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# Application to the West Coast Regional Council for a **Goldmining Consent**

**Use this Resource Consent Application form for all  
alluvial and beach (blacksand) goldmining proposals**

## Instructions to Applicants

- Ensure ALL parts of this form are filled out
- Sign and date the application
- Keep a copy for yourself
- Arrange deposit payment of either:
  - *\$1,035.00 GST inc for land based only goldmining operations*
  - *\$2,070.00 GST inc for goldmining operations involving watercourse diversions*

## GENERAL NOTES

1. The more information provided with this application, the quicker it can be processed. WCRC Consents staff can give you a lead on how to find data/information, e.g. about noise limits, stream life, bird habitat or with whom you should consult.
2. Attach any written approvals obtained from parties potentially affected by your proposal to the end of this application.
3. This application will become public record: place any commercially sensitive information on a separate document and attach at the end of this application
4. Obtaining permission for access to the mining site is the applicant's responsibility: gaining resource consent does not give right of access
5. The applicant is to be aware that neighbours might be affected by noise or dust from the gravel extraction and screening work. Please consult your local District Council about noise limits and related time restrictions. The granting of a consent does not allow for any objectionable noise or dust to travel beyond the site

### **IMPORTANT:**

All applications must be **signed** by the applicant or authorized agent: i.e. an emailed application must have an electronic signature. If you do email or fax your application, you must still mail or hand deliver a signed **paper** copy to Council.

# SECTION A: General Information

## I Applicant Details

**Applicant(s) Name(s):** *(Please write in full)*

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**Postal Address**

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**Business Ph** .....

**Mobile Ph** .....

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**Fax** .....

**Email** .....

**Owner/Contractor's Name(s)**

*(if different from above)*

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**Mobile Ph** .....

**Private Ph** .....

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**Email** .....

**Service name and address**

*(if different from above)*

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**Fax** .....

**Email** .....

**Location of Activity** and/or property

address .....

Map Reference NZMS 260 .....

1:50,000 .....

and/or GPS .....

**Site Description** *(Include the name of any relevant stream, river or other water body to which the application may relate, proximity to any well known landmark, etc.)*

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**Legal Description** *(from rates notice, CT or Valuation Notice):*

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**Territorial Authority** in which the activity will be located (*place tick in the appropriate box*)

- Westland District Council
- Grey District Council
- Buller District Council

**Resource Consents from other Territorial Authorities**

Have you discussed your proposal with your territorial authority to find out whether or not you need other resource consents?

- No
- Yes

If other resource consents are required, have you applied for them?

- No
- Yes

**II Crown Minerals Permit**

In addition to gaining the necessary resource consents, a Crown Minerals Permit (CMP) is likely to be required for any goldmining activity.

**1. Have you applied for a CMP?** ..... No .....Yes

a) If No

- When will you do this? .....
- What term will you be seeking? .....

b) If Yes

- What term has been sought/granted? .....
- What is your CMP number? .....
- Is this resource consent application for all or part only of the total area of your CMP?  
..... All ..... Part

c) If the consent is for only part of the CMP area please explain why .....

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**III Types of Resource Consents Sought**

**1. Read this information**

Under the Resource Management Act 1991, resource consents are required for various activities associated with mining or quarrying. These activities may include any or all of the following:

- a) discharging treated stormwater from the site
- b) discharging process water
- c) placement of overburden onto land
- d) discharge of contaminants (e.g. dust) into the air
- e) taking water
- f) damming water (e.g. to construct water impoundments)
- g) diverting water (e.g. diverting natural watercourses or stormwater from entering the site)
- h) undertaking works in the bed of a natural watercourse

It is recommended that, prior to lodging any consent applications, you discuss the specific requirements at your site with WCRC Consents Staff. This will help to ensure that you apply for the appropriate consents, right from the start. This applies even if you are replacing previously held consents.

**2. What type of resource consents are you applying for:**

*Tick those being applied for*

*Give previous consent number if you are replacing existing or previous consents*

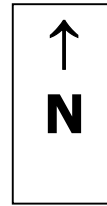
- Discharge permit - to discharge treated process water &/or stormwater .....
- Air discharge permit - to discharge contaminants/(dust to air .....
- Water permit - to take water for processing or other purposes .....
- Water permit - to dam water .....
- Water permit - divert stream or stormwater .....
- Water permit – discharge water .....
- Land use consent – for mining earthworks .....
- Land use consent - works or structures in/on/over/under the bed of a watercourse .....

## SECTION B: **Site Plans**

### **1. Location Map**

Using a scale between 1:25,000 and 1:1:10,000, show the location of the proposed mining site in relation to:

- Boundaries which adjoin neighbouring properties
- Existing roads, tracks, buildings
- Drainage (streams, rivers, drains)
- Any wetlands and/or wildlife habitats



**Extra Notes:** the above requirements are best achieved by using an enlarged scale map or aerial photograph with property boundaries imposed. Obtain from your District Council or the Regional Council or ask Consents Staff for assistance.

## 2. Site Plan

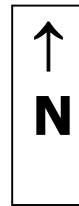
Using a scale of 1:10,000 or larger show an accurate plan for the proposed mining site including:

For Earthworks:

*maximum area to be worked*  
*proposed direction of mining*  
*topsoil Pile*  
*overburden Pile*  
*washing area*  
*settling Ponds*  
*buffer zones along waterways*  
*fuel store*

For Streamworks:

*water uptake point*  
*stream diversion point*  
*post treatment discharge point*  
*dam*



**Extra Notes:** to fulfil the above you could superimpose the required information on

1. your mining permit map/site plan
2. an enlarged scale property map OR
3. an enlarged scale aerial photograph



e) What are your time frames for working at the proposed site? (Fill in the gaps or circle the appropriate word to make up sentence describing how you will work the site).

"I / we plan to work the site intermittently / fulltime for a period of ..... months/years. Work shifts will be ..... hours long over a ..... day week." I / we envisage work breaks being taken for (list any reasons) ..... and (anything else) ....."

**2. Management of land based activities on site**

a) What will the maximum area of disturbed, i.e. non rehabilitated, land be at any one time? ..... sq m or ha

b) What is the general work plan for carrying out earth disturbance activities on site out? Briefly describe here and ensure key points are noted on SECTION B, 2 Site Plan. Sample phrases are, "bulldoze a track to work area from property boundary" "start stripping at northeast corner and work across slope" "truck topsoil to stockpile at X" "form bund for fuel store at.... " etc

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b) Will you need to construct any new access tracks within the site No Yes  
If yes, ensure marked on SECTION B Site Plan 2 and describe briefly here.....

c) When stripping the site what will you do with the vegetation layer?  
NOTE: This may depend on the requirements of the owner  
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d) When stripping the site what are the predicted thicknesses for?

The topsoil thick ..... m  
The overburden thick ..... m  
The wash thick ..... m

e) Where will you place your stockpiles? Describe briefly as relevant and ensure they are marked on SECTION B Site Plan 2.

Vegetation layer .....  
Topsoil layer .....  
Overburden layer .....  
Any large rocks .....

**3. Management of water use on site**

a) Briefly describe onsite activities where you will utilize water. These should be noted on SECTION B Site Plan 2. *Sample phrases are, "divert water for screening at X on map" "have 3 settling ponds in series" "discharge treated water back into creek at Y" "divert creek between P and Q"*

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b) Where will you get your processing water-supply from (*Tick as appropriate*)

- Stream running through the site?
- Stream outside the site?
- Recycled from settling ponds?
- Dam?
- Other (describe briefly)? .....

If you plan to take stream water, what proportion of the mean stream flow will you take? .... %  
Will this be a continuous take?                      No                      Yes

If you plan to use recycled water from a sediment settling pond, show pond location/s on SECTION B, 2. Site Plan

If you plan to construct a dam, please attach diagrams to this application showing key specifications, i.e. dam catchment area, dam height, crest width, spillway width or overflow pipe diameter.

c) How will you manage the sediment produced by your operation? (*Tick as appropriate*)

- Settling ponds
- Flocculants
- Both ponds & flocculants

d) If you intend to use settling ponds, how many do you intend having? .....

NOTE: Location/s must be shown on SECTION B, 2. Site Plan.

e) Will water from the settling ponds be discharged (*Tick as appropriate*)

- Directly to water?
- Via overland flow?

f) How will the settling ponds be maintained to ensure they are operating effectively?

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g) Do you plan to have a water recycling system? No Yes  
If yes, briefly describe key aspects here.....

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h) Do you plan to discharge treated water back to the stream again (Tick as appropriate)

- Continuously?
- Intermittently?

i) Do you plan to divert the stream at any time? No Yes  
If yes, ensure the location of this is shown on SECTION B, 2. Site Map and describe briefly:

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j) Have you considered the need for stormwater management for your site? No Yes

If No, why not?.....

If Yes, what have you planned?.....

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**4. Site rehabilitation**

A condition of resource consent will be that the site must be rehabilitated post mining. You will also be required to pay a bond to council to ensure rehabilitation is carried out satisfactorily.

**NOTE:** *Timberlands West Coast Ltd manages large tracts of land which are mined for gold. In many cases they are the occupiers of that land only, not the owners. The Crown Minerals Act states that you must have an access agreement with each and every OWNER and OCCUPIER of the land and these agreements may also prescribe restoration requirements, if relevant.*

As relevant, has the subject of post mining land use been discussed with the landowner, and where relevant, the occupier? No Yes

If yes, what has been decided regarding post mining drainage, e.g. leave changes/diversions made or revert to original watercourses/drainage, fill in dredge and settling ponds etc, landscape to give particular slope angle etc? .....

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If no, why not and/or what other plans are there for the site?.....

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b) What uses will the owner or occupier put the rehabilitated land to? (Tick option choices)

- Farm pasture
- Horticultural
- Exotic Forestry
- Indigenous Forestry
- Wetland
- Native Restoration
- Other (describe briefly) .....

c) Will you be carrying out rehabilitation work (*tick your choice*)

- while mining is in progress?
- at the end of the operation?

Give a reason for your choice. ....

□ **SECTION D AEE**  
**Assessment of Environmental Effects**

**Read this statement:**

Alluvial gold mining operations have the potential to cause significant environmental impacts. As an applicant it is therefore necessary for you to

- identify all the possible effects your proposed operation could have on the environment
- describe how you can avoid causing them or how you can mitigate them (i.e. reduce the effects to a level the council will approve of).

**1. Identification of Environmental Impacts**

Read the list below and tick the boxes relevant to this application. Use "other" if an effect you will cause is not listed. *Think who/what/where/when/why.*

***Has your proposal the potential to cause:***

1. Any stripping/disturbance of vegetation and/or soil?

- No
- Yes

If no, explain why not. ....

2. Erosion of stream banks or lakesides?

- No
- Yes

If no, explain why not. ....

3. Sedimentation of stream water

- No
- Yes

If no, explain why not. ....

4. Reduction in stream floodway capacity

- No
- Yes

If no, explain why not. ....

5. Reduction of downstream water quality for domestic and/or dairy shed water- supplies?

- No
- Yes

If no, explain why not. ....

6. Reduction of downstream water quality for aquatic life (invertebrates, fish)?

- No
- Yes

If no, explain why not. ....

7. Reduction of downstream water quality for aquatic plants?

- No
- Yes

If no, explain why not. ....

8. Disturbance of any nesting birds either nearby or downstream?

- No
- Yes

If no, explain why not. ....

9. Unacceptable noise to nearby residents, stock animals, nesting birds?

- No
- Yes

If no, explain why not. ....

10. Closure of public access to rivers/beaches, e.g. for recreational activities?

- No
- Yes

If no, explain why not. ....

11. Reduction in the public amenity value of a well used local recreational area?

- No
- Yes

If no, explain why not. ....

12. Affect an area valued by iwi/hapu for food gathering or other cultural activities?

- No
- Yes

If no, explain why not. ....

13. Impact on a known heritage or archaeological site?

- No
- Yes

If no, explain why not. ....

14. Introduction of unwanted waterborne organisms, e.g. didymo, oxygen weeds?

- No
- Yes

If no, explain why not. ....

15. Effects other than those listed above? *(give a short explanation)*

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**4. Completion of Mining Operations**

Outline how you will leave the site at the completion of the mining operation period such that there will be no ongoing adverse effects environmentally. Refer back to other sections of this application form where relevant.

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## SECTION E: Consultation

**1. Why consult?** Your proposal has the capacity to have effects outside your property, particularly downstream. Therefore it is prudent to get approval for your proposal from those potentially affected by it. The approval needs to be in writing and attached to this application. Keeping copies of approval letters is recommended.

**2. With whom should I consult?**

Below is a checklist of some of the parties you may have to consult regarding your proposal to carry out a goldmining operation.

The West Coast Regional Council often considers the Department of Conservation and Fish & Game West Coast to be affected parties for goldmining consent applications due to their statutory responsibilities.

Please ask if you are unsure who else may be affected as the processing of your application will take longer and cost more if key parties are not consulted.

Agency / Individual	Consultation		Written Approval Attached	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Owner of the site/land				
Owner of site access				
Department of Conservation				
Fish & Game West Coast				
Adjacent landowners				
Local iwi/hapu				
Downstream water users				
Utility Operators of: <i>Road Networks</i> <i>Rail Networks</i> <i>Power Lines</i> <i>Phone Lines</i>				
Recreation Groups				
Other/s (specify).....				

**Has the proposal changed in any way since any written approvals were obtained?**

**Yes**

**No**

(Any written approvals obtained prior to the change in the proposal may need to be reviewed.)

**What was the outcome of the consultation?**

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# SECTION F: Checklist and Signature

## Have you?

- Given us all the details required about yourself as applicant and others involved in this proposal (owners, leasees, contractors etc as relevant)
- Noted accurately the location of the proposed mining operation (grid reference/s, GPS points/photographs/sketch maps in relation to fixed landmarks etc)
- Supplied a site plan for your proposed operation
- Described exactly what you propose to with timeframes
- Made an assessment of the potential effects your proposal will have on the environment
- Attached any written responses you have obtained from consulting people
- Arranged the correct deposit payment

## Then sign here:

"I/the applicant, hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this application is true and correct. I/the applicant, agree to pay all actual and reasonable costs incurred by the West Coast Regional Council in processing the consent application/s regardless of whether or not the application is granted. I/the applicant, also agree to pay 10% penalty interest on amounts not paid within 30 days of the due date. This also applies to any subsequent compliance monitoring charges relating to the resource consent."

Signature of Applicant..... Date .....

*(or authorized agent)*

Name: (BLOCK CAPITALS) .....

**PLEASE NOTE: This resource consent application will become a public document once lodged with the West Coast Regional Council.**