WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY

1. WHY THIS POLICY?

OceanaGold (**Company**) is committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity, fairness and ethical conduct. We believe it is important to call out something which is not right, and we want to create a supportive environment where our people feel safe to raise concerns about Potential Misconduct.

a. Why is it important to raise concerns about Potential Misconduct?

We all have a responsibility to promote a safe, ethical and respectful work environment. If you notice a situation that goes against these principles, it is important to call it out, both to prevent things from going wrong or to respond when something wrong has happened. Raising concerns can help the Company become aware of and address issues, potentially prevent harm, and improve how we work. By reporting misconduct, you are contributing to OceanaGold's culture of ethics and integrity.

b. What is the purpose of this Policy?

Our Whistleblower Policy (**Policy**) is intended to encourage individuals to report concerns about Potential Misconduct without fear of retaliation. It also explains how our Company handles these reports.

The Policy includes country-specific Information Sheets that reflect local requirements. Read the Policy and Information Sheets together so you are fully informed. If there is any inconsistency between the Information Sheet and the Policy, the relevant Information Sheet applies.

c. Who can raise a concern under this Policy?

Any of the following people are encouraged to report their concerns about Potential Misconduct:

- Current or former employees, officers, associates and contractors of OceanaGold;
- Current or former suppliers of goods or services to OceanaGold, and their employees;
- Relatives, dependents or spouses of the above; and
- Members of the community.

d. What concerns are covered by this Policy?

You are encouraged to raise a concern about any Potential Misconduct. When we use the phrase 'Potential Misconduct', we mean misconduct or an improper state of affairs or circumstances about OceanaGold and its related entities, including:

- A serious breach of our Code of Conduct or our Values;
- Any suspected or actual misconduct which is serious; or
- Anything you believe to be illegal or unethical.

Examples of concerns that can be raised using this Policy are:

- Fraud, negligence and theft;
- Bribery or corruption;
- Harassment (including sexual harassment), assault, discrimination, victimization or bullying;
- Unlawful or criminal activities;



- Human rights abuses, including modern slavery;
- Insider trading;
- Conflicts of interest;
- Misconduct endangering health and safety or causing damage to the environment;
- Misconduct that may cause financial loss to us or damage our reputation;
- Unethical behaviour or serious breach of OceanaGold's policies and procedures (including the Code
 of Conduct); or
- Retaliation.

If someone instructs you to cover up Potential Misconduct, this is itself misconduct. If you are told not to raise or report concerns regarding Potential Misconduct, even by a person in authority, you should report it.

Do not use this Policy:

- To report personal work-related grievances. These are grievances about something related to your current or former employment or engagement that has implications for only you. For example, a conflict between you and another employee, or if your employment or engagement with OceanaGold is terminated. Such personal grievances should instead be raised with your line leader, their leader, your Asset President, or the People and Culture team. However, this Policy will apply if that grievance also includes information about Potential Misconduct as described above, or someone has retaliated against you for making a disclosure under this Policy.
- To report emergencies such as threat to life or property. Please contact your local authorities or call your country's emergency phone number.
- To report safety issues you must report these to your direct line supervisor in the first instance. If your safety concern is not resolved, you can escalate it in accordance with this Policy.
- To settle personal or legal disputes.
- To make accusations which you know are false. Doing so may lead to disciplinary measures.

2. HOW TO REPORT A CONCERN?

a. Raising a concern internally

If you have a concern about Potential Misconduct, you can contact:

- The Business Integrity team;
- A person in the People and Culture team;
- A person in the Legal team;
- A Whistleblower Protection Officer (as per the list on the intranet);
- A member of the Executive Leadership Team; or
- Specific people as set out in the additional country specific Information Sheets.

b. Code of Conduct Hotline

You can also contact our Code of Conduct Hotline.

The Code of Conduct Hotline is an independently run and confidential way for you to report concerns. It is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, with trained operators, who are external to OceanaGold. You can make a report by phone or online. All contact details are available at <u>ourcodehotline.oceanagold.com</u>.

Once you have submitted a report (online or by phone), the system or the call handler will provide you with a single-use-password which you can use to login to your account. For cases reported anonymously, the hotline will generate a username to enable you to login and maintain your anonymity. To enable you to call the Code of



Conduct Hotline to discuss your report, you will be asked to create a memorable word. You can use this memorable word to call back or access the Code of Conduct Hotline to check progress on your report. You can also use the website or phone to check whether the person dealing with your report has feedback for you or further questions. If you want, you can provide additional information.

c. What kind of information do you need to provide?

When filing a report, it is helpful to include as much information as you can. Important information includes:

- The background, history and reason for the concern;
- Name(s) of people involved;
- Name(s) of any witnesses;
- Date, time and location of incident(s);
- How often the incident has happened; and
- Details of any proof (such as documents or records available).

d. What should you do if you do not have all the facts?

It is ok to report a concern – even if you don't have all the facts. If you have a genuine concern based on a reasonable belief that something is not right, we still encourage you to raise it as soon as possible. Please do not investigate the matter yourself or seek evidence to build a stronger case – leave that to us.

No disciplinary measures will be taken against you if it turns out that your genuine concern was mistaken or misguided, and you will still receive the same protections described in this Policy.

e. What about 'external whistleblowing'?

We encourage all people covered by this Policy to report concerns using one of the internal reporting mechanisms set out above.

However, nothing in this Policy is intended to stop you from reporting a concern to any governmental agency or making other disclosures that are protected by law. There may also be circumstances where you are legally required to report certain matters to government or regulatory authorities. If you are contemplating reporting matters outside of OceanaGold, it is best to seek independent advice in relation to your rights and obligations.

3. SAFEGUARDING YOUR POSITION

We recognize raising a concern isn't always easy. We are committed to protect and respect the rights of those who report concerns about Potential Misconduct under this Policy. We protect them in the following ways:

a. Confidentiality

When you report a concern, we keep your identity and the information you provide confidential.

This means we only share information about your concern (including your identity) with a limited number of people on a strict need-to-know basis. This usually means only those directly involved in managing and investigating your concern. We also provide some information to those people responsible for oversight of the framework for reporting and investigating concerns (such as the Board and members of senior leadership).

Subject to any specific local law requirements that apply, we will only share information which discloses your identity (or is likely to) if:

- You give your consent for us to disclose that information;
- The disclosure is required or permitted by law (for example, disclosure to a lawyer for the purpose of obtaining independent legal advice); or



 In the case of information likely to identify you, it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for the purposes of an investigation (taking all reasonable steps to reduce the risk of you being identified).

Where possible, we will consult with you. You can help us protect confidentiality by not discussing your report with anyone else.

b. Is it possible to report anonymously?

Yes - you can choose to report anonymously and can remain anonymous during and after an investigation (subject to the exceptions listed under 'Confidentiality' above). If you do so, you will not be identified in any report to OceanaGold by the Code of Conduct Hotline or by a person you make a disclosure to.

If you make an anonymous disclosure, your disclosure will be assessed in the same way as if you had revealed your identity. However, if you have made your disclosure anonymously, this can make it more difficult to investigate your concerns, and it may be difficult to offer you the same level of practical support if we have no means of maintaining contact with you. We therefore encourage you to disclose your identity when making a disclosure or provide a way to contact you when you report – such as providing the Code of Conduct Hotline with some confidential contact details. However, there is no obligation for you to do so.

c. Will your privacy be safeguarded?

We are committed to protecting the privacy of everyone involved, including complying with any applicable privacy laws, as detailed in our Privacy Policy. Any personal data obtained as part of this Policy will only be used for the purposes explained in this Policy, including for internal reporting to the executive and Board on a limited basis. or to comply with applicable laws and regulations.

4. PROTECTION AGAINST RETALIATION

a. How will you be protected?

We recognize raising concerns isn't always easy. If you report a concern under this Policy, we will not tolerate any resulting retaliation against you, your employer (if you are a contractor) or your relatives.

Examples of retaliation include dismissal, demotion, harassment or intimidation, victimisation, discrimination between employees, disciplinary action, harm or injury to a person including psychological harm, and damage to a person's property or reputation, business or financial position.

Where it is within our control to act, we will take steps to prevent you from being subject to any retaliation as a consequence of making a report and will act to address any actions which are retaliatory. This could include providing appropriate support, implementing strategies to minimize and manage stress, time or performance impacts, undertaking a risk analysis for you and others around you, and providing appropriate training to those involved in managing the matter.

If someone is found to have retaliated against another person for reporting a concern under this Policy, they may be subject to disciplinary actions (up to and including termination of their employment or engagement). In some countries, this may also be a criminal offence punishable by imprisonment. We may refer any person that has engaged in retaliation to law enforcement authorities for further investigation.

b. What should you do if you notice any retaliation?

If at any time you are concerned that you have been, are being, or may be retaliated against, please report this immediately to a member of the Business Integrity Team or the Code of Conduct Hotline. A report of retaliation is treated like any other report of Potential Misconduct and the same procedure is followed.

c. What happens if this Policy is misused?

It is important not to make a report if you know the information is misleading or untrue.



If you knowingly make a false report, you will not be entitled to protection under this Policy. You may also be subject to disciplinary action.

5. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU REPORT A CONCERN?

a. What can you expect if you report a concern?

We take all reports of Potential Misconduct seriously. Our commitment to you is that all reports made under this Policy will be received and treated sensitively and seriously and will be dealt with fairly and objectively.

When you submit a report via the Code of Conduct Hotline, you will receive a confirmation of receipt within 3 working days.

b. Who will act on your concerns and how?

As part of the preliminary review of your report, the Business Integrity team will identify the right team with the specialist expertise to look into your concern and assist with the matter. For example, reports of fraud are usually handled directly by Business Integrity, but for concerns related to health & safety matters, the Health & Safety team will usually be involved.

We will make a decision about whether your report should be investigated. Our response to a disclosure will vary depending on the nature of the disclosure (including the amount of information provided).

If a decision is made to investigate any report of Potential Misconduct, it will be investigated and acted upon by an appropriate investigator as selected in accordance with our Investigations Procedure. Sometimes this will be an internal investigator and sometimes we will use an external investigator or law firm to assist us.

Any other person (such as a supervisor or manager) who receives a report of a concern under this Policy must refer it to Business Integrity or a Whistleblower Protection Officer as soon as possible and take no further action.

c. Review and Investigations

Once a report is made, we conduct a preliminary review of the information and, where appropriate, your concern will then be investigated.

If we determine that your concern cannot be investigated, we will notify you of the reasons why and close the matter. If your concern is investigated and you provide us with a means of contacting you, we will keep you updated regularly on progress.

We conduct all our investigations in a way that is lawful, fair, consistent, effective, and timely. Depending on the nature of the concern and what is considered appropriate, investigations will generally consider the alleged conduct, speak to relevant individuals and collect appropriate information. Unless there are confidentiality or other reasons not to do so, persons to whom the concern relates will be informed of the allegation at an appropriate time and given a chance to respond. Investigations may conclude with a formal confidential report from the investigator (including any external investigator) which includes findings on the alleged conduct.

d. What is expected of you in connection with investigations?

We may ask you to help us by providing further details so we can conduct the investigation. If you become involved in an investigation, we ask that you cooperate and answer all questions completely and honestly. All parties involved are entitled to confidentiality. Therefore, if you participate in or learn about an investigation, you must keep the matter confidential.

e. Closure of a report

Once we have concluded the investigation and determined the appropriate actions for any findings, where it is



appropriate to do so, you will be informed of the overall findings (whether or not we established that misconduct has taken place). We will endeavour to do so within 5 business days of the investigation being concluded and appropriate actions determined. However, it may not be appropriate to provide you or others with full details of the outcome of a report.

Where required under law or at OceanaGold's discretion, any person to whom the disclosure relates may also be informed of the overall findings of any investigation.

If, following an investigation, we determine that misconduct has occurred, we will take appropriate measures to address that misconduct and take any corrective action in accordance with the law and our other policies.

All materials and records relating to the investigation should be stored securely and confidentially.

6. MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions about this Policy or reporting a concern, please contact the Business Integrity team or <u>ourcodehotline.oceanagold.com</u>.

7. ACCESS TO THIS POLICY

All OceanaGold staff have access to this Policy via OceanaGold's website and internal intranet.



INFORMATION SHEET: WHISTLEBLOWING IN AUSTRALIA

The Australian law provides specific protections for those who raise concerns about certain matters. Further details about these protections and when they apply is covered below. If there is any inconsistency between this Information Sheet and the Policy, the Information Sheet applies.

1. When do the protections under Australian Law apply?

To be protected under Australian law, there are two key things to know: your complaint must be about the issues set out in the left column of the below table and you must make your complaint to one of the people in the right column of the below table:

| What must the complaint be about? | Who can the complaint be made to? |
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| Information about OceanaGold, its employees, officers and other related companies: About misconduct – e.g. fraud, negligence, breach of trust, breach of duties etc. | • An officer or senior manager of OceanaGold, for example members of the Board or Executive Leadership Team [and Whistleblower Protection Officers]. |
| • About an improper state of affairs or circumstances – e.g. behaviour or practices that may harm our business or operations. | A member of the internal or external audit team of OceanaGold.An actuary of OceanaGold or a related company. |
| • That contravenes or constitutes an offence against certain legislation – e.g. the Corporations Act 2001. | ASIC, APRA or another Commonwealth body prescribed by regulation. |
| • That represents a danger to the public or the financial system. | • A legal practitioner for the purposes of obtaining legal advice or legal representation. |
| That is a federal crime punishable by imprisonment for a period of 12 months or more. Importantly, personal work-related grievances are not protected under the law – see the body of this Policy for further details. | Journalists or Members of Parliament, but only in limited circumstances where it is an emergency or in the public interest. There is specific criteria that you need to meet before you can speak up to a journalist or a Member of Parliament – this generally requires that you have already made a complaint to ASIC, APRA or a prescribed body, given that body written notice that you intend to speak to a journalist or Member of Parliament and, in the case of a public interest disclosure, at least 90 days have passed since your original complaint. You should contact a lawyer before proceeding with this course of action to ensure you understand the requirements. |

It is important that you have reasonable grounds to suspect that the information you are making a complaint about meets the above rules – you should have some supporting information to support your complaint, but you certainly don't need to prove that it is true.

2. How will your confidentiality be protected?

Australian laws make your confidentiality a priority. It is illegal to identify a person who has made a valid complaint or disclose information that is likely to lead to their identification, unless an exception applies (for example, where you have given us your consent to do so – see the body of this Policy for more details).

OceanaGold will adopt appropriate measures to protect your identity. This might include:

- Using a pseudonym in place of your name;
- If you choose to remain anonymous, communicating with you anonymously through the Code of Conduct Hotline or an anonymized email address;



- Redacting personal information or references to you;
- Referring to you in a gender-neutral context;
- Where possible, working with you to help identify the aspects of your complaint that could inadvertently identify you;
- Appointing suitable individuals to handle and manage your complaint;
- Ensuring all paper and electronic documents and other materials relating to your complaint are stored securely;
- Limiting access to information relating to your complaint to those directly involved in managing and investigating it;
- If you consent, only disclosing your identity or information that is likely to lead to your identification to a restricted number of people; and
- Reminding each person who is involved in handling and investigating your complaint about their confidentiality obligations.

3. What protections and remedies are available?

If you make a complaint that qualifies for protection as set out above, Australian laws provide that:

- you will not be subject to any civil, criminal or administrative liability for making the complaint;
- in some circumstances (e.g., if you make a complaint to ASIC or APRA), the information you provide is
 not admissible in evidence against you in criminal proceedings or in proceedings seeking to impose
 penalties on a person or company, other than proceedings alleging that the information provided is false;
 and
- you may seek compensation and other remedies through the courts if you suffer loss, damage or injury
 because of your complaint and OceanaGold failed to take reasonable precautions and exercise due
 diligence to ensure that you do not suffer any retaliation as a consequence. It is recommended that you
 seek independent legal advice before pursuing these options.

Additional legislative protections and remedies may also be available.



INFORMATION SHEET: WHISTLEBLOWING IN NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand laws provide specific protections for those who raise concerns about certain matters. Further details about these protections and when they apply are covered below. If there is any inconsistency between this Information Sheet and the Policy, this Information Sheet applies.

1. When do the protections under New Zealand laws apply?

To qualify for protection under New Zealand laws, your complaint must meet each of the following criteria:

- a) You must be a current or former employee, contractor, secondee, volunteer, or person concerned in the management of OceanaGold;
- b) You must have reasonable grounds to believe that there is, or has been, 'Serious Wrongdoing' in or by OceanaGold (the section of this Information Sheet below provides further information on what 'Serious Wrongdoing' means); and
- c) You must make your complaint:
 - i. in accordance with this Policy;
 - ii. to the CEO or deputy head of OceanaGold; or
 - iii. to an Appropriate Authority, which includes:
 - a. the head of any public sector organisation;
 - b. any officer of Parliament;
 - c. the Police or other regulators such as the Commerce Commission, WorkSafe New Zealand, or the Financial Markets Authority; and
 - d. the membership body of a particular profession, trade or calling with the power to discipline its members.
 - iv. You must not disclose information in bad faith.

2. What is 'Serious Wrongdoing'?

Serious Wrongdoing includes anything that is done or not done in or by OceanaGold that is:

- An offence under law;
- A serious risk to public health, public safety, or the health or safety of any individual, or the environment;
- A serious risk to the maintenance of law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences or the right to a fair trial; or
- An unlawful, corrupt, or irregular use of public funds or public resources.

Note that the above is different to what is covered by the body of this Policy – only the above matters will receive the benefits and protection of New Zealand laws.

Sometimes, Serious Wrongdoing can also include 'personal grievances' in relation to your employment. However, where you wish to raise a 'personal grievance' of this nature, you should follow the process for doing so as set out in your employment agreement with OceanaGold.

3. How will your confidentiality be protected?

New Zealand laws make your confidentiality a priority. OceanaGold is required to use its best endeavours not to disclose information that might identify you unless:

- you give your consent in writing to do so; or
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that disclosure of that information is essential:
 - a. for the effective investigation of your complaint;



- b. to prevent a serious risk to public health, public safety, the health or safety of any individual or the environment;
- c. to comply with the principles of natural justice; or
- d. for an investigation by a law enforcement or regulatory agency for the purpose of law enforcement.

4. What protections and remedies are available?

If you make a complaint in accordance with the above rules, New Zealand laws provide a number of protections to you:

a. No retaliation or victimization: You are protected from retaliation and victimization in relation to making the complaint.

Retaliation includes dismissal, demotion, being subject to detriment or disadvantage (compared to others in similar work), or retirement (including requiring or causing you to retire or resign) or organising to do any of these things.

Victimization is where you receive actual or threatened unfavourable treatment (compared to others in the same or substantially similar circumstances) connected with making, intending to make, encouraging, or giving information in support of, a complaint (provided that the complaint is not knowingly false or otherwise made in bad faith).

b. Immunity from civil, criminal and disciplinary proceedings: Anyone who makes a complaint or receives a complaint that qualifies for protection as set out above is protected from being liable to any civil, criminal or disciplinary proceeding because of making or referring to the complaint.

