



## Anagold Çöpler Mine June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Incident Fact Sheet

### What Happened?

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, Anagold experienced a spill of diluted cyanide solution that contained an estimated eight (8) kilograms of cyanide from a broken pipeline on top of the heap leach. A lot more solution flowed onto the heap leach which is where it is supposed to go. However, on the 21<sup>st</sup>, the top of the heap leach over filled and a very small portion of the solution ran down one of the mine internal roads.

### Actions Taken

This spill was cleaned up immediately by digging the road up and transporting it back up to the heap leach. Hypochlorite (which is used to purify swimming pools and drinking water) was also used to neutralize in some areas.

In response to the incident, we immediately notified the relevant authorities of the event on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, and we are working closely with the provisional directorate Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change of Republic of Türkiye (Ministry) to demonstrate our full compliance with regulations and secure resumption of our Çöpler mining operations.

The representatives of the Ministry who visited the site to evaluate any potential environmental issues found that the cyanide did not reach the brook. As a result of the spill, the Ministry has paused production at the mine while we make some improvements.

## Misconceptions About Anagold Operations

**MYTH: The Çöpler Gold Mine experienced a 20-ton cyanide spill on June 21, 2022, into the river.**

FACT: Nothing flowed into the Euphrates River which is approximately 3km as the crow flies. This was stated by the Ministry in a tweet after they came to site. Approximately 20tonnes of diluted cyanide solution containing about 8kg of cyanide spilled onto an internal mine road.

**MYTH: Anagold is endangering the environment and local community.**

FACT: No process or mining waste is disposed of into the environment or river. After processing, the ground rock is called tailings, which are neutralized into harmless mud. There is no sulfuric acid in the tailings storage facility (TSF) and the cyanide is also neutralized before going to the TSF.

**MYTH: The ongoing cyanide expulsion by Anagold during the lifetime of the mine is harmful to the environment and community.**

FACT: Cyanide is not being stored in the tailings and is not released to the atmosphere.

Also claims that sulfuric acid is being stored in the TSF are false. The acid is used in the process is converted into gypsum. TSF does not store acid or cyanide.

**MYTH: Anagold should have shut down operations earlier than June 27<sup>th</sup> based on requirements by the Ministry of Environment.**

FACT: Anagold complied with requirements and directions by the Ministry. Anagold immediately notified the spill to the Ministry and subsequently, Ministry officials initiated a site investigation. Immediately on receiving notification to pause operations, Anagold commenced putting all operations into a safe shutdown state. The pause was enforced by the Ministry with an official notification on June 27<sup>th</sup> in the late afternoon.

**MYTH: The Euphrates River turned red due to a cyanide spill from Çöpler.**

FACT: No, the river did not turn red. There was no discharge of mud or solution into the river. The representatives of the Ministry who visited the site to evaluate the incident confirmed that cyanide did not reach the brook or river. The pictures circulated were taken from 2018 Çaltı River incident and has no relation with our company and its operations.