

# Acknowledgements

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Seabridge Gold Inc. (Seabridge) acquired 100% of the KSM Project in 2000, and began exploration activities in 2006. Following favourable mineral discoveries by Seabridge geologists, detailed geotechnical, engineering, and environmental studies commenced in 2008. Seabridge also began community consultation activities in 2008, and submitted its Project Description to the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office (BC EAO) in March 2008 and to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) in April 2008.

The Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate/Environmental Impact Statement (Application/EIS) for the KSM Project represents the culmination of almost five years of detailed engineering and environmental studies, conducted from 2008 until 2012, and includes information associated with the release of its most current Pre-feasibility Study (PFS), completed in June 2012. The information in the Application/EIS has been compiled to meet the requirements of the Application Information Requirements issued by the BC EAO on January 31, 2011 and of the Comprehensive Study Scope of Assessment issued by the CEA Agency in May 2010.

Under the direction of Seabridge, Rescan Environmental Services Ltd. prepared the Application/EIS, including undertaking biophysical, social, economic, heritage, and health baseline studies. Engineering and geotechnical design information was primarily undertaken by Klohn Crippen Berger Ltd., BGC Engineering Inc., Golder Associates Ltd., Moose Mountain Technical Services, McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd., and Tetra Tech. Numerous other smaller firms assisted with the design process.

Seabridge wishes to thank and acknowledge the contribution of the following consultants:

<b>Consultant</b>	<b>Contribution</b>
Rescan Environmental Services Ltd.	Environmental baseline study development and implementation, acid drainage assessment, water treatment, and primary author of the Application/EIS
Rescan Tahltan Environmental Services	Environmental baseline studies
Klohn Crippen Berger Ltd.	Geotechnical design of dams, tunnels, and water diversions
BGC Engineering Inc.	Pit slope stability and geohazard assessment
Golder Associates Ltd.	Evaluations, layouts, and costing for Mitchell and Iron Cap underground block caving studies
Moose Mountain Technical Services	Mining, mining capital, and mining operating costs
McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd.	Design of access roads, diversion ditches, and Tailing Management Facility road designs
Tetra Tech	PFS reporting, site engineering, mineral processing, operating and capital costs, and overall coordination of PFS
Bosche Ventures Ltd.	Infrastructure layouts, tunnel and rope conveyors, and pumping and piping systems

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WN Brazier Associates Inc.	Power supply, transmission lines, electrical distribution, and energy recovery plants
BKL Consultants Ltd.	Noise assessment
Thyseen Mining Services	Tunnelling concepts, layouts, and costs
SGS Canada	Mine water treatment concepts, layouts and configuration, cyanide detoxification analysis, metallurgical confirmation, and water treatment
Maxxim Analytics	Water quality sampling
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Resource Modeling Inc.	Mineral resource estimates
Stantec Consulting Ltd.	Tunnelling and tunnel construction
Industrial Forestry Services Ltd.	Occupant Licence to Cut application and timber cruise
Alpine Solutions	Avalanche assessment
JGM Management Ltd.	Construction planning and project scheduling
UBC Department of Zoology	Genetic testing of Dolly Varden

Seabridge hired the following independent technical experts to review technical aspects of the KSM Project in the following areas:

<b>Technical Expert Name</b>	<b>Contribution</b>
Iain Bruce	Tailing and water storage dams
Pete Stacey	Geotechnical (mine design, Mine Site roads, and Mine Site diversion structures)
Audra Walsh	Open pit mine designs, costs, operation, and risks
Leslie Smith	Ground water hydrology and interpretations for Mine Site, waste dumps, and dams
Stephen Day	Acid rock drainage and metal leaching, and interpretations for rock storage facilities and Mine Site
Mark Board	Block caving of Mitchell and Iron Cap underground mines
Derrick Martin	Geotechnical and design of tunnels and the Mitchell Glacier drainage collection systems
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The BC EAO and the CEA Agency organized and coordinated an environmental assessment technical working group to review the KSM Project. Seabridge wishes to acknowledge the efforts and contributions of working group members during the pre-Application/EIS stage of the KSM Project, including, but not limited to, review of various drafts of the Application Information Requirements, review of environmental-baseline-study work plans, participation and input at more than 20 working group meetings, and attendance at tours of the KSM Project site and the Highland Valley and Brenda mines.

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### Treaty Nations

- Nisga'a Lisims Government

### Aboriginal Groups/First Nations

- Tahltan Central Council and Tahltan Heritage Resources Environmental Assessment Team
- Gitanyow Hereditary Chiefs' Office
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- Gitxsan Hereditary Chiefs
- wilp Skii km Lax Ha
- Métis Nation British Columbia

### British Columbia Government

- BC EAO
- British Columbia Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
- British Columbia Ministry of Energy, Mines and Natural Gas
- British Columbia Ministry of Environment
- British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
- British Columbia Ministry of Health
- Major Projects BC

### Canadian Federal Government

- CEA Agency
- Canadian Wildlife Service
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Environment Canada
- Major Projects Management Office
- Health Canada
- Transport Canada
- Natural Resources Canada

### Local Government

- City of Terrace
- Town of Smithers
- District of Stewart

- Terrace Economic Development Authority
- Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine
- Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, Electoral Area A

### Alaska State and United States Federal Government

- Alaska Department of Natural Resources
- Alaska Department of Fish and Game
- Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
- US Department of the Interior
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- US National Marine Fisheries Service

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