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Prospecting and exploration activities are used to identify the location and size of mineral deposits before possibly mining the resource.

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New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals provides the minerals industry with free, up-to-date, and extensive exploration datasets.

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Pounamu Management Areas occur in areas where alluvial gold mines are likely to uncover pounamu owned by Ngāi Tahu.

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