

Name.	Locality in which Operations are being carried on.	Share Capital.	British Office.
Royal Standard Gold-mines	Wharekiraupunga ..	£ 200,000	43, Threadneedle Street.
Scotty's Hauraki Gold-mining Company	Coromandel ..	100,000	63 and 64, New Broad Street.
Southern Star Gold-mines	" ..	75,000	63 and 64, New Broad Street.
Success Gold-mines	" ..	50,000	Dashwood House.
Taitapu Gold Estates	Nelson ..	175,000	9, St. Mildred's Court.
Tararu Creek Gold-mining Company	Thames ..	95,000	Dashwood House.
Thames Hauraki Goldfields	" ..	300,000	54, Old Broad Street.
Tokatea Consols	Coromandel ..	100,000	45 and 46, Broad Street Avenue.
Tokatea of Hauraki	" ..	150,000	63 and 64, New Broad Street.
Triumph Hauraki Gold-mines	" ..	100,000	Finsbury House.
Union Waihi Gold-mining Company	Waihi ..	200,000	11, Abchurch Lane.
United New Zealand Exploration	General ..	250,000	22, Austinfriars.
Victor Waihou Gold-mining Company	Karangahake ..	170,000	63 and 64, New Broad Street.
Waihi Consolidated Gold-mines	Waihi ..	200,000	39, Lombard Street.
Waihi Gold-mining Company	" ..	160,000	11, Abchurch Lane.
Waihi Grand Junction	" ..	150,000	18, Finsbury Circus.
Waihi Proprietary Company	General ..	175,000	Bishopsgate Street House, E.C.
Waihi Silverton Extended	Waihi ..	60,000	23, College Hill, E.C.
Waihi Gladstone	" ..	100,000	8, Old Jewry.
Waitaia Gold-mines	General ..	100,000	82, Gordon Street, Glasgow.
Waitekauri Consolidated Gold-mines	Waitekauri ..	120,000	Swan Chambers, E.C.
Waitekauri Central	" ..	65,000	63, New Broad Street.
Waitekauri Cross	" ..	100,000	19A, Coleman Street.
Waitekauri Extended	" ..	130,000	63 and 64, New Broad Street.
Waitekauri Gold	" ..	150,000	11, Abchurch Lane.
Waitekauri United	" ..	150,000	Finsbury House, E.C.
Whangamata Proprietary	Whangamata ..	200,000	College Hill Chambers.
Woodstock	Karangahake ..	150,000	6, Drapers' Gardens.

NORTH ISLAND.

PUHIPUHI.

The most northerly field in the Auckland District is at Puhipuhi. The locality of the reefs already discovered is in the vicinity of the Table-land, or flat top of the main range. There is, however, a tract of country between this and Helena Bay which is known to contain quartz reefs, but has hitherto not been sufficiently prospected on account of its rugged and broken nature and the dense bush with which it is covered. In the older worked portion of the field too much has been expended in experimenting with different modes of treatment, whilst exploration of the ground and opening up and prospecting reefs have been neglected. It would be wiser to ascertain what extent of ground is available, and how far the reefs and lodes may contain the metals, and what would be the value per ton, and demonstrate without doubt that sufficient quantities of ore can be readily got at, than to erect machinery and afterwards find that there was not sufficient value in the ore to cover the cost of mining and treatment. The possibilities of the district are very great; the large reefs already discovered and the character of the quartz, which in most cases carries gold and silver, show they are worthy of being thoroughly tested. It only requires a discovery of undoubted payable quartz to give an impetus to the prosecution of prospecting. The mode of treatment suitable will soon follow when the presence of valuable ore in question is determined. The following abstract shows the land held for mining purposes in this district:—

ABSTRACT of LICENSES for SPECIAL CLAIMS issued from the Warden's Office at Whangarei, in the Puhipuhi Mining District, and registered on or before the 31st March, 1897, in the Books of the Mining Registrar at Whangarei.

Date of License.	Area.	Locality.	Block.	Survey District.	Name of Claim.	Name of Registered Owner.
12/2/96	A. R. P. 100 0 0	Puhipuhi	III.	Hukerenui	No. 1 British ..	British Gold- and Silver-mining Co.
12/2/96	100 0 0	State Forest	III.	"	No. 2 British ..	"
12/2/96	94 2 12	Ditto ..	III.	"	Plymouth Rock	"
12/2/96	96 0 0	" ..	III.	"	Silver Fleece ..	"
8/7/96	100 0 0	" ..	III.	"	New Puhipuhi..	New Puhipuhi Gold-mining Co.
8/7/96	100 0 0	" ..	III.	"	North British ..	M. W. Armstrong.
8/7/96	100 0 0	" ..	III., IV.	"	Norma ..	William Carter.
8/7/96	100 0 0	" ..	III.	"	Mikado ..	British Gold- and Silver-mining Co.
8/7/96	100 0 0	" ..	III.	"	Pinafore ..	Edwin Edwards.
8/7/96	100 0 0	" ..	III.	"	Success ..	James Harrison.
8/7/96	100 0 0	" ..	III.	"	Waimarie ..	Waimarie Gold- and Silver-mining Co.
11/9/96	100 0 0	" ..	III.	"	Dr. Jim ..	Dr. Jim Gold- and Silver-mining Co.
11/9/96	100 0 0	" ..	III.	"	Cecil Rhodes ..	"
11/9/96	100 0 0	" ..	III.	"	Success Extended	James Harrison.
21/12/96	100 0 0	" ..	III.	"	North British Ext.	M. W. Armstrong.
23/12/96	100 0 0	" ..	III.	"	North Star ..	William Bailey.
23/12/96	100 0 0	" ..	III.	"	North Star Ext.	"
23/12/96	100 0 0	" ..	III.	"	Uitlander ..	George Edwin Alderton.