

**PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

21 February 2019

Ms Beatriz Balbin  
Chief, Special Procedures Branch  
OHCHR  
Palais Des Nations  
1211 Geneva 10  
Switzerland

**By email and by post**

Dear Ms Balbin

**OceanaGold Corporation - Joint Communication from Special Procedures**

We refer to the joint communication dated 13 February 2019 sent pursuant to the communications procedure of the Special Procedures of the United Nations Human Rights Council relating to the Didipio mine in Nueva Vizcaya in the Philippines (the **Joint Communication**).

We write to confirm receipt of the Joint Communication, and to thank the OHCHR for engaging with OceanaGold Corporation (**OGC**) on these issues. OGC takes the allegations described in the Joint Communication very seriously. As an organisation, we are committed to respecting the environment and all internationally recognised human rights, including the rights of indigenous peoples.

As requested, we will provide our observations on the allegations, and on the other matters raised in the Joint Communication, within the 60-day response period. We would also be happy to meet with the Special Procedures, whether as a group or on an individual basis, to discuss the Joint Communication, before or after we provide our response.

In order to investigate the allegations fully, we politely request that we be provided with a copy of the following documents referred to in the Joint Communication:

1. Environmental Investigation Mission on the Impacts of Large Scale Mining in Nueva Vizcaya, Philippines, Technical report under footnote 2 in page 5; and
2. February 2017 report of the Nueva Vizcaya Provincial Government referred in page 5.

In addition, the Joint Communication states (on page 7) that a letter has also been sent to the Governments of Australia and the Philippines. We would appreciate if you could share the departments within the Australian and Philippines Governments whom you have been in contact with, so that we may liaise with those departments as necessary.

Finally, we would be very grateful to speak with a member of the Special Procedures Branch so that we might better understand the Special Procedures communications process and anticipated next steps. We would appreciate if you could let us know the best person to contact in this regard so that we can arrange a phone call as soon as possible.

Kindly send any future correspondence on this matter to Sharon Flynn, Head of External Affairs and Social Performance, at [Sharon.flynn@oceanagold.com](mailto:Sharon.flynn@oceanagold.com) and Liang Tang, General Counsel & Company Secretary at [Liang.Tang@oceanagold.com](mailto:Liang.Tang@oceanagold.com).

Yours sincerely

**OCEANAGOLD CORPORATION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mick Wilkes', written over a light grey rectangular background.

**Mick Wilkes**

*President and Chief Executive Officer*