

REEFTON GOLDFIELDS PROJECT UPDATE

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News

Fast-track Application – Auld Creek

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, specialising 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.

Important Update to our Fast-track Application – Auld Creek

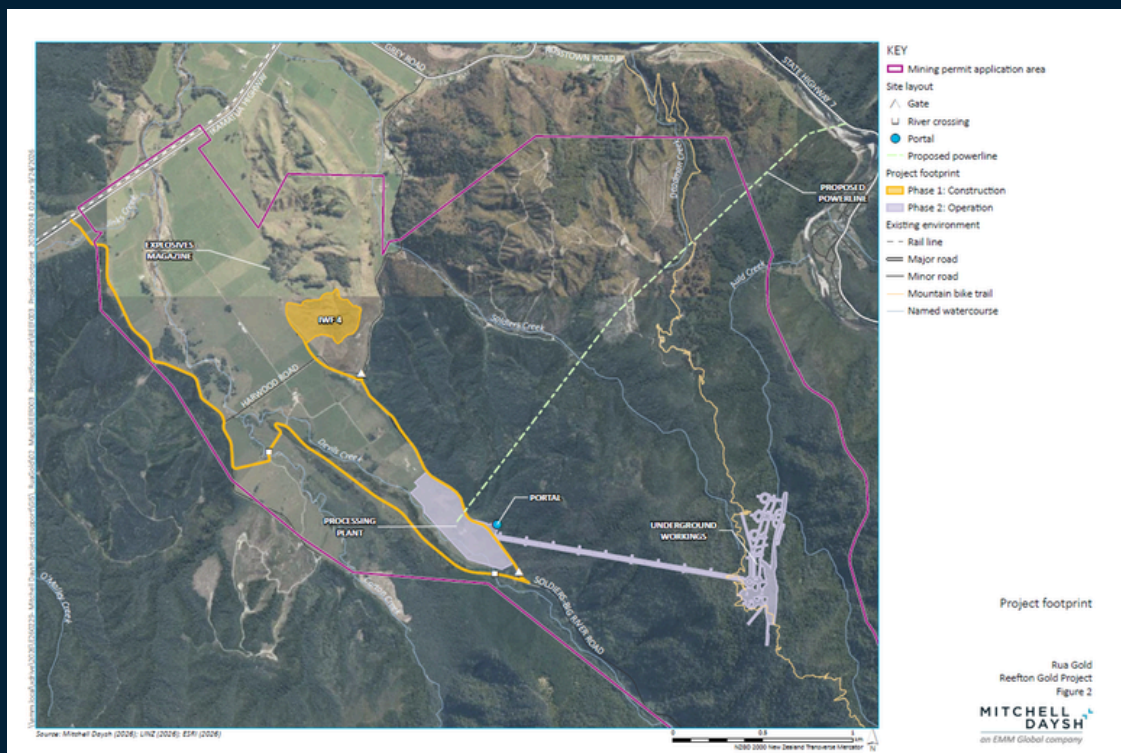
Following from the analysis of the initial findings in the Pre-Feasibility Study for mining operations, the project plan has had some minor changes made to the layout.

The Project will no longer be mined in two phases with the Upper Mine which was proposed to be located within the DoC managed Victoria Forest Park being removed from the plan and the Lower Mine, accessed via Ngai Tahu Forestry land being the only point of access for mining operations. The only disturbance within the DoC managed estate will now be a ventilation shaft which will be mined from inside out, removing the need for any mining or mining related equipment to be on the DoC land.

For our community, this means there will be little to no implications to the Globe Hill Track and surrounding areas within the Victoria Forest Park as this area will no longer be impacted by any mining related construction works.

As part of continuing community and stakeholder consultation, the Rua Gold team have recently launched a new website dedicated to the Auld Creek Fast-track application which can be accessed via the Rua Gold website – www.ruagold.com. On this site, all information related to the project will be held, along with factsheets, links to the EPA website to view the application documents in full as well as our contact details should you require any further information.

We continue to work with our advisor groups on finalisation of their reports ahead of an October submission. We are also working on the preparation of a series of management plans which will form part of the application.



Department of Conservation Site Visit

The Reefton team recently welcomed a group from the Department of Conservation (DoC) for a site visit to the proposed project area. Such visits from our regulators assist in enhancing thier understanding of the project's scope, aiding in the application review process.

It was fantastic to engage with a diverse group from DoC, representing various scopes and roles, which fostered meaningful and dynamic discussions throughout the visit.



Stakeholder Interactions

Our host community in Reefton has demonstrated positive support for our project, and we continually look forward to connecting with community members. In the past ten months, we have successfully engaged with over 1,200 stakeholders!

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RUA GOLD IS OPEN TO COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

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Town Office open Tuesdays & Thursdays between 1:30pm & 3:00pm

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Inangahua Open Golf Tournament

Rua Gold is delighted to support the upcoming Inangahua Open Golf Tournament in October.

For entry details, please reach out to the Reefton Golf Club!

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Inangahua Open

PAIRS TOURNAMENT
Men, Women or mixed
2888 Saturday, Individuals Sunday
36 holes, Nett over the field

\$3000 prize table + Rua Gold CEO Robert Eckford hole in one, closest to pin.

Held at Glenburnie Course, Reefton

Saturday 10th/Sunday 11th October 2026
Saturday 10.30am start, Sunday 9.30am start.

Entry Fee \$120/ team
(Includes 2's, BBQ tea Saturday night).
Sunday Afternoon tea available.
(Limited to first 40 paid team entries)

Match Committee reserves the right to alter the programme

TO ENTER

DEPOSIT \$120 into
Reefton Golf Club;
NBS Acc no 03-1354-0637046-16

Put name on bank entry and email Brian Hampton,

REEFTON GOLF CLUB INC

Great Golf
GREAT COMPANY
GREAT WEST COAST

Globe Progress Mine – Exploration Permit

Recently, Rua Gold has been awarded the Exploration Permit for the Globe Progress Mine, which is currently undergoing rehabilitation by OceanaGold.

This permit enables our exploration teams to gather data related to the ore body, which is being analysed as a potential second mining project following the Auld Creek project.

It is envisioned that, similar to Auld Creek, this project will involve underground mining, resulting in a minimal surface footprint.

The ore extracted from the Globe site will be processed at the proposed processing plant to be constructed as part of the Auld Creek application.



Pre-Feasability Study & NI43-101 Reporting

The team from Mining One have been working on the Pre-Feasability Study as part of the Auld Creek Fast-track application.

As Rua Gold is listed on the TSX, a NI43-101 compliant study is being completed and is expected to be released in December to the market.

Further updates will be posted on our Facebook page once the report has been released.

West Coast Mining Information Session

The Rua Gold team collaborated with Terra Firma Mining during the recent West Coast Mining Information Session in Greymouth. This event provided a fantastic opportunity to connect with many individuals interested in mining positions and to learn about the Auld Creek project.

Thank you to Development West Coast and the Ministry of Social Development for organising this event.



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