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**From:** Victor Rajasooriar s 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Monday, 10 June 2024 11:58 pm  
**To:** Listed Projects  
**Cc:** Max Gander-Cooper  
**Subject:** RE: [COMMERCIAL]Sams Creek Gold Mine

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Good Morning

Sorry for the late reply as we are currently travelling and in Toronto at present.

The mining permit application would not be under the application to NZPaM and will be just a stock standard application in August / September this year.

We would however need to apply for Resource Consents and Doc Access Agreement under the Fast Track Approvals Bill (but this can only be commenced after the NzPaM application is successful).

Hope this helps.

Regards  
Victor



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**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2024 6:13 AM  
**To:** Victor Rajasooriar s 9(2)(a)  
**Cc:** Max Gander-Cooper s 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** RE: [COMMERCIAL]Sams Creek Gold Mine  
**Importance:** High

Kia ora Victor,

You note below that the project will require "Granting a Ming Permit from NZPaM for EP 40338 and EP 54454".

Can you please confirm whether this is an approval enabled by the Fast-track Approvals Bill (see approvals enabled under Clause 10)?

[Fast-track Approvals Bill 31-1 \(2024\), Government Bill 10 Application of this Part to specified approval processes – New Zealand Legislation](#)

If this is not an approval enabled under the Bill, would you still be seeking approval for the entire project under the authorising regimes which are included in clause 10?

Could you please urgently clarify this matter by close of business today **10 June 2024**?

Ngā mihi

**Max Gander-Cooper (he/him)**

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**From:** Victor Rajasooriar s 9(2)(a)  
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### **MFE CYBER SECURITY WARNING**

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Kia ora Ngā

Hope you're well and many thanks for the email.

I have tried to respond to your questions below, but am unsure if I should go back into the application form and make those changes or send you the required information with this email. In this instance I have attached the response with this email, but more than happy to go online and put it into the portal as well. Please let me know what the preference is.

#### **1. What approvals are being sought under the FTA Bill.**

What we would like approved are:

- Granting a Mining Permit from NZPaM for EP 40338 and EP 54454
- Resource Consents from the TDC
- A DoC Access agreement to work on (EP 40338 and EP 54454) to allow a nominal 1.5Mtpa mining and processing operation to recover circa 150koz of gold per annum to be constructed on that land.

#### **2. A more detailed description of the project location, ideally including aerial images or maps demonstrating the extent of the project site**

I have attached a pdf of the project locations and hope that is more helpful.

### 3. Project description

Our Sams Creek project will predominantly be an underground mining operation with access to the Main Zone orebody via a 3km decline from private land. One to two small open pits and ventilation shafts would be constructed on the DoC estate and require an Access Agreement. The capital cost for this will be approximately \$70M.

A processing plant (PP) and tailings storage facility (TSF) would be constructed on private land. The PP would comprise a crushing, grinding and flotation to produce a concentrate that would be transported off site to a third-party facility for gold dore production. The flotation tails would be relatively benign as sulphides will be removed into the concentrate and no cyanide would be used. The flotation tails would be stored in the TSF and potentially used to fill underground stope voids (paste fill) in the underground mine. s 9(2)(b)(ii)

The Sams Creek project is currently in the exploration and evaluation stage with a pre-feasibility study to be completed in the next 3 months and a mining permit application lodged on or before 26 September 2024. Post 2024 the project evaluation and engineering will be completed so resource consents and DoC access can be finalised. Siren, has commenced negotiating with interested parties on sourcing the funding for the project (\$220M). However the approval or grant of a mining permit and DoC access agreements will be the vital steps in cementing the capital injection from our investors.

The project will have a minimum 10 year mine life, employing about 250 people and recording revenues in excess of \$500M per year for the region.

From our understanding at this stage, we don't believe a Treaty settlement is required. But are open to your recommendations on that matter.

Hope the above helps. I also got a similar correspondence in regards to Reefton. I am hoping to have that response to you tomorrow.

Many thanks and please let me know if I can do anything else to help with the past tracking process.

Regards  
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**From:** Listed Projects <[ListedProjects@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ListedProjects@mfe.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 1, 2024 9:47 AM

**To:** Victor Rajasooriar s 9(2)(a)

**Subject:** [COMMERCIAL]Sams Creek Gold Mine

Kia ora Victor

We have completed an initial check of your application information. While the FTA Bill only requires a relatively high level of information to be provided with applications, your application does not appear to have enough information for the Advisory Group to assess it. Please consider whether there is any additional information you could provide which would better enable your application can be fully assessed by the Advisory Group. At a minimum, could you please confirm:

1. What approvals are being sought under the FTA Bill. The application seems to identify what approvals are currently in place
2. A more detailed description of the project location, ideally including aerial images or maps demonstrating the extent of the project site

You may also want to consider whether the project description enables the Group to understand what the project entails, and whether any Treaty settlements apply to the project site.

Please contact the Listed Project team at [listedprojects@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:listedprojects@mfe.govt.nz) if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi nui  
MfE Listed Projects Team

