

## **BOGP – FTA Application to resume processing**

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Santana Minerals has today filed a memorandum with the EPA requesting that the processing of the BOGP FTA application be resumed on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2026. This allows for a total processing pause of 35 working days to reply to the Expert Panel's Request for Further Information 11 (RFI) issued on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026 and to complete workshops with regulators on consent conditions and related management plans.

Consequently, the Company expects a final decision from the Expert Panel on by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2026. During the recent Expert Hearings, the Panel indicated they would provide a draft decision at least one month prior to the final decision.

In accordance with guidance provided on the EPA's Fast-track website<sup>1</sup>, the Fast-track process continues to function as normal during the election period, with the New Zealand Parliament General Election to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2026. Of note, the EPA website states: "Expert panels will continue to be appointed, consider applications, and issue decisions."

Damian Spring, Executive Director and CEO, commented:

*"After careful consideration of the work required over the next few weeks, we have arrived at a date we are confident will provide all the information the panel needs to inform its decision. We look forward to completing that work and moving to the final phase of decision making by the Panel."*

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/news/election-period-guidance>