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## **Correnso Narrow Vein Mining**

Shortly, we are planning to recommence 'Narrow Vein' mining in our Correnso area operations. As the name suggests, narrow vein mining is much smaller in scope than our standard underground operations.

Narrow vein mining allows us to chase the ore veins near the edges of the Correnso ore body. 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. One thing that is

to different though, is that in places we in use equipment known as an 'airleg', he just like the one on display in the ng Gold Discovery Centre.

The Amenity Effect Programme will continue to be paid to qualifying residents in the area. However, as 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, blast vibrations are anticipated to be low at the surface.

Typically, the activity map opposite shows the total works to be completed for the month. When

narrow vein works begin, these will instead be shown and marked as combined works of approximately three-month blocks. The narrow vein mining operations have been combined for the duration of these works, as due to the deep location and smaller nature of the work, to-scale activity mapping each month would likely otherwise be indistinguishable below the existing development drives and backfill in that area.

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



A 'baby bogger' in a  $5m \times 5m$  drive (tunnel).



Using an 'airleg' as part of narrow vein mining.



A 'baby bogger' next to a standard loader.



Chasing the ore in a narrow vein.



## New Seating Around the Pit Rim

The first of five new bench seats have been installed around the Pit Rim walkway. This seat is located towards the end of Miners Place, off Savage Road.

The seats have been proudly funded by the Waihī Community Forum Streets Ahead fund and are being installed by OceanaGold.

Four more seats are being progressively installed around the Pit Rim loop, so keep an eye out!

