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Correnso Narrow Vein Mining

Shortly, we are planning to recommence 'Narrow Vein' mining in our Correnso operations. As the name suggests, narrow vein mining is much smaller in scope than our standard underground operations. While the techniques used are the same, the tunnels are half the size (typically 2.5m wide by 2.5m high), the cuts made by the drilling jumbos are smaller, and the stopes (the areas we blast and extract the ore from) are smaller too.

The AEP will continue to be paid to qualifying residents in the area, however, the narrow vein mining is planned to take place in the lower levels of the Correnso area and also utilises smaller charge weights when blasting, so blast vibrations are anticipated to be low at the surface.

As always however, feel free to contact us on 0800 924 444 if you have any concerns or queries.

Empowering Students through Engineering: The EPro8 Challenge

The EPro8 Challenge is an annual STEM-focused competition that offers primary, intermediate, and secondary students a unique platform to develop their problem-solving skills and explore their passion for science and technology. Every year over 25,000 students take part across the country.

This year, OceanaGold sponsored four different events, including the Year 5-6 semi-finals, held at Mount Maunganui Intermediate. Competitors were tasked with automating and improving existing household items, such as lawnmowers, toasters, curtains, and even the humble toilet!

Congratulations are also due to Waihi East School's year 5-6 team for making it to the semi-finals and finishing up in 7th place on the day.

OceanaGold has been a proud supporter of the program for several years. The calibre and complexity of the creations made by children as young as 10 is truly impressive. Through our involvement and sponsorship of the EPro8 Challenge, we aim to inspire a new generation of problem solvers and engineers, nurturing innovation and interest in STEM from an early stage.

You can find out more about EPro8 at: epro8challenge.co.nz





Meet the General Manager: Justin Johns

On Wednesday the 19th of June, between 4:00pm and 6:00 pm, our General Manager Justin Johns will be available in our Project Information Office at 86 Seddon Street, Waihi, to meet the community and answer any general questions you may have about the Waihi operation.

Justin Johns joined OceanaGold in 2010 and has worked at multiple sites within the company, including the Globe Progress Mine in Reefton (now known as the

Reefton Restoration Project), the Macraes Operation in Otago, the Haile Gold Mine in South Carolina, and now here in Waihi.

Justin Johns spent his whole childhood in Kalgoorlie but has spent most of his mining career in New Zealand. "I went to university in Western Australia and ended up with a degree in chemistry and back in Kalgoorlie working in a lab," Justin said.

Justin said he soon realised that wasn't for him and returned to study part time for two years at the School of Mines, while continuing to work full time, receiving a Diploma in Metallurgy.

Bookings are not required, just pop along and say hello.



