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From: Damian Spring s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Wednesday, 5 June 2024 12:44 pm
To: Listed Projects
Cc: Anna Galvin
Subject: RE: Query regarding Bendigo-Ophir Gold project application

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Thank you, Oliver, for your email. Clarifications as follows:

1. We confirm:
 - a. that the mining operation is confined to the Project Study Area as shown in the map with the exception of infrastructure to the site such as road access, power and freshwater supply; and
 - b. No mining is planned to occur on or under s.25 stewardship land being Ardgour and Bendigo Conservation Areas nor Bendigo Historic Reserve.
2. That is an error. Clutha District Council should be replaced with Central Otago District Council.
3. This application stated completion/rehabilitation in 2065 was contingent on further exploration success. The proposed staging outlined would be covered by resource consents to be applied for under the Fast-track Approvals Bill and ultimately limited to the 35 years allowed for regional consents. For the scope of the project as it will be defined in that application, no further resource consents will be required.

Please contact me again, should you require further clarification.

Regards
Damian



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Hi Damian,

Thank you for your application Fast-track Approvals Bill schedule 2A listing for the Bendigo-Ophir Gold project. We have a few questions for clarification

1. Under clause 14(3) of the Fast-track Approvals Bill, applications require information including "the geographic location of the project (which may be included in the form of a map), that is sufficient, for

example, to identify whether or not the project would occur on public conservation land”. From the map and location description provided in the application, it is not clear to us whether the project (including any underground operations) would be confined to the ‘Project Study Area’ shown in blue, or extend to areas outside that area (e.g. within the wider exploration and prospecting permit areas also shown on the map). Please can you provide detail to confirm the geographic location of the project (including underground operations), and whether that would extend into any public conservation land (either above or below ground), in this regard?

2. The application notes Clutha District Council in the list of persons affected by the project. We note the overall location is within Central Otago, and the application notes engagement with Central Otago District Council. Please can you clarify the reference to Clutha District Council?
3. The application refers to staging of this project (completion and rehabilitation in 2065), as being “based solely on a grant of 40-year resource consent”. We note clause 38(4) of the Fast-track Approvals Bill refers to sections 123 and 123A of the Resource Management Act 1991, regarding resource consent duration. Could you please clarify whether further resource consents would be required in future to deliver the proposed staging outlined in the application?

Please provide feedback by **10am tomorrow 6 June 2024**.

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