

Managing and validating diamond drilling around complex historic workings

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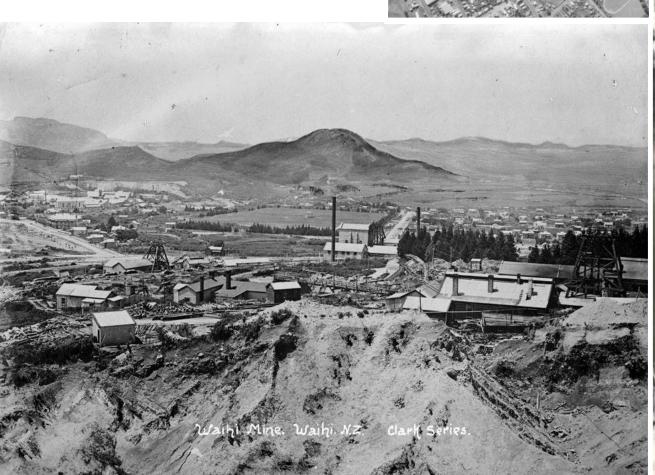


Historically mined between 1887 - 1952 by Waihi Gold Mining Company and Grand Junction Company



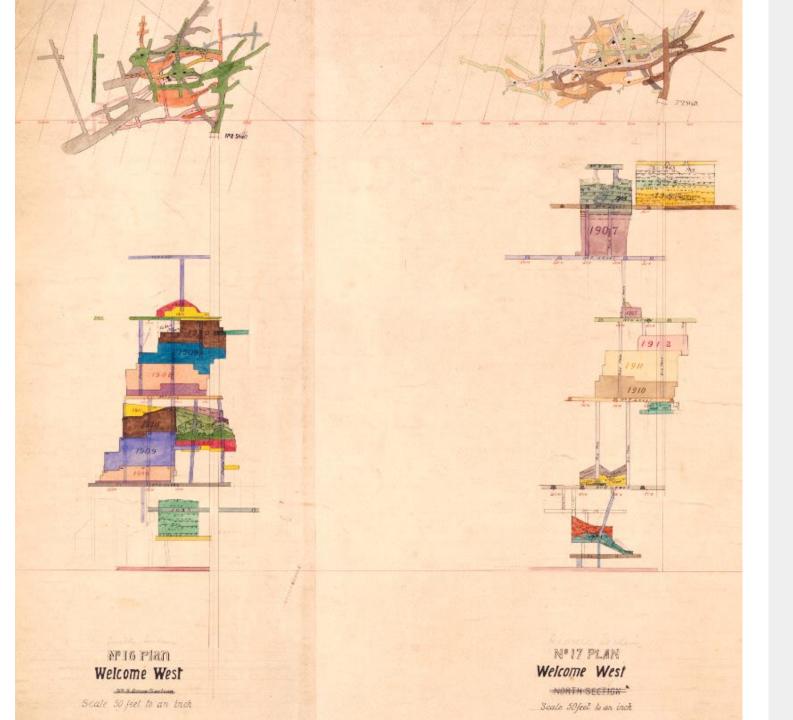
Miners (L-R Bob Kavanagh, Jim Roycroft, Joe Petersen and unknown man standing) with a rotary stoper working in Martha Underground c. 1940's

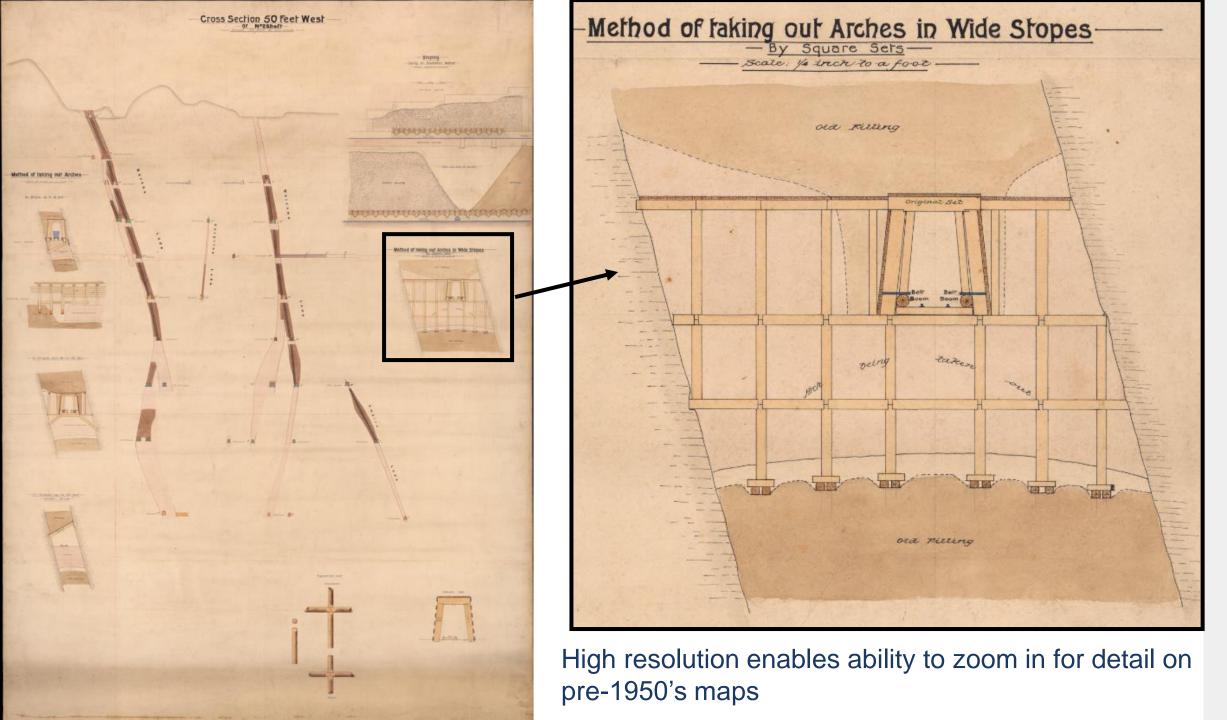




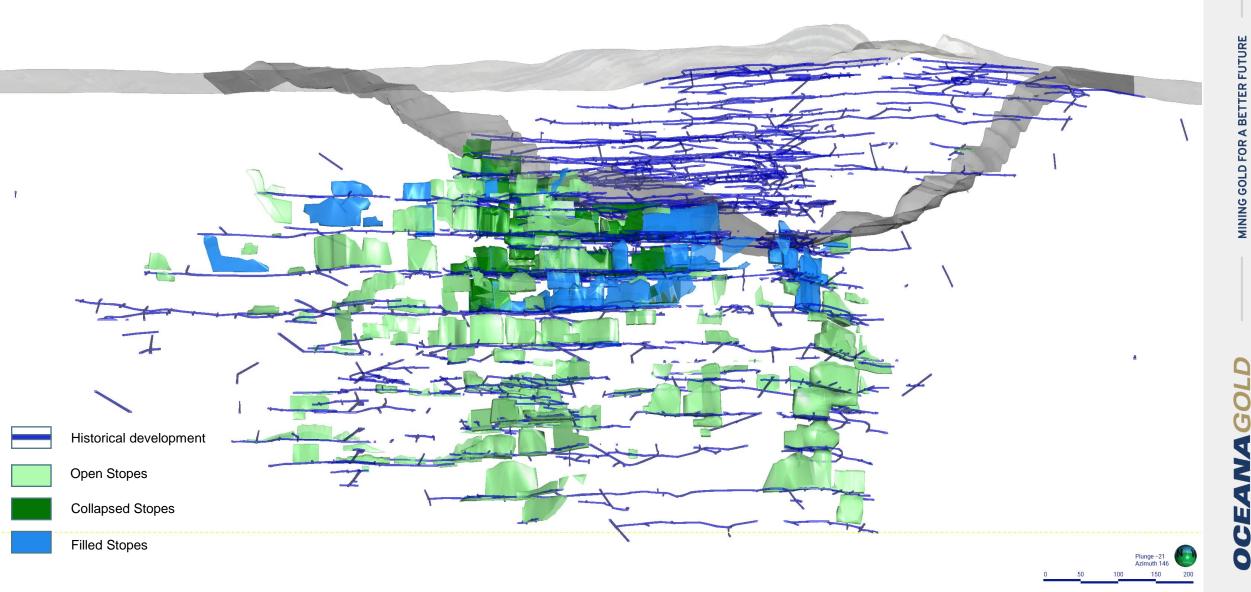
Rescued: from the bin to reference material





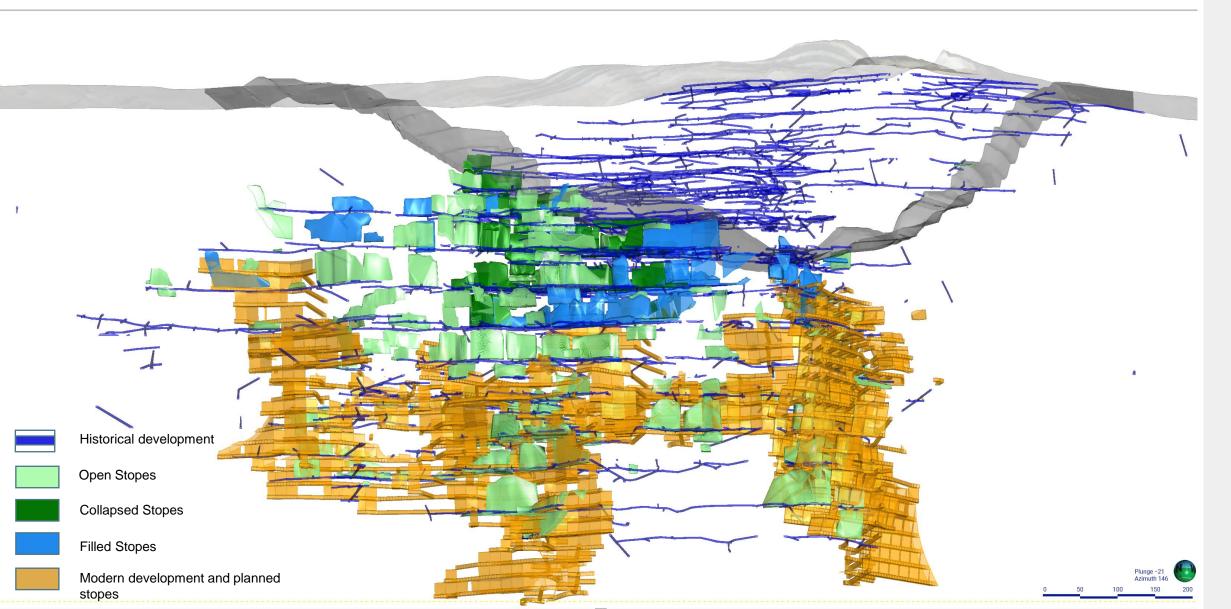


Cross section showing extent of historical workings mined between 1887 – 1955...



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Cross section showing extent of workings mined between 1887 – 1955...with modern mine workings



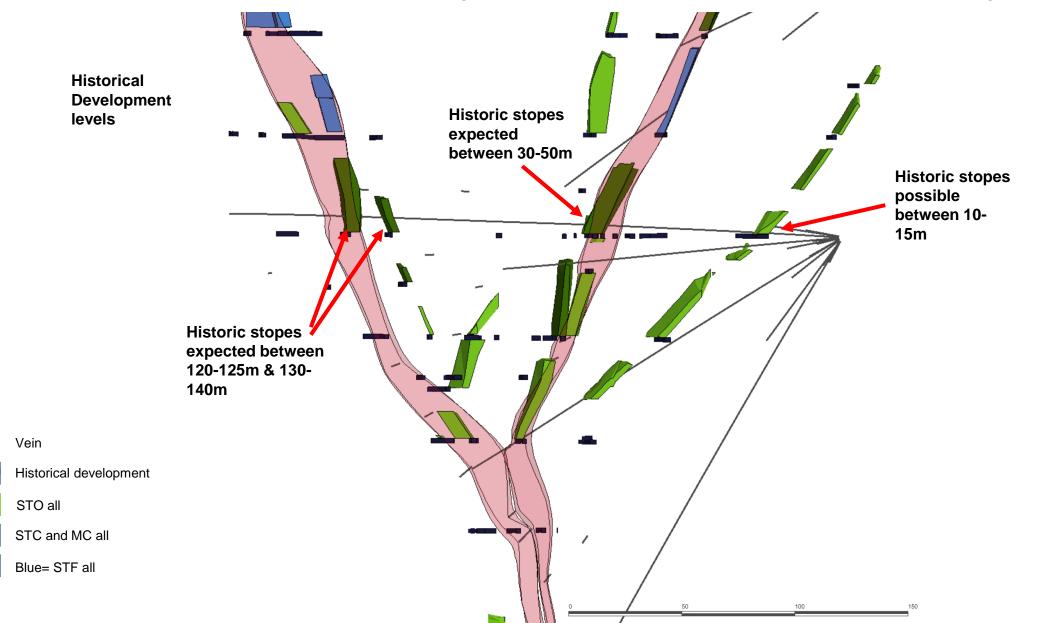
Safety has come a long way...



Driller Graham Tonkin and Offsider Steve Alsdoff drilling PQ on "The Elephant Rig" a Longyear 44, 1981.

Forewarned is forearmed

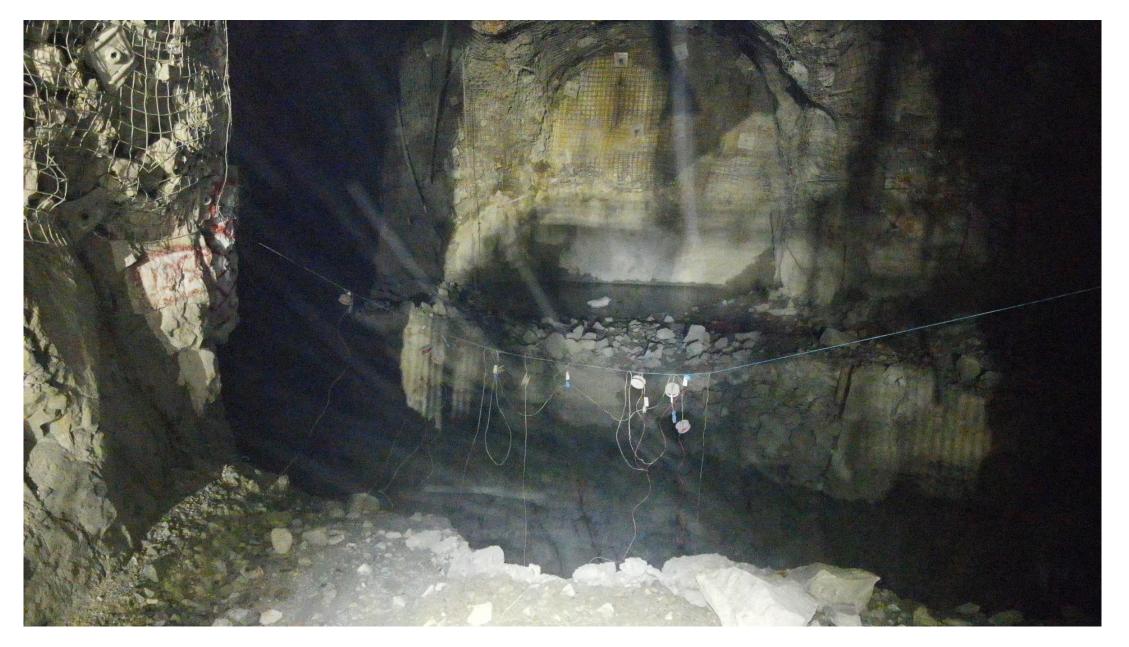
Drillers know when to expect voids and are given detailed section views with the drillhole design sheet



The tricky business of drilling air...drilling innovations



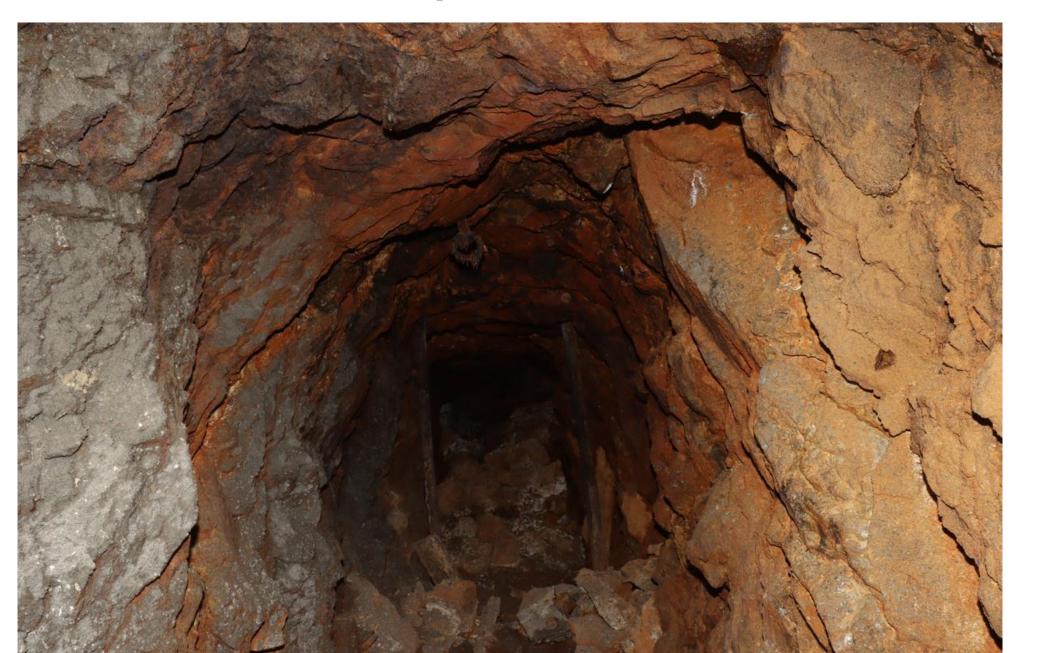
Inside an historic open stope



Intercepted drives



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Logging core through workings

Historic stope fill

Detailed blocks from the drillers

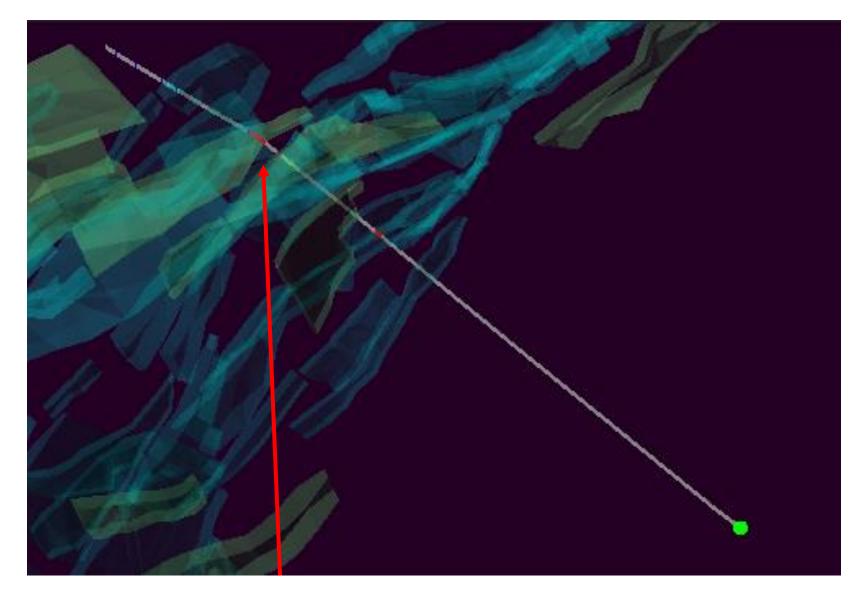
The pink tape indicates core considered "cave" or "not in-situ"

Historic open stope 6.5m wide

Old timber beams



Deviation checks



Notice the bend in the drillhole as it intersects the historic stope

The DeviGyro Overshot Xpress

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10.5 kg 23.1 lbs

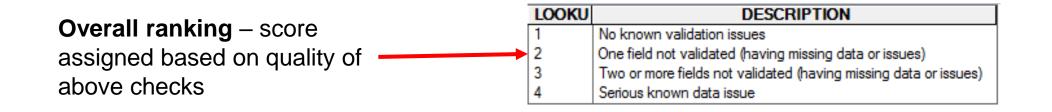
1230 mm / 48.4 in

High quality data

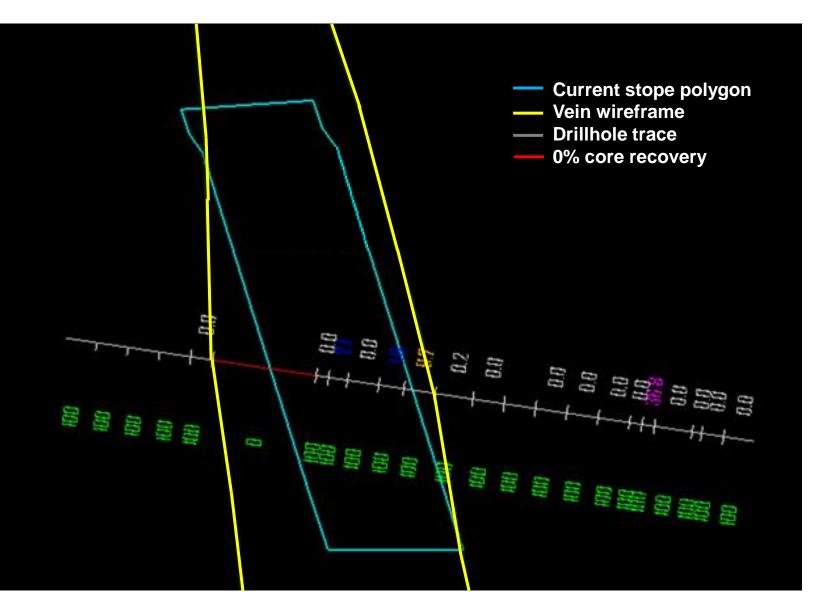
- Hole Location surveyed collar
- **Downhole surveys** azimuth and dip
- Logging peer validated
- Assay results validated alongside logging & photos + QC checks

Hole ID	Logged by	Collar	Survey												Historic	Comments
	• •	•	-	Geology						-	Assay 💌	Grouting 🔻	Lockec 🕶	Reject Bin 🍸	Stope 🖊 💌	
	Logged by								Core		Validation					
									Storage/Di		Check					Completed and locked holes are hidden/deleted
				Lith	SG	Geotech	Orientation	Recovery	scarded	pdf	Spreadshee					
RYE17OR1MR2273	DH	×	×	×	x	✓	×	✓	×	1		×				Assays back 07/07/2023
EMW9FW3MG2278	FG	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	✓	×	×		×	×	Awaiting OR Ag Assays
344SP6MN2284	DH	×	×	×	×	✓	×	×	×	✓		×				
EMW8FW3MG2285	CC	×		×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×				

Spreadsheet detailing validation requirements for each hole



Updating wireframes



The red section on the drillhole trace indicates zero recovery – the open stope.

The blue polygon is the current stope shape which needs to be rotated and pinched to match.

Conclusion



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