

OceanaGold Welcomes the New Zealand Fast-track Approvals Act

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VANCOUVER, Dec. 18, 2024 - [OceanaGold Corp.](#) (TSX: OGC) (OTCQX: OCANF) ("OceanaGold" or the "Company") is pleased to welcome the New Zealand Parliament's passing of the Fast-track Approvals Bill for regionally and nationally significant infrastructure and development projects. The new Fast-track process for gaining consents and approvals will open for applications on February 7, 2025. The Waihi North Project, which includes the proposed Wharekirauponga underground mine ("WUG"), is one of 149 projects listed in Schedule 2 of the legislation with the ability to lodge an application from that date.

OceanaGold intends to lodge its Fast-track application in early 2025 and expects to be fully permitted (subject to any appeals) under the Fast-track approvals process by the end of 2025. This timetable would allow the Company to commence decline and underground development work for the proposed WUG mine in 2026. In 2025, \$40-45 million of early works not requiring Fast-track approvals are planned.

Gerard Bond, President & CEO of OceanaGold, said "We are very pleased by the enactment of this landmark legislation that derisks the permitting timeline, providing a better climate for investment in OceanaGold's projects in New Zealand. As validated by our recent pre-feasibility study results, the Wharekirauponga underground mine ("WUG") has the potential to deliver decades of significant benefits for shareholders, the workforce, local communities and the New Zealand economy. Consistent with our 35 years of successful operation in New Zealand, the development of WUG will be progressed safely and responsibly."

For more information on the Fast-track Approvals Act, please see the Government of New Zealand's announcement at: <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/one-stop-shop-fast-track-bill-passes-third-reading>.

About OceanaGold

OceanaGold is a growing intermediate gold and copper producer committed to safely and responsibly maximizing the generation of Free Cash Flow from our operations and delivering strong returns for our shareholders. We have a portfolio of four operating mines: the Haile Gold Mine in the United States of America; Didipio Mine in the Philippines; and the Macraes and Waihi operations in New Zealand.

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