APPENDIX 9-D KSM PROJECT GEOHAZARD RISK ASSESSMENT OF UPDATED FACILITY LOCATIONS





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Dear Mr. Murphy,

Re: KSM Project: Geohazard Risk Assessment of Updated Facility Locations

Please find attached a copy of the above referenced report dated December 10, 2012.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. We appreciate having the opportunity to work on such an interesting and challenging project.

Yours sincerely,

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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This report provides a geohazard and risk assessment of landslides and snow avalanches for several facilities whose locations have been revised since BGC's Rev C (June 1, 2012) geohazard and risk report was issued. The revised locations of the following facilities are included in this report:

- North seepage pond
- South seepage pond
- TMF discharge pipe
- Coulter Access Road
- Mitchell operating camp

BGC estimated order-of-magnitude likelihoods of occurrence for each geohazard and their likelihood of leading to a loss. Consequences were estimated for each geohazard scenario with respect to human safety, economic loss, environmental loss, and reputation loss to the company. The likelihood and consequence ratings for each facility were combined into a risk matrix that defines relative risk values ranging from Very Low to Very High for each facility. All geohazard risk estimates assume existing conditions (e.g. no implemented mitigation).

The results are shown in Table E-1.

Table E-1 Summary Risk Statistics for the Unmitigated Case

Facility	Process/Scenario	Direct Consequence	Risk		
TMF discharge pipe*	Snow Avalanche impact	potential injury or fatalities	High		
North seepage dam	No scenarios identified	-			
South seepage dam	Snow Avalanche impact	potential injury or fatalities	Moderate		
Mitchell Operating Camp	Snow Avalanche impact	potential injury or fatalities	High		

^{*} during construction and servicing only

Snow avalanches pose the highest relative risk due to their spatial abundance, their high frequency of occurrence, their potentially high impact forces, and the potential for avalanches to present a safety hazard.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1. General

BGC Engineering was previously retained by Seabridge Gold Inc. to complete a geohazard risk assessment for proposed facilities associated with the KSM project (BGC 2012 a, b). Since then, the proposed locations of several facilities (Table 1-1) have changed, and Seabridge requested in an email dated November 1, 2012 that BGC complete a geohazard risk assessment for the proposed new sites.

This memo summarizes the results of our assessment, based on landslide and snow avalanche mapping previously completed for the KSM Project (BGC 2012b and 2012c). No additional fieldwork was completed for this assessment. Table 1-1 lists the facilities locations that have changed, and the footprints of the proposed locations are shown on Drawings 01A - 06B.

Table 1-1.	List of	facilities	that I	have	been	relocated
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Area	Facility	Description of Change				
	TMF North seepage collection Dam	Moved 500 m downstream				
TMF	South Seepage Collection Dam	Moved 500 m downstream				
	TMF discharge pipe	Added from TMF to Treaty Creek				
Coulter Creek access road		Access road moved 500 m east at kilometer 7.5				
Minesite	Mitchell operations camp	added to layout				

1.2. Report Objective and Work Scope

Rescan provided drawings titled KSM project Mine Site Area End of Operation dated Oct. 17, 2012, and KSM Project Processing and Tailing Management Area, End of Operation dated October 24, 2012.

The scope of work included:

- summarizing terrain and geohazards for each proposed updated facility location;
- identifying geohazard risk scenarios with the potential to impact particular facilites locations; and
- assessing semi-quantitatively geohazard risk for identified scenarios.

Hazard and risk-assessment methodologies used for the relocated facilities are similar to those applied to other proposed permanent facilities in BGC (2012 a,b). The reader should refer to BGC (2012a,b) for description of methodology and limitations of assessment. The work scope does not include an engineering geologic assessment of foundation conditions for the purpose of foundation design.

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2.0 TERRAIN AND GEOHAZARD DESCRIPTIONS

2.1. Tailings Management Area

2.1.1. North Seepage Collection Dam and Seepage Collection Pond

The North Seepage Dam is has been moved 500 m north to a position about 2.0 km north of the North Dam Crest (Drawing 1a and 1b). No avalanche or landslide geohazards were identified at this location. Based on air photo interpretation, the dam footprint extends across a steep, bedrock-controlled, V-shaped valley bottom partially overlain by thin (< 1 m) colluvium. No active landslides were identified on air photos; however slopes in the vicinity of the dam footprint are undercut by gully and fluvial erosion and may be subject to localized instability above the creek channel.

2.1.2. Southeast Seepage Collection Dam and Seepage Collection Pond

The Southeast Seepage Dam has been moved 500 m south to a position 2.0 km downstream of the South Dam (Drawings 2a and 2b). The southwest boundary of the dam footprint is immediately adjacent to the runout of an avalanche path to the west. Avalanches are not expected to be a hazard to the collection dam or the pond. There is potential for hazard to personnel during construction and serving, depending on the location of worksites. No other avalanche or landslide geohazards have been identified at this location.

2.1.3. TMF Discharge Pipe

The TMF discharge pipe runs from the north cell of the TMF to Treaty Creek. From the north cell to the Southeast Dam the pipe replaces the South Diversion Channel. From the Southeast Dam the pipe parallels the North Treaty road and North Treaty Creek to Treaty Creek (Drawings 2a and 2b). The pipe crosses avalanche paths between the Southeast Dam and Treaty Creek. These could be a hazard during construction or servicing. No geohazards were identified that could impact a buried pipe.

2.2. Coulter Creek

The Coulter Creek access road was relocated approximately 500 m east at kilometer 7.5 to the base of a talus slope to avoid a wet area. The proposed road now passes through a polygon that was originally mapped as slope stability V due to rock fall. The terrain stability mapping was re-examined in light of field visits, and the Class V polygon was split into Class V at the top of the slope where the rock fall initiates, and Class IV at the base where the rock fall is deposited (Drawing 3a and 3b). The new road alignment traverses the new Class IV polygon. It will be subject to rockfall in this area. A minor adjustment was made to terrain polygon 479, to move the boundary to the crest of a small ridge that more accurately marks the edge of the Class V terrain (Drawing 4).

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2.3. Minesite

2.3.1. Mitchell Operations Camp

This camp is located on the north side of Sulphurets Creek approximately 600 m west of Gingrass Creek (Drawings 5a and 5b). No landslide geohazards were identified with the potential to impact the camp location. However the structures at the western edge of the camp are adjacent to a slump in thick colluvial material. The western edge of the camp footprint extends near an avalanche path runout area and could be subject to avalanche mass or powder impact. A small gully located to the north is capable of producing wet flowing avalanches. The analysis completed suggests it does not reach the camp footprint, but this is subject to field confirmation.

3.0 GEOHAZARD RISK ESTIMATES

3.1. General

This section discusses risk to proposed changed facilities locations (Table 1-1) from the geohazards described in Section 2. The assessment is based on the estimated likelihood that a geohazard event will occur and impact a facility with a particular level of consequence. The assessment methodology is similar to that described in BGC (2012a, b). Criteria used to evaluate the risk, as well as limitations of the assessment, are described in those reports. In summary, the methodology involves:

- 1. Defining geohazard risk scenarios that could potentially result in specific undesirable outcomes.
- Estimating the probability of a geohazard resulting in a specific undesirable outcome for each defined geohazard scenario. This is based on the estimated likelihood that the geohazard will occur and reach the element at risk when the element is present within the hazard zone.
- 3. Estimating the consequences from the undesirable outcome of the geohazard scenarios, in the categories of Safety, Environment, Economic, and Reputation.
- 4. Combining the probability of undesirable outcome with the severity of potential consequences via a semi-quantitative risk matrix to arrive at a risk ranking, ranging from Very Low to Very High for each potential consequence.

All geohazard risk estimates assume existing conditions (e.g. no implemented mitigation).

3.2. Results

Results of the risk assessment are summarized in Table 3-1 and tabulated in more detail in Appendix A. The table is structured similarly to Appendices D and B in BGC 2012a and 2012b, respectively, and a more detailed description of each column is provided in the results section of these reports.

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Mitchell Operating Camp Snow Avalanche impact		potential injury or fatalities	High	

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4.0 CLOSURE

We trust the above satisfies your requirements at this time. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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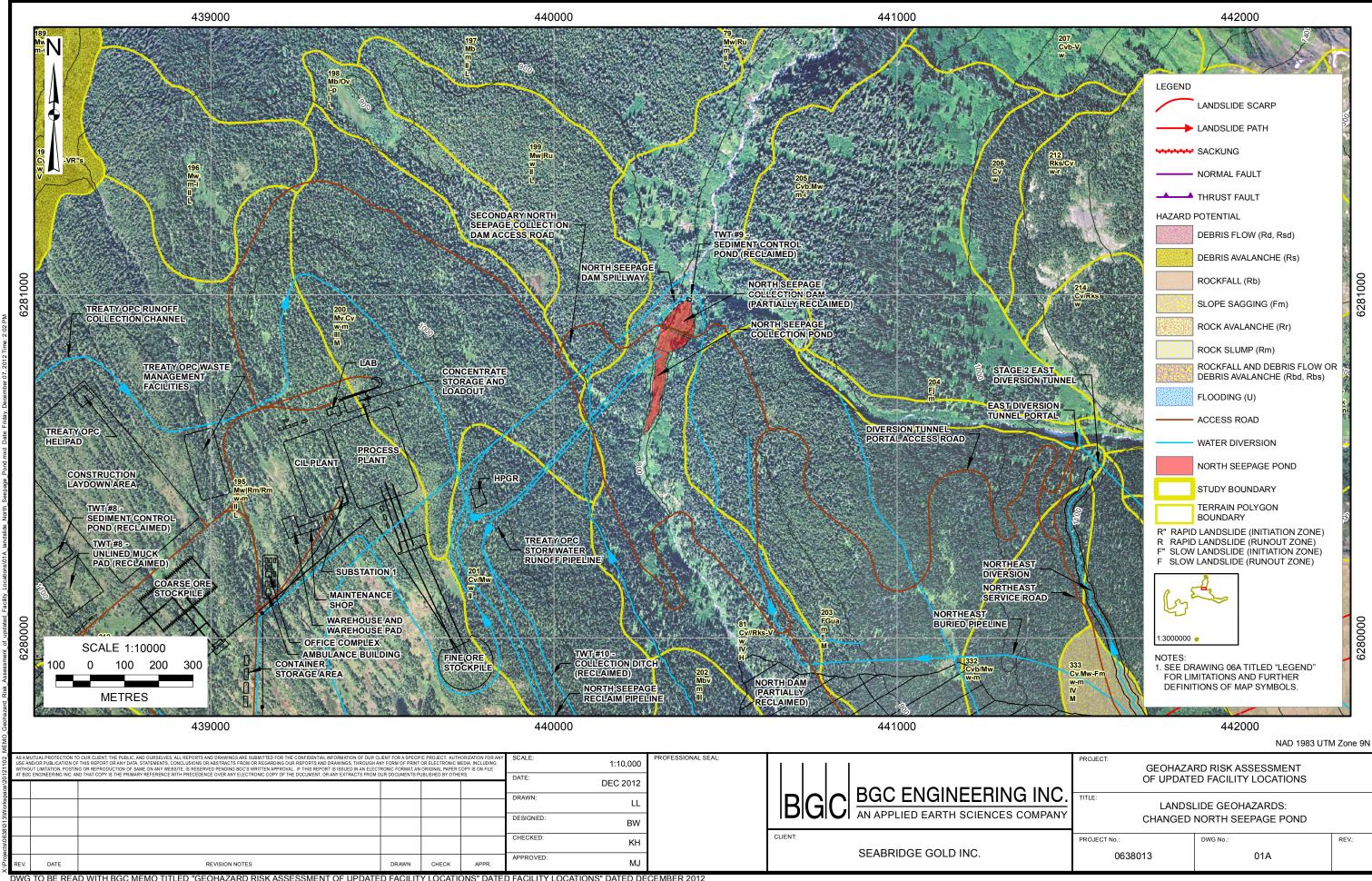
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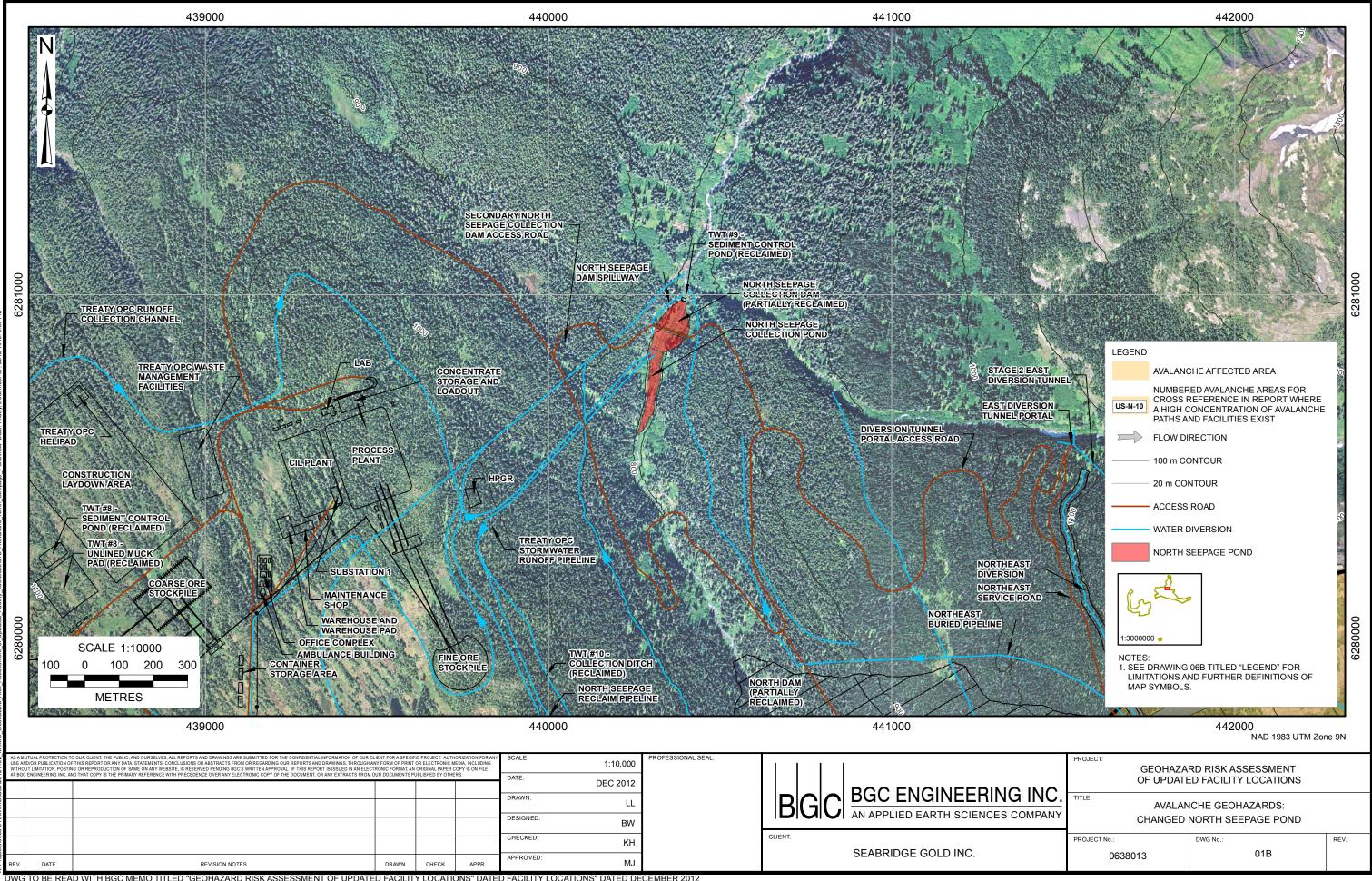
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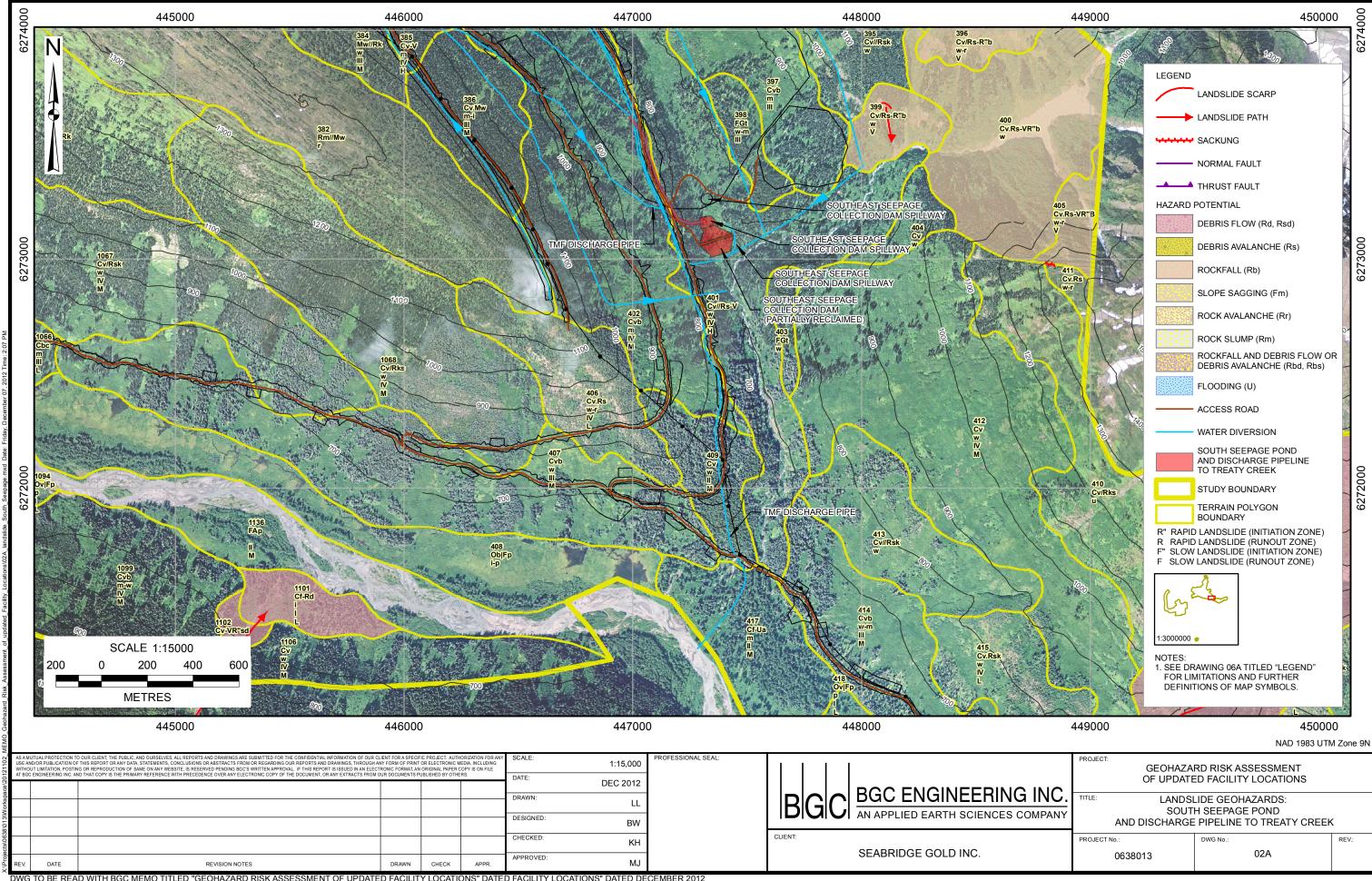
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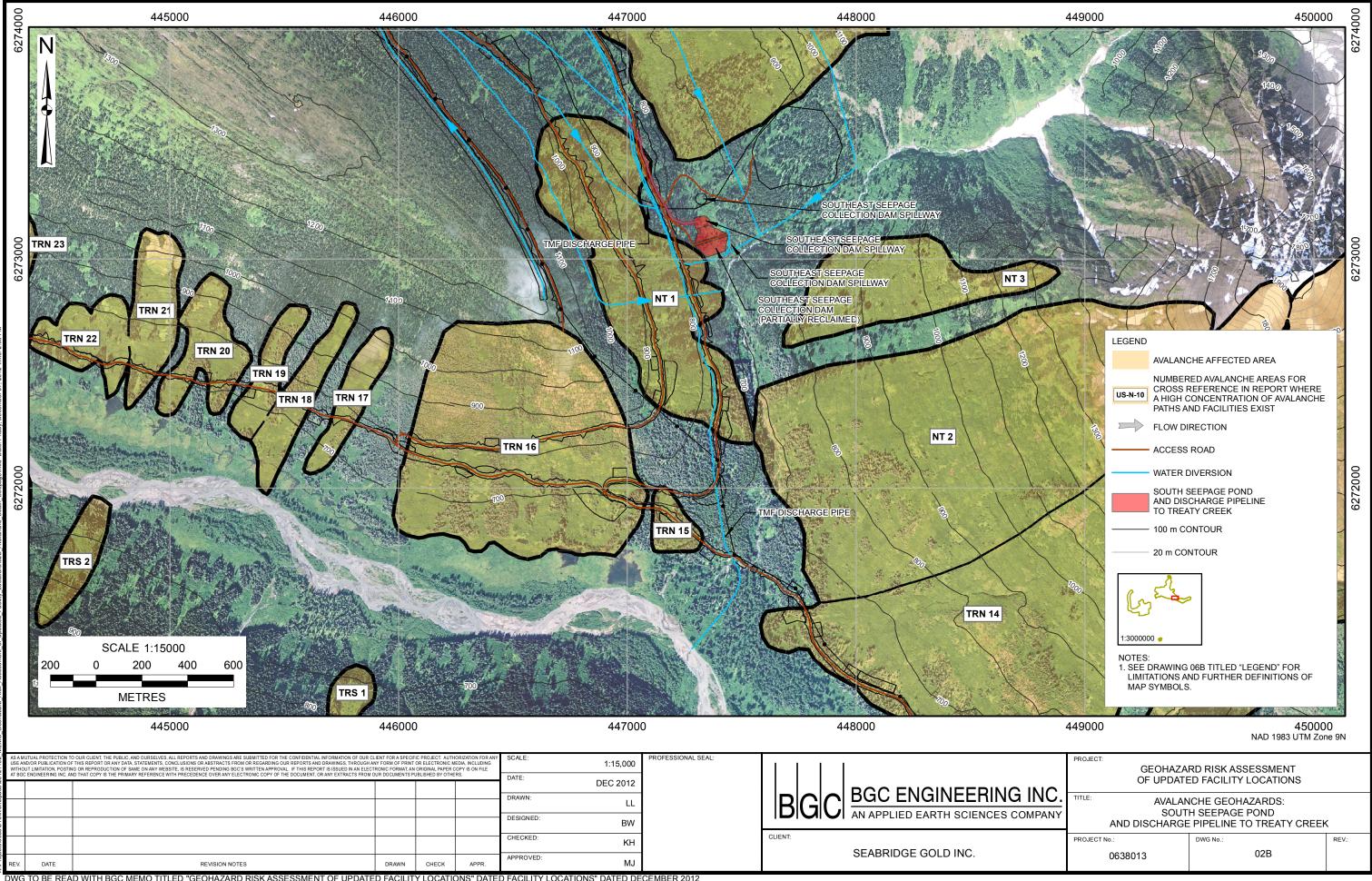
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Facility	Process/Scenario	Direct Consequence	F _(min)	F _(max)	P _{S:H}	P _{T:H}	٧	P _(min)	P _(max)	Likelihood	Safety	Environment	Economic	Reputation	Max Cons.	RISK
TMF discharge pipe*	Snow Avalanche impact	potential injury or fatalities	0.1	1	1	0.01	1	0.001	0.01	Unlikely	2	5	3	3	2	High
North seepage dam	No scenarios identified	-	-	-	-	-	ı	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South seepage dam	Snow Avalanche impact	potential injury or fatalities	0.01	0.1	1	0.01	1	0.0001	0.001	Very Unlikely	2	5	3	3	2	Moderate
Mitchell Operating Camp	Snow Avalanche impact	potential injury or fatalities	0.5	1	1	0.01	1	0.005	0.01	Unlikely	2	5	3	3	2	High

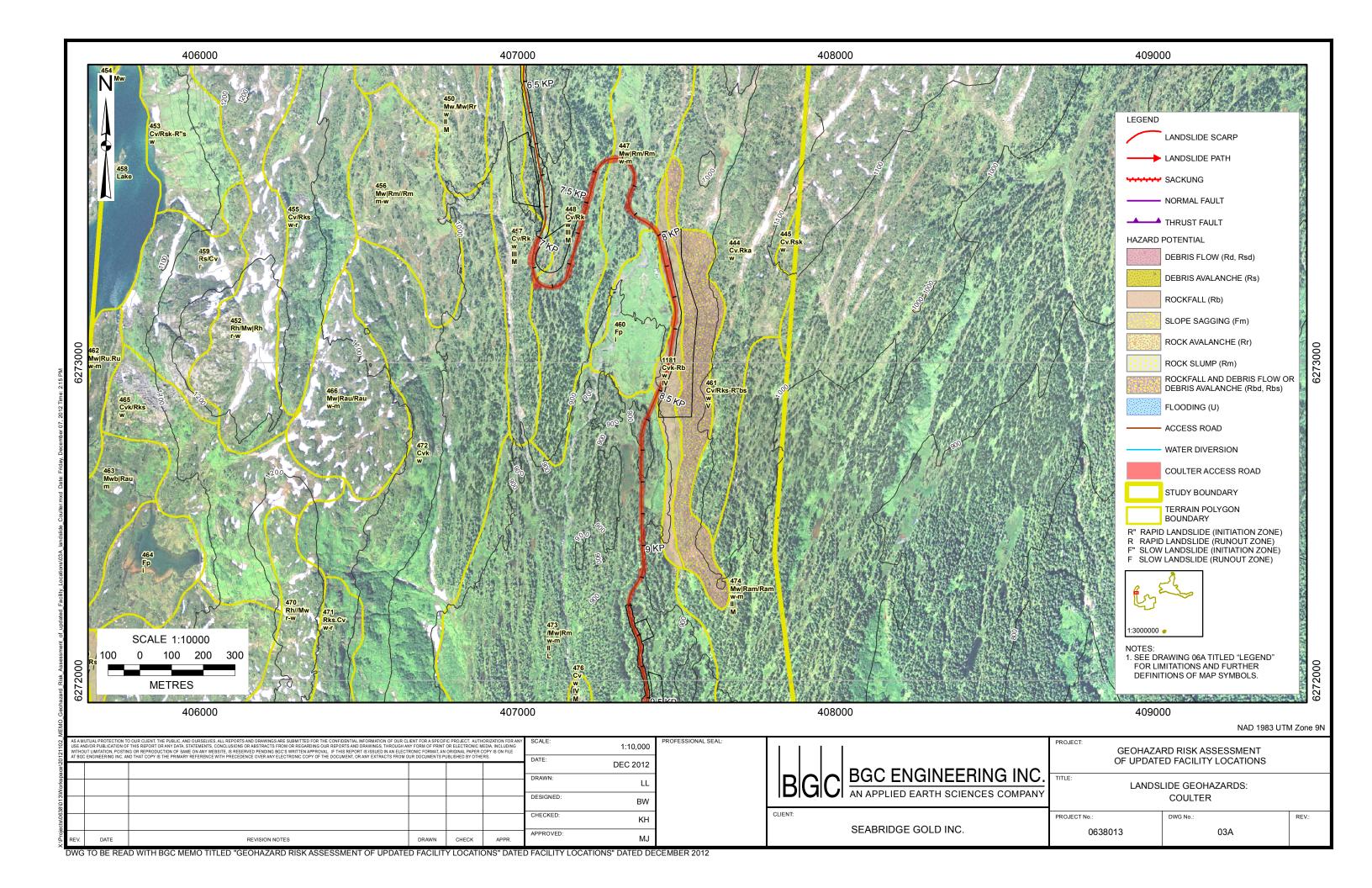
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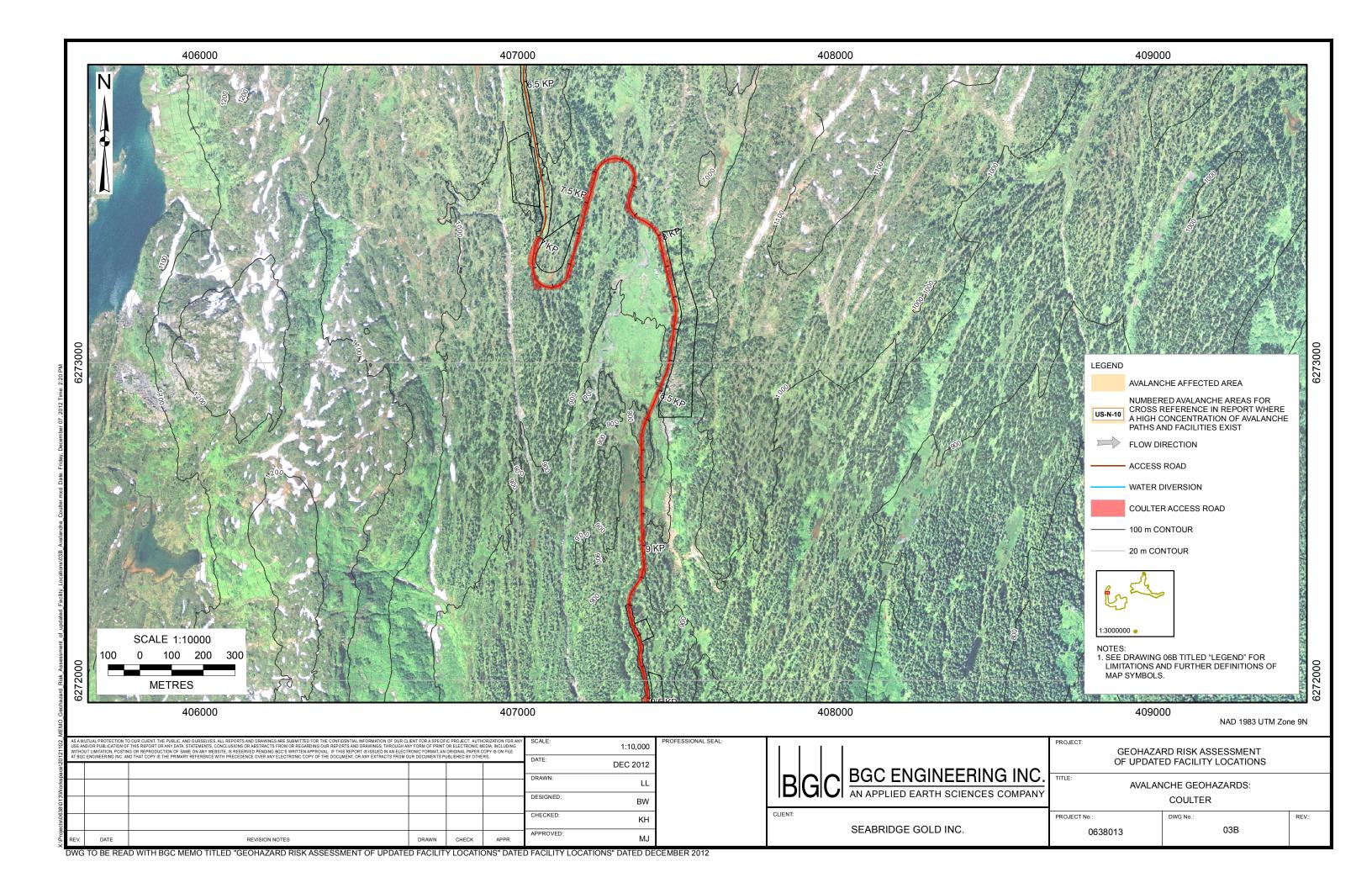


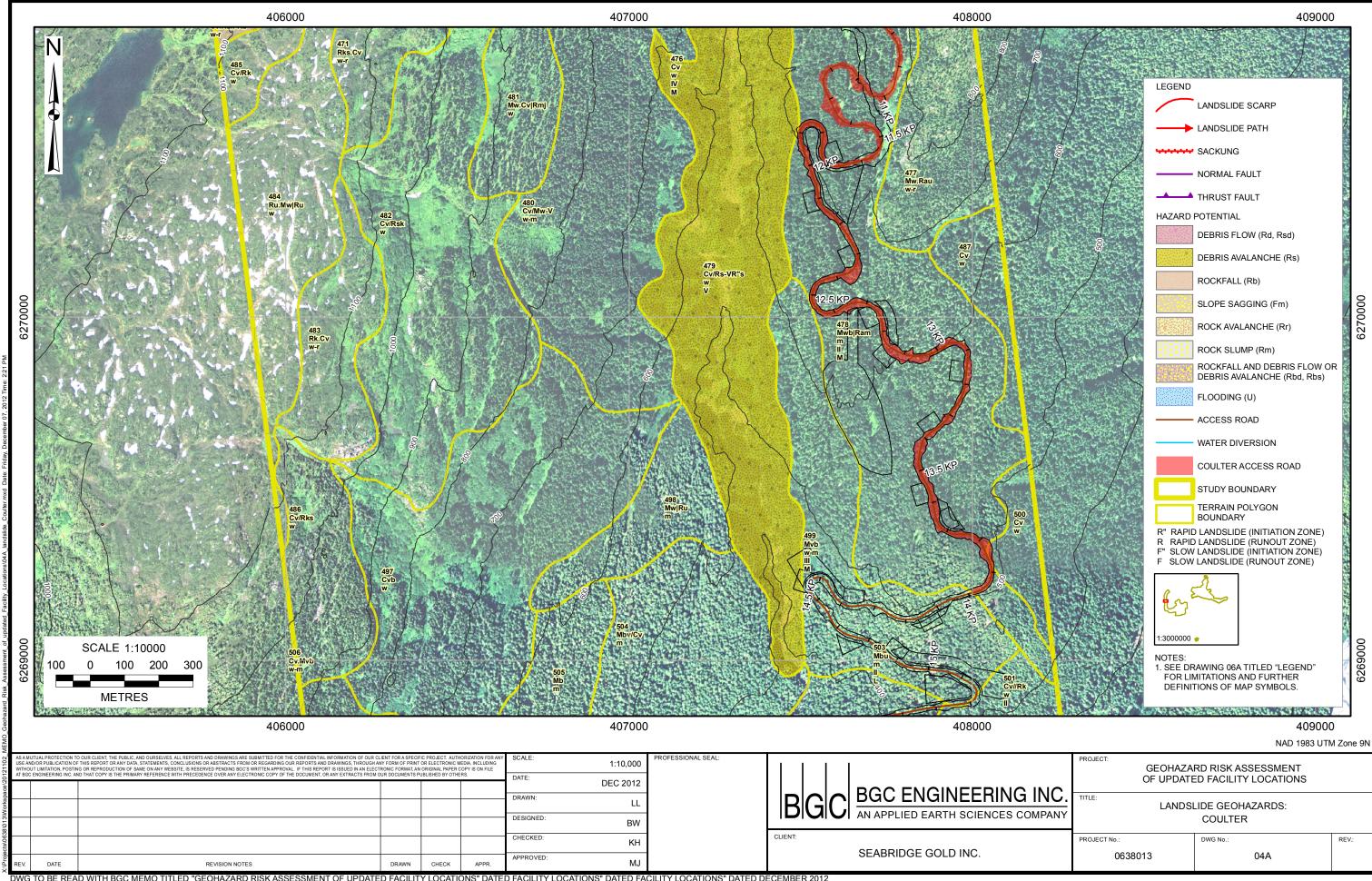


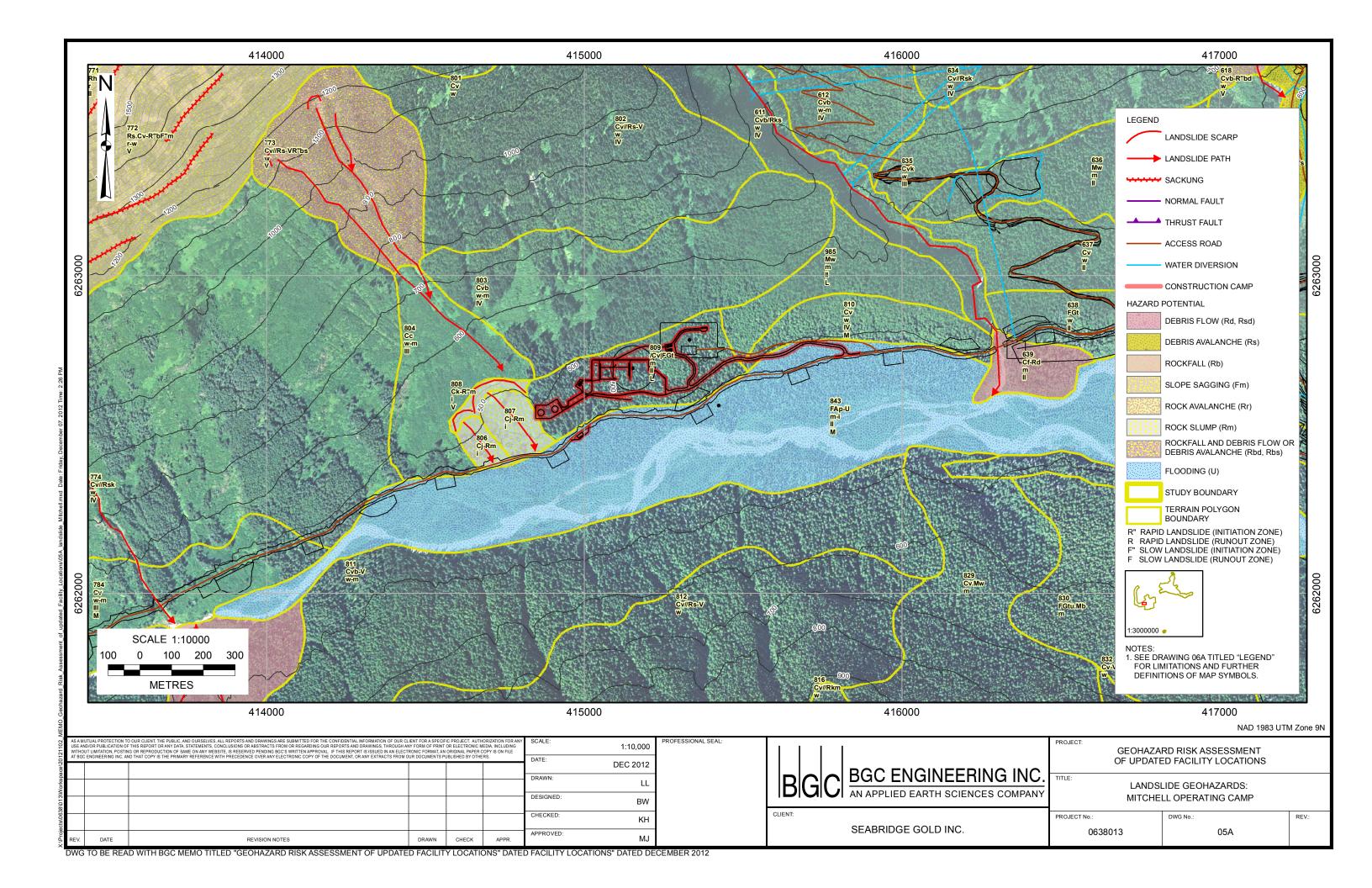


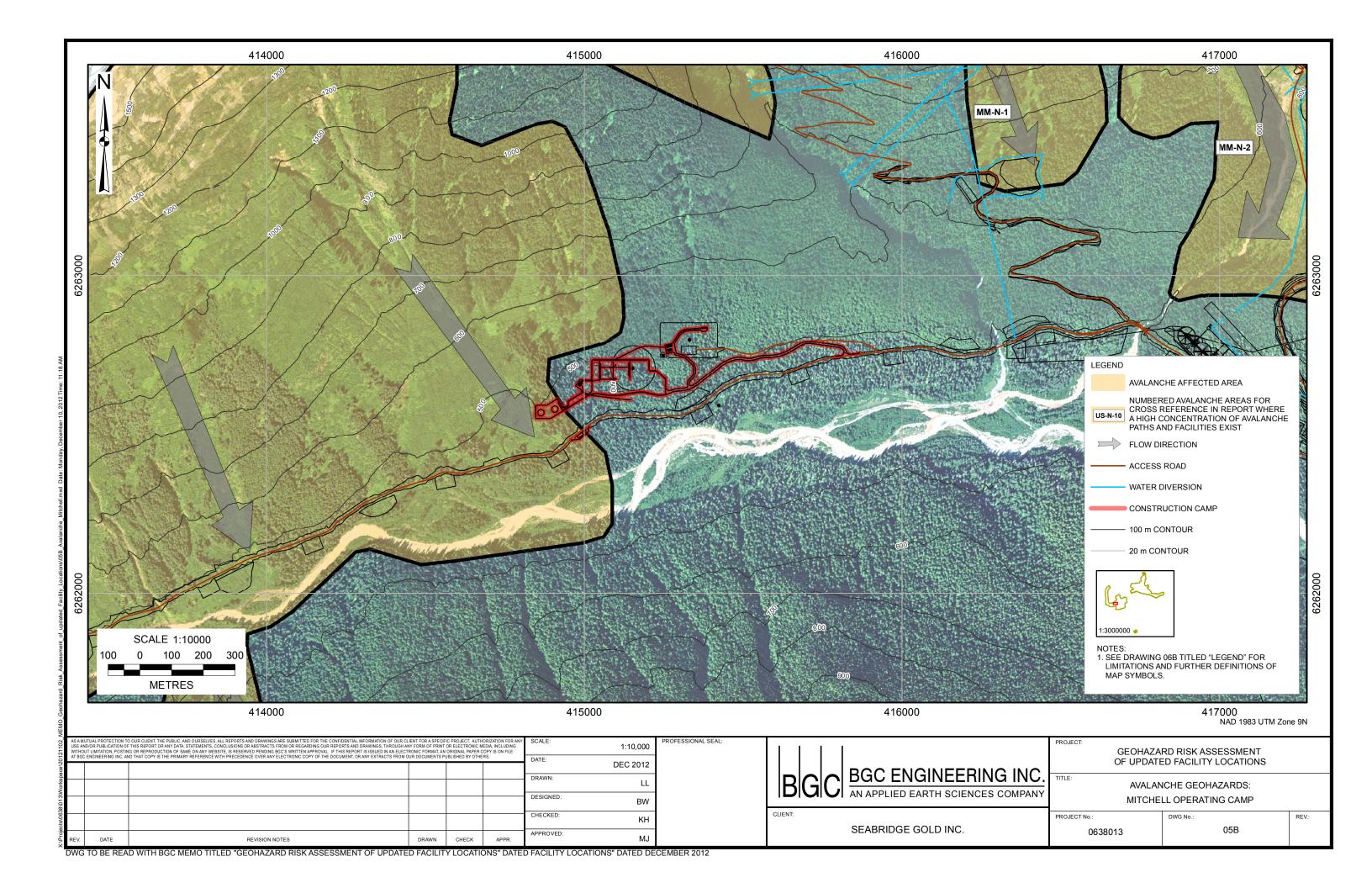












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REVISION NOTES

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POLYGON LABELS

LEGEND

CHANGED FEATURE

AVALANCHE AFFECTED AREAS

NUMBERED AVALANCHE AREAS FOR CROSS REFERENCE IN REPORT WHERE A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF AVALANCHE PATHS AND FACILITIES EXIST

⇒ FLOW DIRECTION

—— ACCESS ROAD

WATER DIVERSION

— 100 m CONTOUR

20 m CONTOUR

NOTES:

- 1. THIS MAP SHOULD BE READ WITH THE ACCOMPANYING REPORT.
- 2. AVALANCHE HAZARD INTERPRETATIONS WERE PROVIDED BY ALPINE SOLUTIONS AVALANCHE SERVICES LTD.
- 3. GENERAL ARRANGEMENT PROVIDED BY RESCAN ON NOVEMBER 2, 2012.
- 4. SMALL AVALANCHE PATHS (SIZE ≤ 2) EXIST OUTSIDE THE AREAS DELINEATED BUT THOSE ARE TOO SMALL TO BE MAPPED AT THIS SCALE.
- 5. AVALANCHE AFFECTED LOCATIONS MAY BE AFFECTED BY MORE THAN ONE PATH. DOTTED LINES WITHIN SELECTED AVALANCHE AFFECTED AREAS INDICATE APPROXIMATE INDIVIDUAL PATH BOUNDARIES WITHIN AREAS THAT OVERLAP.
- 6. AVALANCHE ZONES ARE MAINLY SHOWN IN THE STUDY AREA IN WHICH FACILITIES ARE PROPOSED. ANY NEW FACILITIES OR RELOCATION OF EXISTING FACILITIES SHOULD BE RE-EXAMINED WITH RESPECT TO AVALANCHE HAZARDS
- 7. THIS MAP IS A SNAPSHOT IN TIME. CHANGES IN TOPOGRAPHY THROUGH FILL PLACEMENT, CUTSLOPES, GLACIAL RETREAT OR ADVANCE, LANDSLIDING AS WELL AS TREE REMOVAL MAY REQUIRE REDRAWING OF AVALANCHE ZONES IN THOSE AREAS.

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