholder engagements so far.
- Community Meetings will continue post submission. Encourage community members to contact the Rua Gold team at any time.
- 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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Employment

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- Reefton will be our base of operations
- Auld Creek is expected to employ 200 people (in production)
- Recruitment strategy developed
- Early 2027 - First roles will support early works – Project Engineer, Admin, Environmental, Logistics.
- Mid 2027 - Terra Firma Mining is supporting our underground mining establishment - 40 staff
- Early 2028 - Work force will ramp up progressively as processing plant is finalised and mining operations expand.
- Maintain strong focus on exploration.



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Economic Impact 2026

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- 30 Rua Gold team members - management, geologists & field staff
- 68 Alton & Eco Drilling team members from management, drillers, fitters/mechanics and builders
- 30 independent advisors working on the Fast-track program
- 16 consultants working on the Pre-Feasibility Study



- NZ\$7 million spent in the local community in 2026 so far
- NZ\$750,000 government taxes, levies & fees



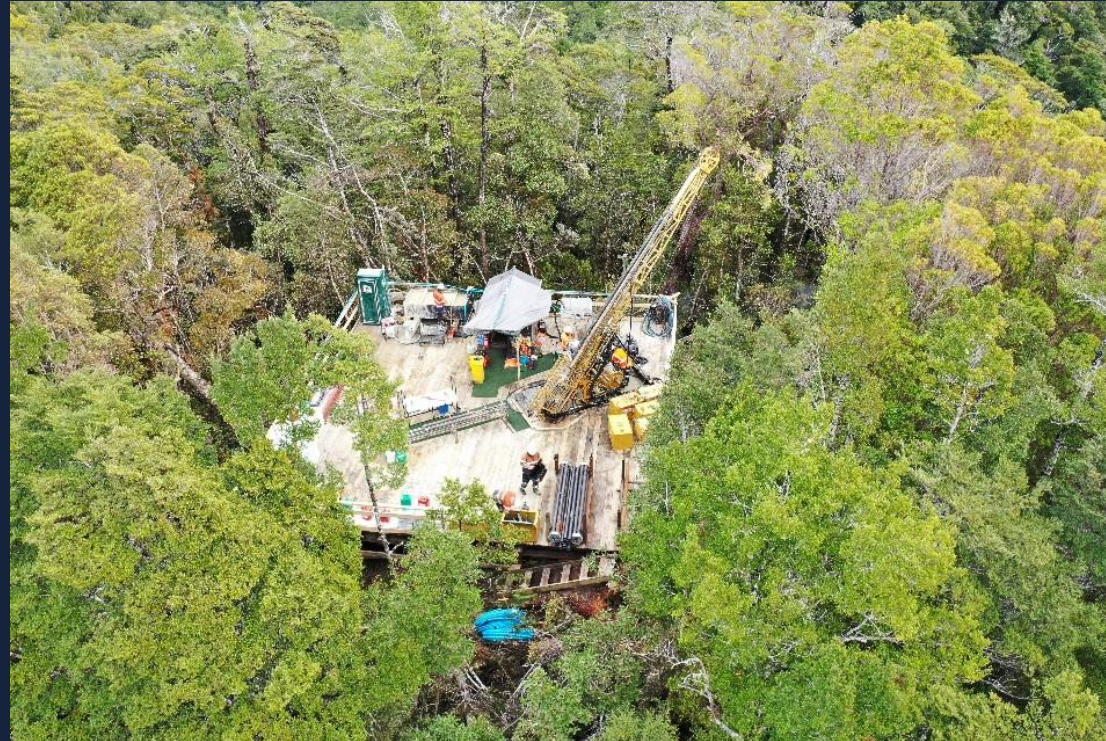
- Over 18,000 metres of drilling completed at Auld Creek



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Drilling & Study Partners

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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

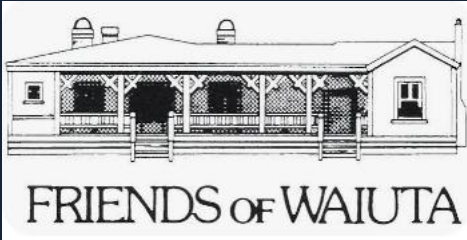


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Environmental Geochemistry for Sustainable Mining
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Local Procurement Policy

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This Local Procurement Policy Statement sets our commitment to support sustainable economic development by providing fair and transparent opportunities for local businesses and vendors to participate in the supply of goods and services to the project.

We 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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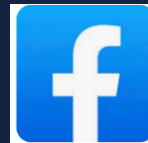
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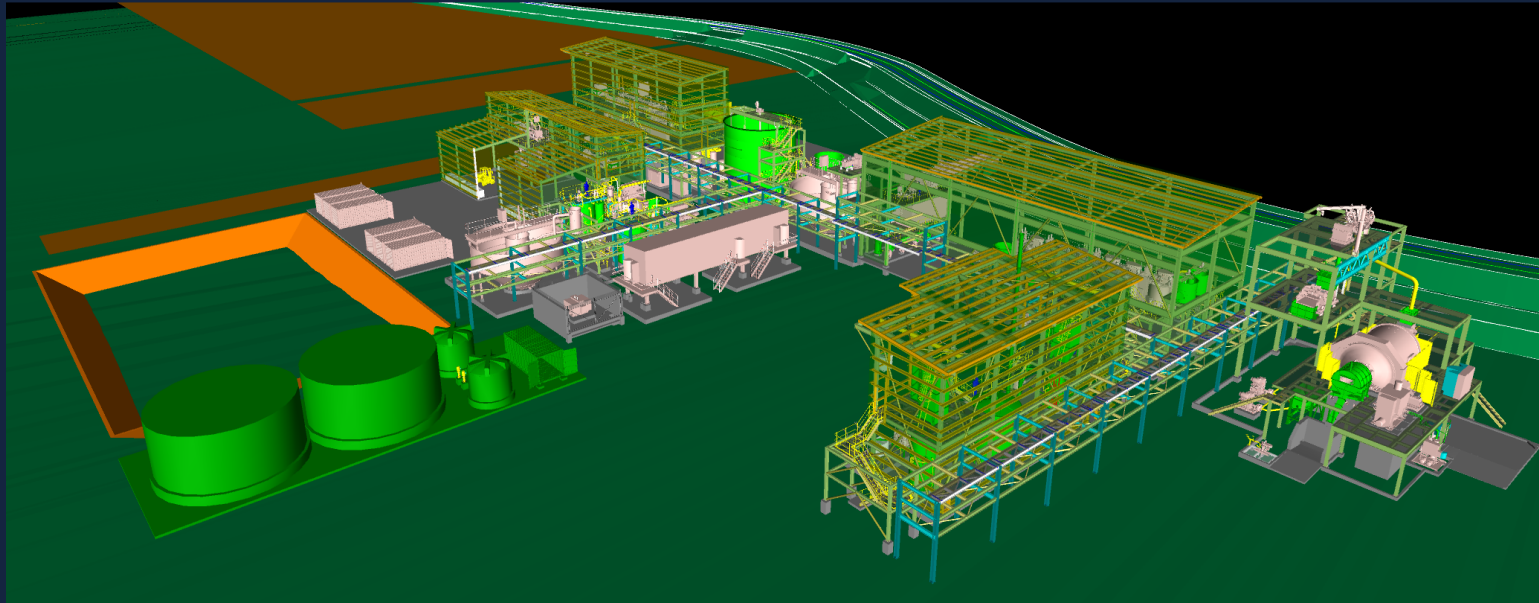


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Fly overs

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Mine and Drilling overview

Process Plant design overview