

## Waisoi Project Environmental Impact Assessment Dikevi ni revurevu ena veika e tu wavoliti keda ena Waisoi Project

The Namosi Joint Venture (NJV) is conducting studies and exploration to determine if a copper mine with gold by-products can be developed at Waisoi.

The proposed Waisoi mine is in the Namosi and Naitasiri provinces (Tikina Waidina) around 30 kilometres west of Suva in Fiji.

Under the *Environment Management Act (2005)*, the Waisoi Project requires an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to be undertaken to assess potential social and environmental impacts of a mine in the area.

An EIA is a common and important part of any major development process to ensure all issues are fully understood and taken into account before anything is built.

E sa vakacagau tiko ena gauna oqo na nona vakadidike o Namosi Joint Venture me vakadeitaki kina se rawa ni dola e dua nai qaqi-ni-kopa [copper mine] ka tiko kina na koula e Waisoi se sega.

E wili tiko ena Yasana o Namosi kei Naitasiri (Tikina Waidina) na vanua ka namaki tiko mena dabe kina nai qaqi-ni-kopa [mine] mai Waisoi rauta ni 30 na kilomita ena ra kei Suva e Viti Levu.

Ena ruku ni *Environment Management Act (2005)*, e vinakati kina me caka e dua na vakadidike se Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) ena Waisoi Project me kilai kina na veika e rawa ni vakacacani kei na kena yaga vei kemuni na Taukei ni qele.

Na EIA e dua na ka bibi ka dau caka wasoma ena veivakatorocaketaki lelevu kecega me rawa ni kilai taucoko kina na kena vinaka se na kena ca ni bera ni caka e dua na veivakatorocaketaki.

Water quality testing.



## EIA scope

The EIA is being conducted in accordance with the Government issued Waisoi Project EIA Terms of Reference (ToR) and the *Environment Management Act (2005)*. The Waisoi Project EIA ToR is available on the NJV website [www.njv.com.fj](http://www.njv.com.fj)

The EIA will gather a wide range of environmental and social data and information, identify potential impacts from the proposed Waisoi mine and provide options on how they could be mitigated or managed.

The environmental studies will include data gathering and analysis of soil, air, noise, ground water, waterways and ecology conditions. The social studies will assess community health, cultural heritage, traffic and transport, ecological risk, economics and other socioeconomic factors.

The final EIA report will help the Government decide if a mine at Waisoi can be developed safely and economically and in an environmentally sustainable manner.

## EIA Status

The Government, through the Department of Environment, issued the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Waisoi Project EIA in late 2011, following a series of community and stakeholder consultation sessions. NJV will be reviewing the TOR with the Government and if necessary will update them to reflect the current project footprint.

Environmental, social and cultural baseline studies have been underway with the EIA report expected to be submitted to the Fiji Government in late 2016. The EIA studies are being conducted by consultants including the Institute of Applied Sciences at the University of the South Pacific.

**The project will not proceed if the Fiji government does NOT approve the EIA. The NJV will not build the mine if it does not believe the mine could be developed and operated economically and at an appropriate environmental, social and safety standard.**

### The EIA process



## Nai lakolako ni EIA

Sa caka sara tikoga na EIA ena ruku ni tuvatuva ni Matanitu ka vakatokai tiko me Waisoi Project EIA Terms of Reference (ToR) kei na *Environment Management Act (2005)*. Na dikevi ni veika e wapoliti keda ena Waisoi Project kei na kena i tuvatuva e rawa ni laurai ena NJV website [www.njv.com.fj](http://www.njv.com.fj)

Na EIA ena vakasokumuna e levu nai tukutuku ni veika e tu wapoliti keda [environment] kei na lewe ni vanua [social], vakavotuya mai na vakacaca e rawa ni kauta mai nai qaqi-ni-kopa [mine] e Waisoi ka me laurai talega vakakina nai walewale ni kena cakacakataki se na kena cicivaki.

Na vakadidike ni veika e tu wapoliti keda e oka kina na vakasokumuni ni itukutuku matailalai [data] kei na kena dikevi na qele, cagi, rorogo, vanua suasua, veiuciwai kei nai tuvaki ni veikau. Na vakadidike ena vanua ena kovuta na tiko-bulabula e loma ni koro, na vanua vakatabui, gaunisala kei na veilakoyaki, na ririko ni vakacaca e vanua, na veika vakailavo kei na vuqa tale na nuiqawaqawa vakavanua e dau tarai keda.

Nai otioi ni ripote ni EIA ena vukea na Matanitu me vakatulewa kina se rawa me dolavi vinaka na qaqi-ni-kopa [mine] e Waisoi ka vurevure ni ilavo vinaka ka lewai vakavinaka talega na veika e tu wapoliti keda.

## Gauna Yalataki kei nai tuvatuva ni EIA

Na Matanitu, ena ruku ni Department of Environment [Tabana ni Veika e tu Wapoliti keda], e solia na Terms of Reference (ToR) se i tuvatuva ni veiqaravi me baleta na Waisoi Project EIA ena mua ni 2011, ni oti e vica na veivosaki raraba kei ira na itaukei ni qele kei na lewe ni vanua.

E sa vakacagau tiko na EIA ena gauna oqo ka namaki tiko mena soli lesu vua na Matanitu o Viti na kena ripote ena yabaki 2014.

Era vakayacora tiko na vakadidike ni EIA na kena dau ka ratou wili kina nai vakalesilesi ni Yunivesiti ni Ceva.

**Ena sega ni toso na cakacaka ke SEGA ni vakadonuya na EIA na Matanitu. Na NJV ena sega talega ni tara na qaqi ke raica ni sega ni dua na ka vinaka vakailavo e kauta mai se maudonu na veivosaki ni bula raraba, ena Vanua kei na kena taqomaki.**

## EIA consultation opportunities

Consultation and engagement with the local community and other stakeholders is an important part of the EIA process and all interested individuals and groups are encouraged to participate.

Understanding people's concerns and suggestions helps the EIA study team investigate how to manage project impacts and maximise benefits. It is important that all interested stakeholders, particularly those communities who live in or around the project area, have an accurate understanding of the proposed mine and an opportunity to ask questions or provide comments.

The EIA process includes a number of opportunities for interested stakeholders to provide their input, either through attendance at consultation and information sessions, or by submitting comments directly to the EIA team.

The EIA public consultation sessions include information on what the potential mine may look like, the proposed location of the main components including open pits, co-disposal facility, power plant, roads and bulk handling facility as well as the environmental management plans.

All feedback will be addressed in the EIA report.

### Community consultation session



## Na Veivosaki Raraba me baleta na EIA

Na bose ni veivosaki raraba [consultation] kei kemuni nai taukei ni qele kei ira era okati [stakeholders] e dua na tikina bibi ena gacagaca ni EIA ka o ni sa sureti raraba kina na lewenivanua kei kemuni na veisoqosoqo e kauwai moni vakaitavi kina.

Ni kilai vinaka na lomamuni na lewenivanua kei ira era kauwai, ena vakarawarawataka na nodratou cakacaka na timi ni EIA me ratou deuca vakamatau na kena monataki na vakacaca e rawa ni yaco ka rawa talega mai kina e levu na ka vinaka. E ka bibi gona kina me matata tiko vei ira kece na kauwai, vakabibi o kemuni na taukei ni qele oni tiko volekata na vanua ni cakacaka, na ka ena kauta mai vei kemuni nai qaqi ni kopa ka moni taro ka soli vakasama kina.

Na bose ni EIA e dua na gauna vinaka vei kemuni na kauwai tiko mai moni soli vakasama kina, ena gauna ni ciqo itukutuku kei na bose ni veivosaki raraba [consultation] se vakauta ga mai vakadodonu na nomuni nanuma vei ratou na timi ni EIA.

Na bose-ka ni veivosaki raraba ni EIA e okati tale tikoga kina nai tukutuku kece me baleta nai rairai dina ni iqaqi-ni-kopa [mine] na vanua e namaki tiko mena dabe kina na qara-bilo [open-pits], na drano ni maroroi vatu qaqi kei na wai [tailing dam], vale ni livaliva [power plant] kei na gaunisala ka vaka kina na navunavu kei na gacagaca kece sara ni kena qaravi ka maroroi ka taqomaki na veika e tu wavoliti keda [environment].

Na taro lesu kece [feedback] ena tabaki ena ripote ni EIA.