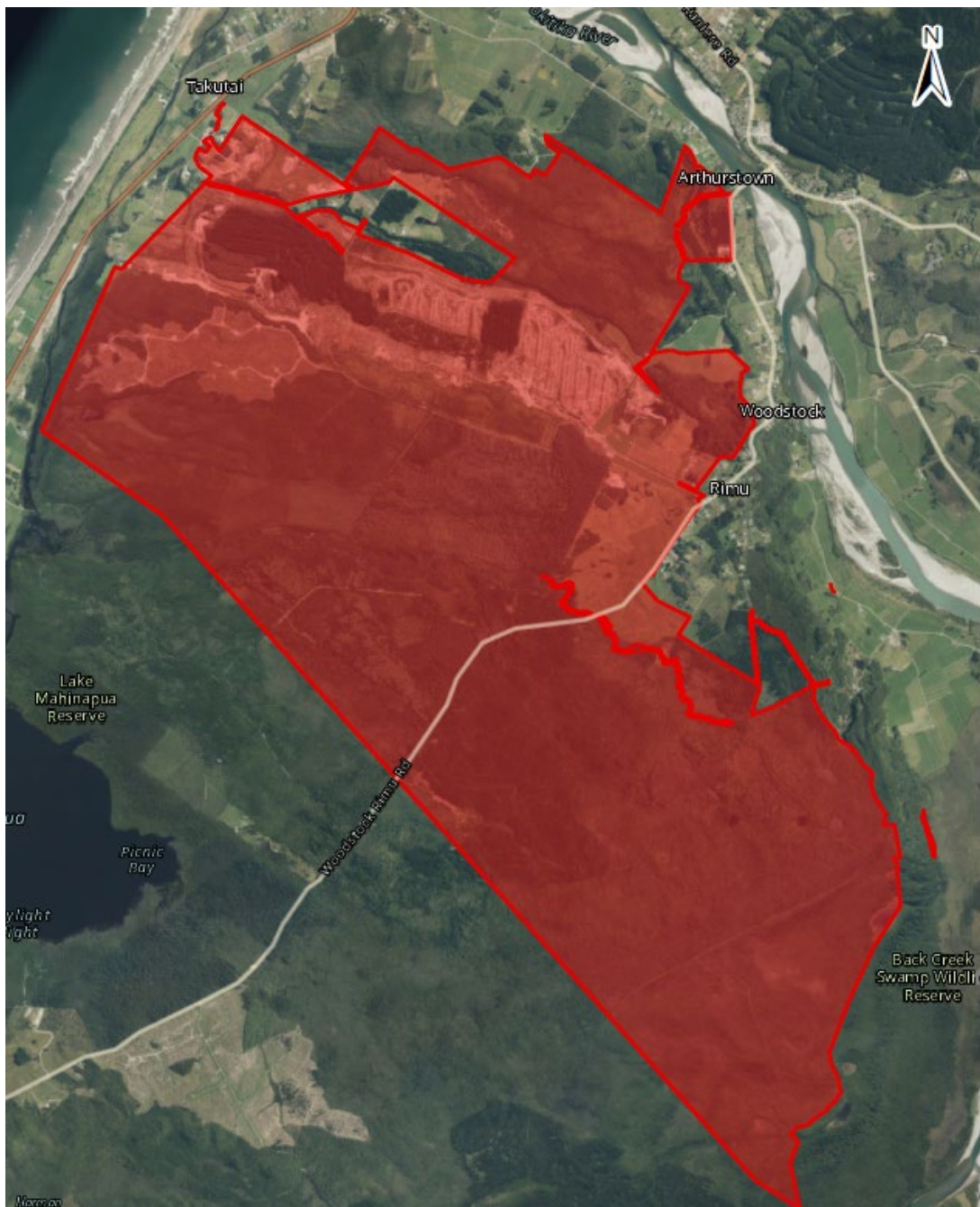


Date: 29 November 2024

Re: Mineral Extraction Zone 11: Rimu Channel

## 1.0 Notified MINZ

A map of the notified Mineral Extraction Zone (MINZ) at Rimu Channel is included in **Figure 1** below and attached in **Appendix 1**.

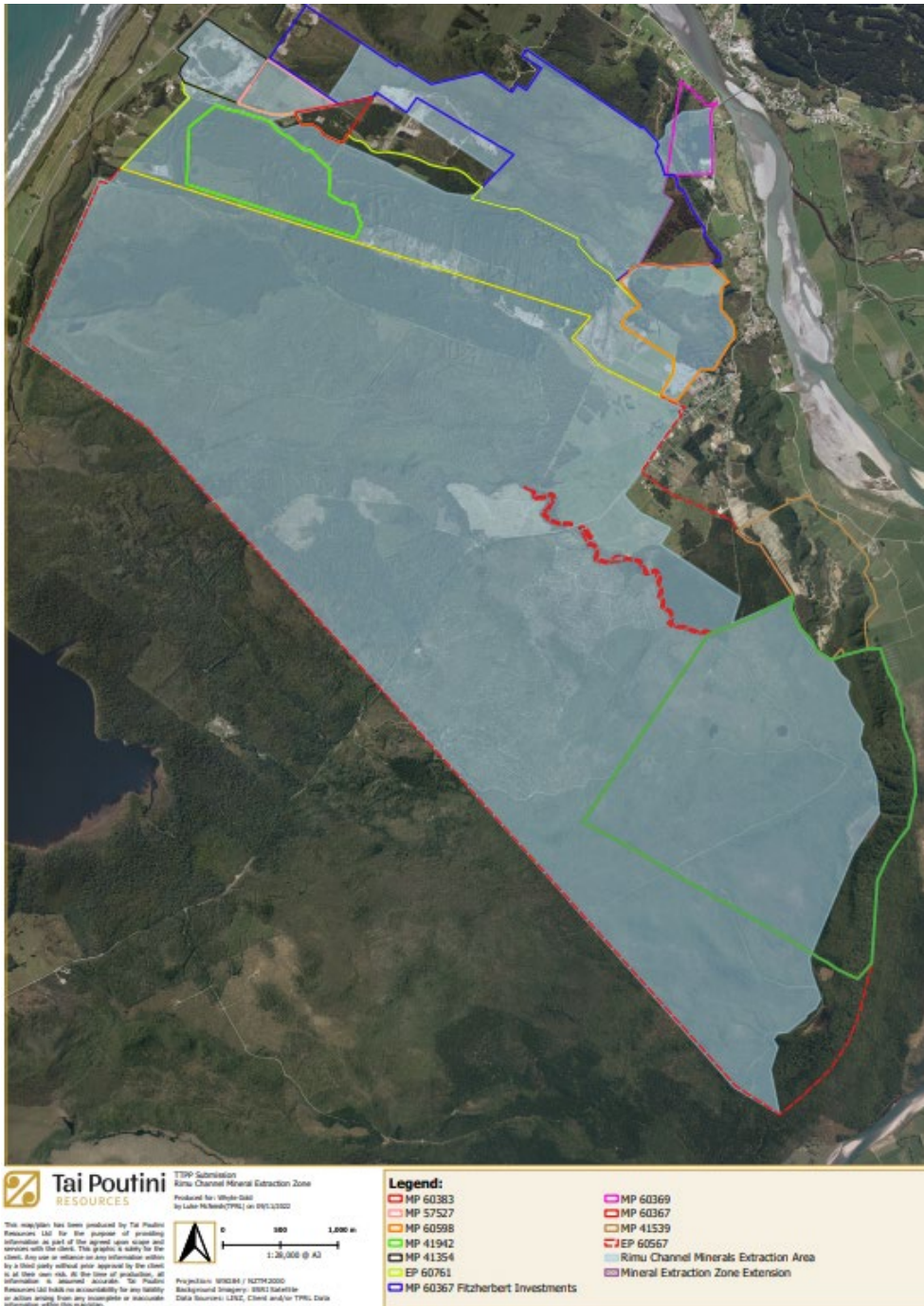


**Figure 1: Notified MINZ at Rimu Channel.**

## 2.0 Submissions

### 2.1 Amend:

Whyte Gold Limited (S607.096) seeks to include additional areas RS 6030 LOT 1 2 DP 3690 LOT 1 DP 3393 LOT 1 DP 389075 SEC 2 SO 12415 BLKS V VII MAHINAPUA SD BLKS I V KANIERE SD at Rimu Channel as shown in Attachment B (**Figure 2**) of the submission. The submission states that there are additional areas in proximity to the Rimu Channel MINZ which have Minerals Permits granted for mineral extraction which the submitter considers should be included in the MINZ.



**Figure 2: Attachment B from submission S607.096**

Rocky Mining Limited (S474.012, S474.046) seeks that the MINZ apply across the full permit areas for the Wombat Creek and Rimu Channel exploration permits EP60567, EP60761 and EPA60880.

### 3.0 Evidence

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No evidence was received in relation to the MINZ at Rimu Channel.

### 4.0 Assessment of Information Provided by Council

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Information has been provided by the West Coast Regional Council. The following resource consents were identified as relative to the notified MINZ at Rimu Channel (**Figure 1** above).

#### 4.1 West Coast Regional Council

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##### 4.1.1 RC12109 – Lapsed

This resource consent grants a Land Use Consent, Water Take and two Discharge permits relating to alluvial gold mining at Adair Road, Rimu. Condition 2.7 of the resource consent specifies that the Consent Holder shall only carry out earthworks associated with mining within the area outlined in blue on the attached aerial photograph titled “RC12109, Gold Mining Activities, Rimu” (**Appendix 2**). This resource consent commenced on 15 January 2015 and has a duration of 10 years or upon the expiry or surrender of Mineral Permit (**MP**) 52030, whichever comes first. A search on the New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals (**NZPM**) GIS database for Mineral Permits shows that MP 52030 is no longer active<sup>1</sup>. As such, it can be determined that the term under the consent has lapsed. As it is considered that the duration for this resource consent has lapsed, it can no longer provide for the authorisation of mining activity within the identified subject site.

##### 4.1.2 RC-2017-0092

This resource consent grants three Land Use Consents, Two Water and two Discharge permits relating to alluvial gold mining within MP 60367 along Southernwood Road, Arthurstown. Condition 10 of the resource consent specifies that the Consent Holder shall only carry out the alluvial gold mining activities within the area outlined in red and below the blue line on the attached aerial titled “Annexure 1 RC-2017-0092-V3 Consented Area” (**Appendix 3**). This resource consent commenced on 19 December 2017 and has a duration of 10 years or upon the expiry or surrender of the MP 60367. A search on the NZPM GIS database for Mineral Permits shows that MP 60367 is currently active as a mining permit with an expiry date of 04 October 2027. See **Figure 3** below for an approximation of the subject site (outlined in purple) in relation to the notified MINZ at Rimu Channel.

##### 4.1.3 RC-2019-0141

This resource consent grants three Land Use Consents, Two Water Permits and a Discharge permit relating to alluvial gold mining at Adair Road, Rimu, Hokitika. Condition 13 of the resource consent

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<sup>1</sup> Information sourced from New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals – Mineral Permit Webmaps which provides online maps using real-time data to show all current minerals permits and applications in New Zealand. Updated through their permit register system and GIS database. Last updated: 3 April 2024

specifies that the Consent Holder shall only carry out the alluvial gold mining activities within the area shaded in red on the attached aerial photograph titled “RC-2019-0141 Annexure 2 Alluvial Gold Mining Area” (**Appendix 4**). This resource consent commenced on 29 January 2020 and has a duration of 10 years or upon the expiry or surrender of MP 60598. A search on the NZPM GIS database for Mineral Permits shows that MP 60598 is currently active as a mining permit with an expiry of 15 July 2030. See **Figure 3** below for an approximation of the subject site (outlined in light green) in relation to the notified MINZ at Rimu Channel.

#### 4.1.4 RC-2020-0076

This resource consent grants two Land Use Consents, a Water Permit and a Discharge permit relating to alluvial gold mining at Arthurstown within MP 60367. Condition 9 of the resource consent specifies that alluvial gold mining activities may occur within the area outlined in red on the attached aerial photograph titled “Annexure 2 RC-2020-0076 Alluvial Gold Mining Area” (**Appendix 5**). This resource consent commenced on 28 August 2020 and has a duration of 15 years. See **Figure 3** below for an approximation of the subject site (outlined in yellow) in relation to the notified MINZ at Rimu Channel.

#### 4.1.5 RC-2022-0128

This resource consent grants a Land Use Consent, a Water Take and two Discharge Permits relating to alluvial gold mining within MP 41942 at Mahinapua Forest, Rimu, Adairs Road. Condition 6 of the resource consent specifies that the Consent Holder shall only carry out the alluvial gold exploration and mining activities within the area marked identified in white bold line on the attached aerial photograph titled “MP41941 Blacktopp Mining Limited Work Programme 2022” (**Appendix 6**). This resource consent commenced on 16 Nov 2022 and has a duration of 10 years or at the expiry or surrender of MP 41942. A search on the NZPM GIS database for Mineral Permits shows that MP 41942 is currently active as a mining permit with an expiry date of 06 September 2026. See **Figure 3** below for an approximation of the subject site (outlined in blue) in relation to the notified MINZ at Rimu Channel.

## 4.2 Summary

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It is noted that Schedule 9 of the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan, which identified lawfully established mineral extraction and processing areas by listing the authorisation mechanism that permitted the activity, did not include Rimu Channel among the locations in the Schedule.

Based on an assessment of the available information, the resource consents made available confirm that four sites within the notified MINZ at Rimu Channel have authorisation to operate a mining activity (**Figure 3** below). A full copy of the map depicting the sites with authorisation to operate a mining activity in relation to MINZ at Rimu Channel is provided at **Appendix 7**.

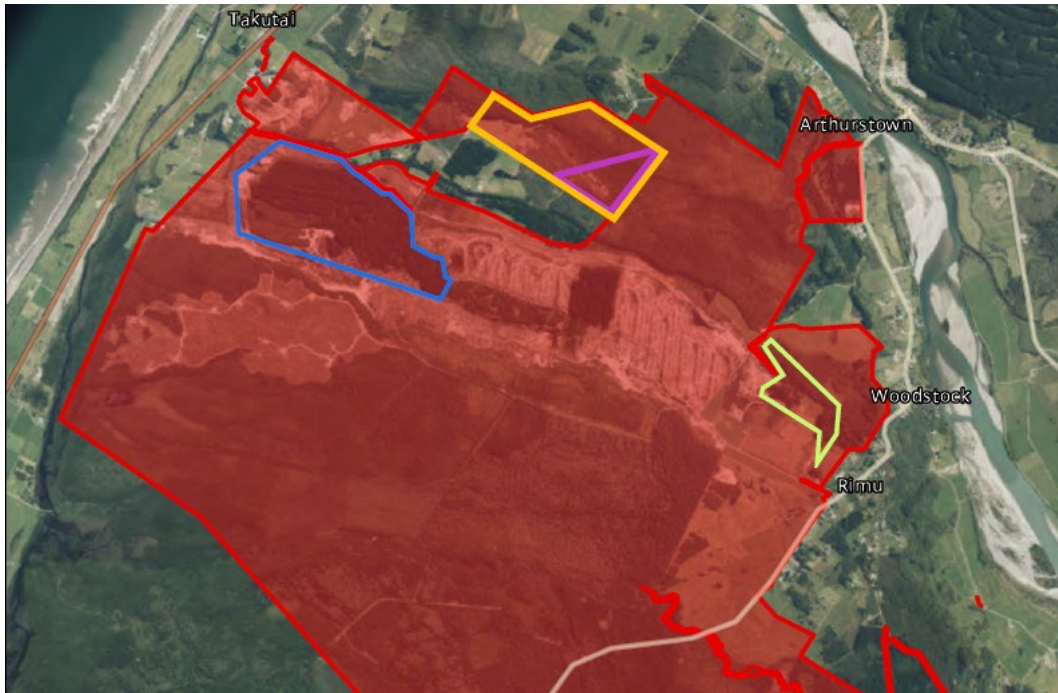


Figure 3: Map of Authorised Mining Activities in Relation to the MINZ. The full map at Appendix 7.

## 5.0 Recommendation

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The additional information provided by the resource consents listed above identifies areas within the notified MINZ at Rimu Channel that have authorisation to operate a mining activity.

As we have not received a copy of a current Coal Mining Licence, Ancillary Coal Mining Licence or resource consent to confirm that the remaining land within the notified MINZ at Rimu Channel has authorisation to operate a mining activity, the following recommendation is made.

It is recommended that the notified MINZ at Rimu Channel is **reduced**, as outlined in **Figure 3** above and **Appendix 7**, to only include the areas subject to the existing resource consents provided and discussed above.

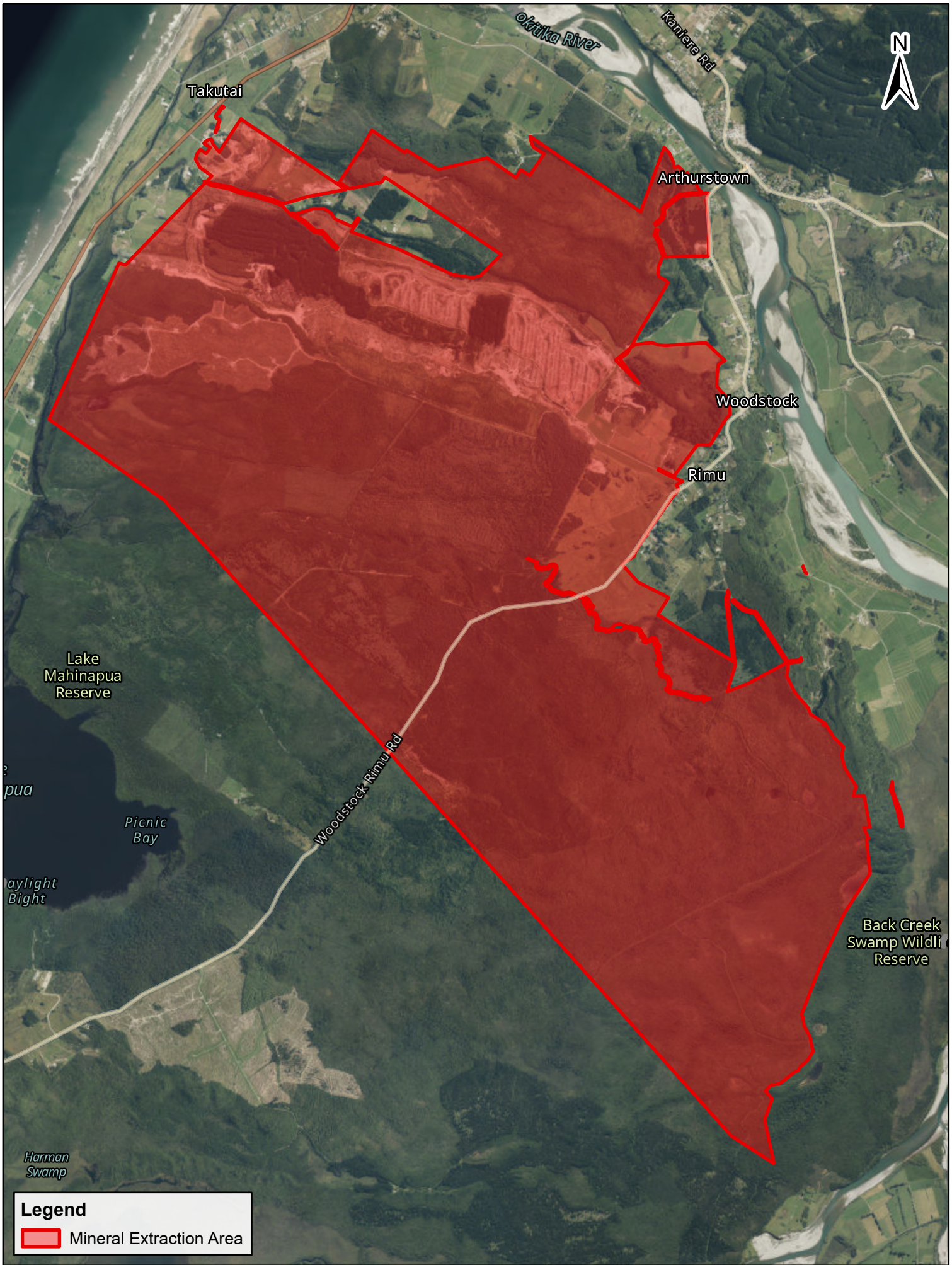
Appendix 1

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Notified MINZ Area



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**Legend**

Mineral Extraction Area



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**Mineral Extraction Area**  
**Rimu Channel**



Appendix 2

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RC12109 Map



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Mining area

Start

Water pond

Appendix 3

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RC-2017-0092 Map

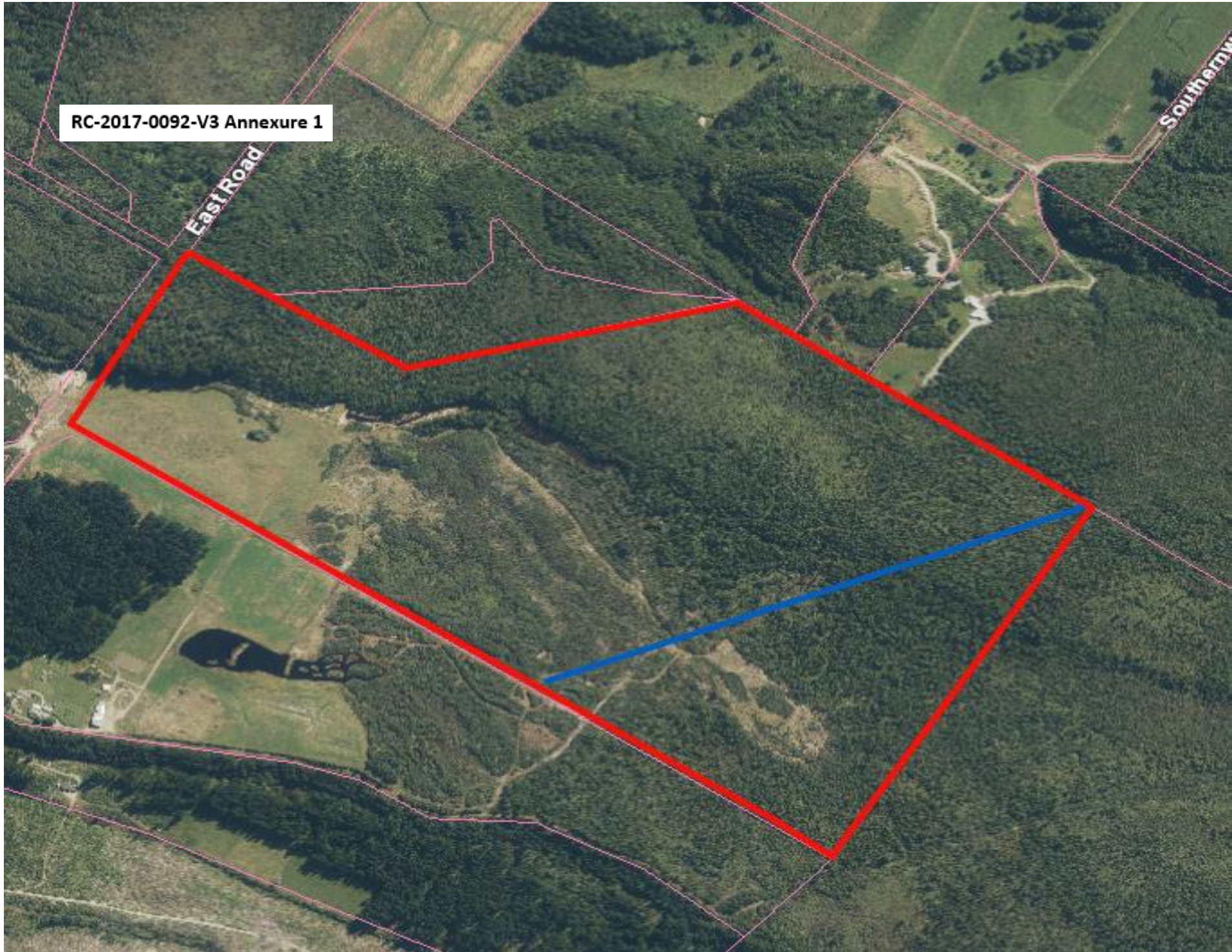


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RC-2017-0092-V3 Annexure 1

East Road

Southern



Appendix 4

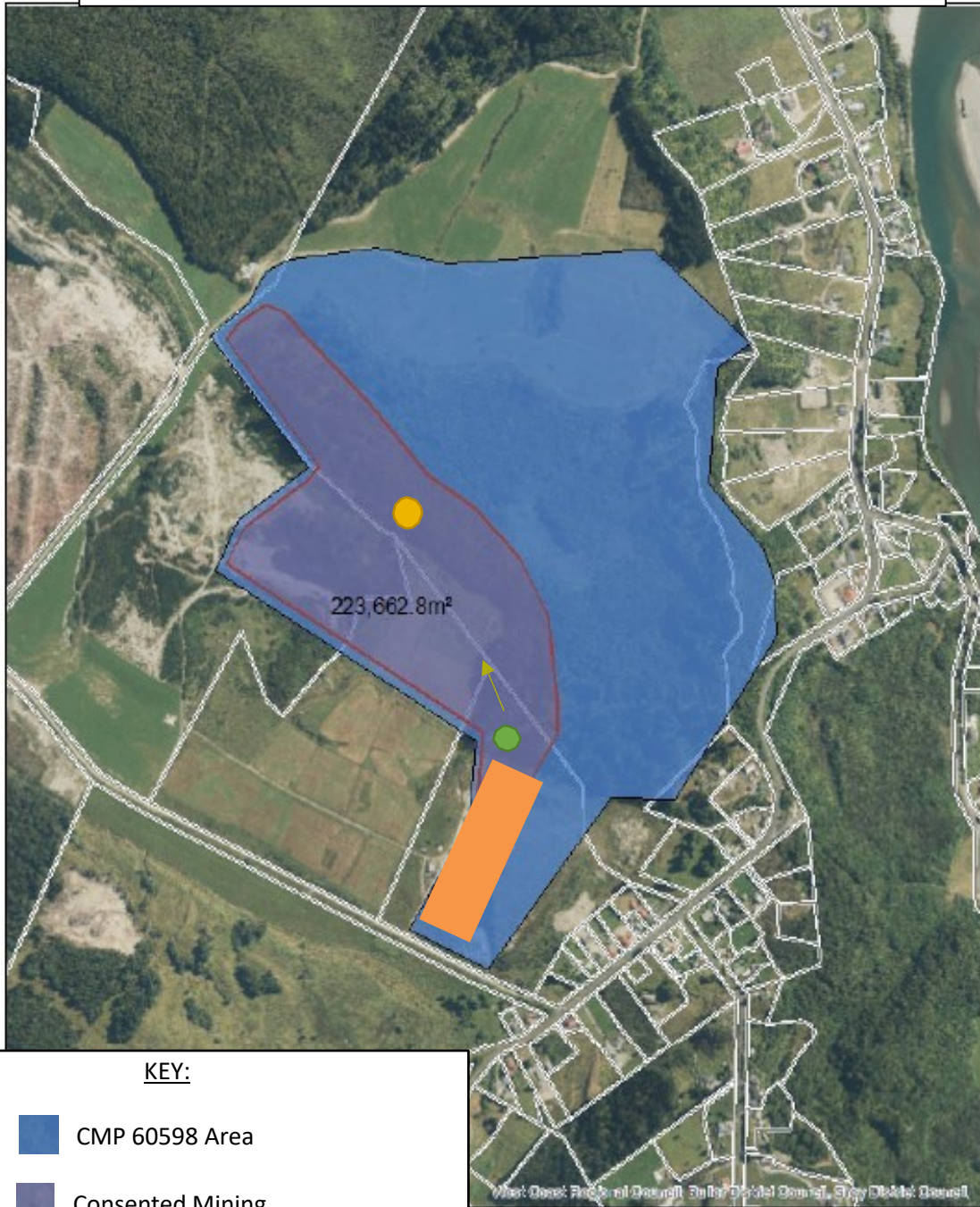
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RC-2019-0141 Map



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# RC-2019-0141 Annexure 2 Alluvial Gold Mining Area



## KEY:

-  CMP 60598 Area
-  Consented Mining
-  Processing Site
-  Starting Mine Point
-  Mining Direction
-  Rehabilitation Area

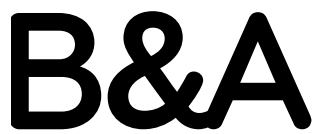
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Appendix 5

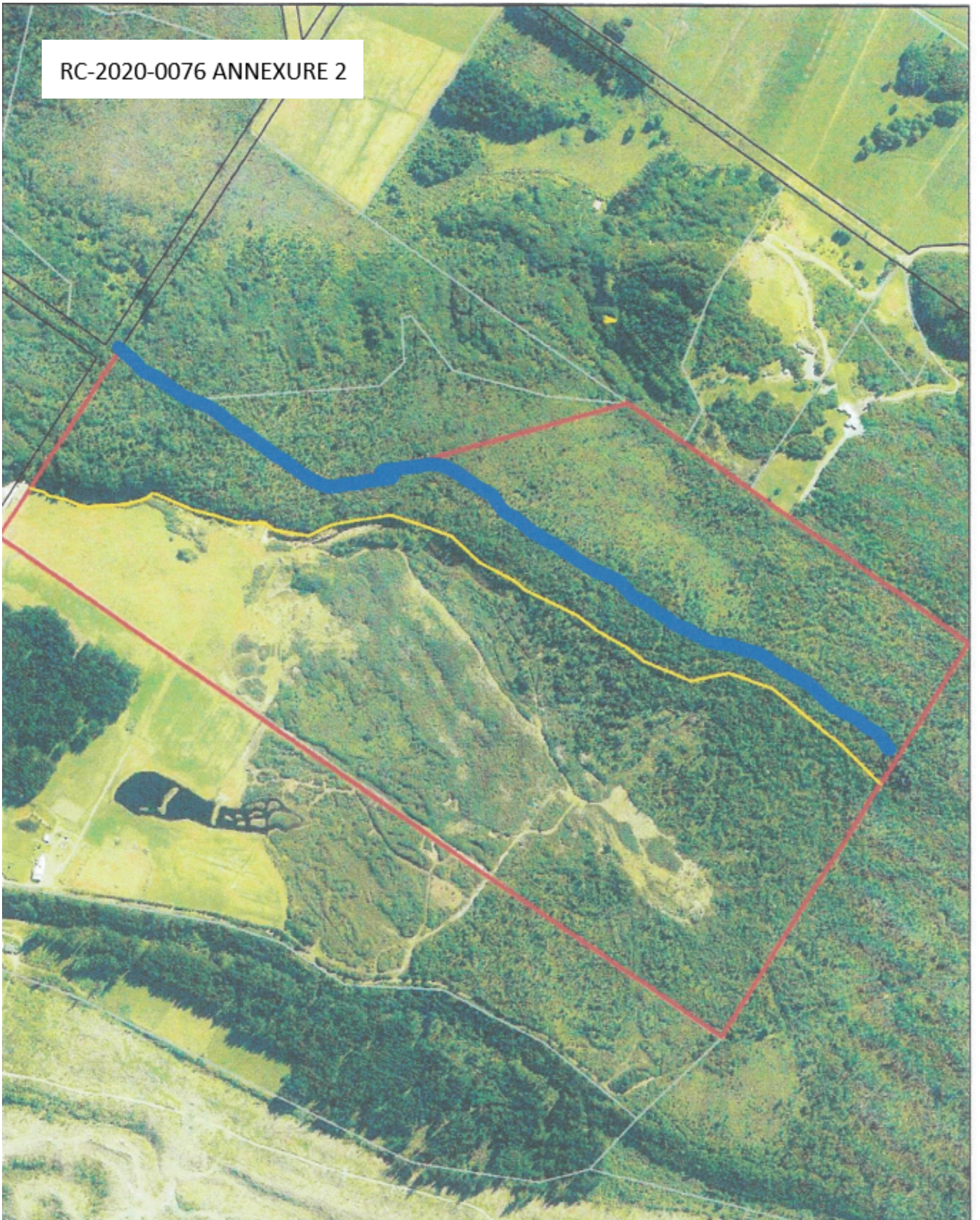
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RC-2020-0076 Map



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RC-2020-0076 ANNEXURE 2



Appendix 6

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RC-2022-0128 Map



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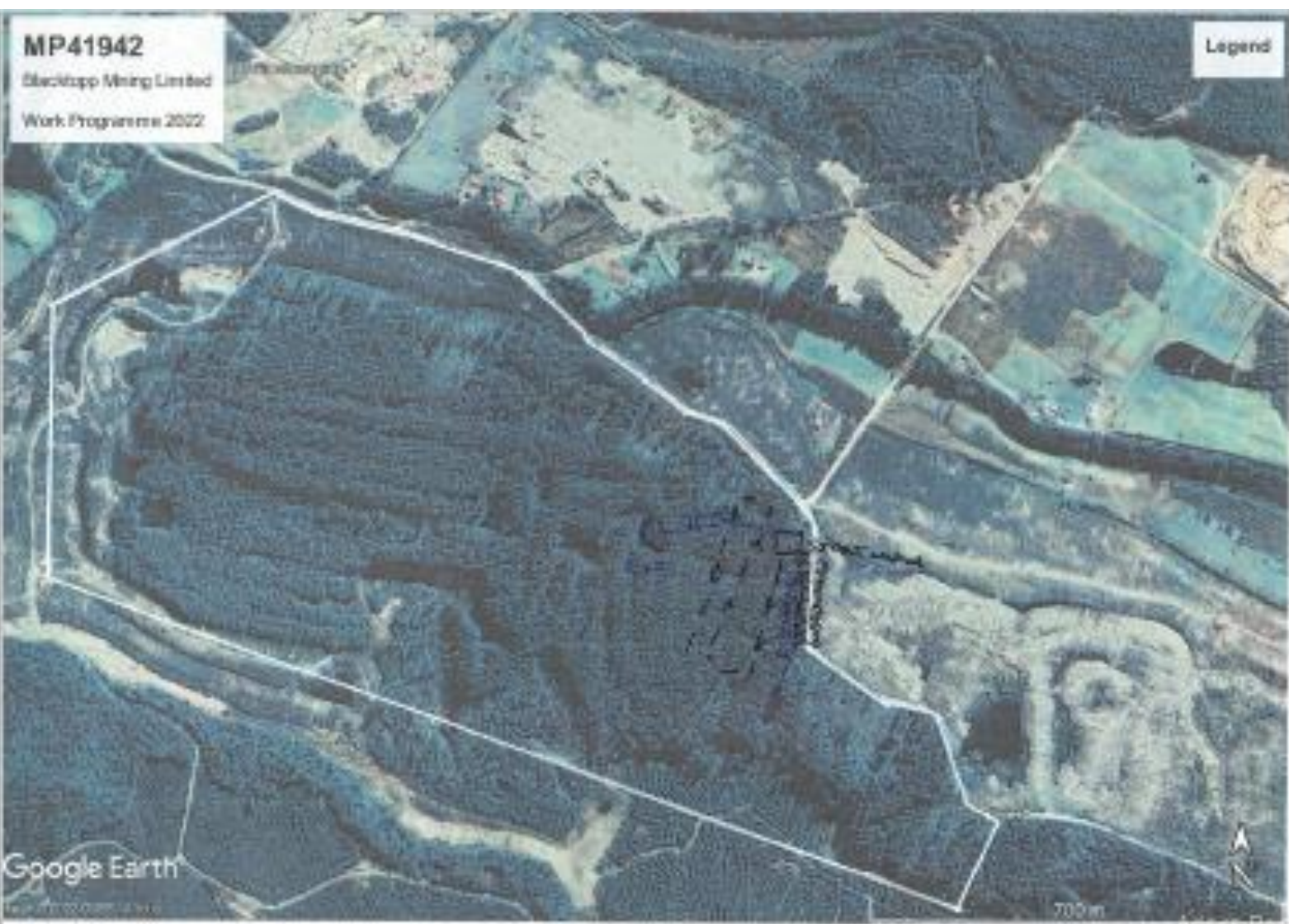


MP41942

Blacktop Mining Limited

Work Programme 2022

Legend



Google Earth

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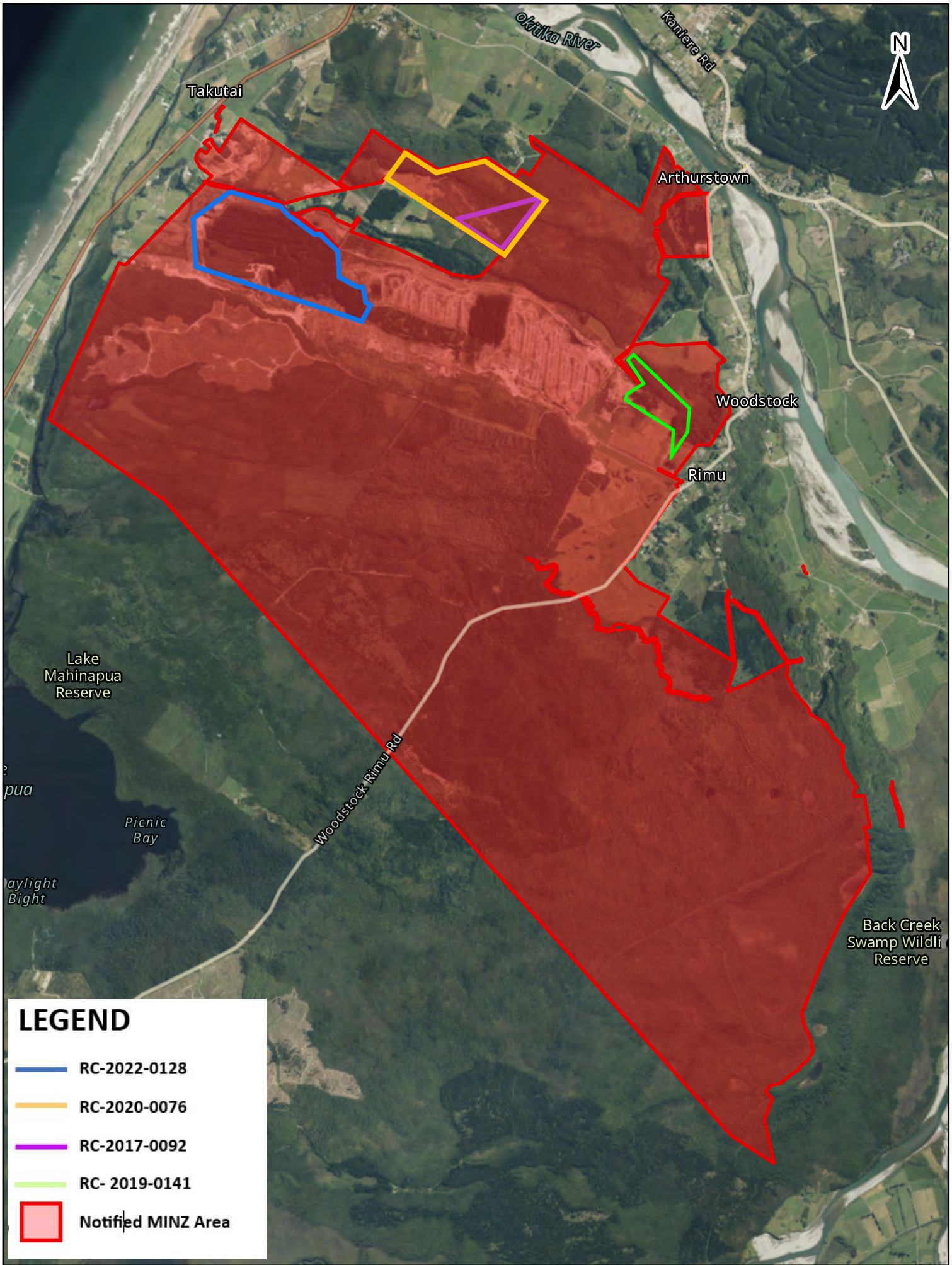
## Appendix 7

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Map of Authorised Mining Activities in relation to MINZ

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## LEGEND

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- RC-2020-0076
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