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THE FIRST OF MANY TRACKS

Richard Beck makes his first tracks after winning the inaugural First Tracks Contest at Hudson Bay Mountain on opening day, Nov. 23.

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The 100th Anniversary Celebration Belongs To All Residents, Past and Present

In order for the host of activities planned for New Years (First Night) and the Homecoming Week (August 2 to 10) the Centennial Planning Committee is currently soliciting sponsors. Thanks to the Bulkley Valley Credit Union for its donation of \$10,000 and to All-West Glass for its donation of \$8000. Thanks also to other sponsors, The Town of Smithers, Tourism Smithers, Spark Design, BV Printers, the Interior News and the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce.

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For all the news and events to date please visit: smithers2013.com. You're also welcome to plan or be a part of an event for the Centennial by calling Gladys Atrill, 250-877-2290 and giving her your ideas. For souvenirs, t-shirts, calendars (they're awesome), golf shirts and shopping bags there's a host of sizes for sale at the Smithers Visitor Centre and Chamber of Commerce office in Central Park. Calendars are just \$10 and make great gifts for employees or stocking stuffers. They're going fast and its been a pleasure to greet so many locals at the Visitor Centre as they come in to pick up their calendars for family and friends."



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ON THE ROAD ACROSS THE NORTHWEST

The Seabridge Gold team attended 13 events in 37 days this fall to talk about the KSM Project in local communities across the northwest.

First stop was Smithers on September 11, to provide Mayor and Council with a KSM Project update and opportunity for questions. That same night, Seabridge hosted an Open House at the Northwest Community College for the public to come and learn about KSM and – if it's approved – what it will mean for Smithers and its surrounding communities.

A few days later (following a two-day technical working group meeting in Smithers with Provincial, Federal, First Nations and Nisga'a representatives), it was like déjà vu as the team rolled into Terrace to meet with Terrace's Mayor and Council, followed by an evening Open House at the Waap Galts'ap Community House at Northwest Community College's Terrace campus.

"One of the things we like about meetings like these is they give us an opportunity to hear directly from communities about what residents think about the KSM Project," says Elizabeth Miller, Seabridge's Manager, Environmental Affairs, who works in the KSM Project office in Smithers. "The most frequent comments we hear at every event relate to jobs and training, and how people can prepare for employment opportunities if mining projects like KSM are approved."

Miller continues, "There are more than 120 different occupations to choose from in mining which means jobs to suit many, at every skill level. If KSM gets approved, we'll be able to start hiring people.

But that's still at least a couple of years down the road, so we've created information about jobs in mining to help people understand what's involved in the work, and what skills training they'll need to do in order to be prepared when the opportunities come up."

On October 14, Miller and her colleagues headed north for two days of community information sessions in Telegraph Creek, Dease Lake and Iskut.

Then, on October 17 back in Smithers, Brent Murphy, Seabridge's VP, Environmental Affairs was part of a panel discussion on mining development at the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Business Forum. The next day, Murphy headed to Stewart to meet with the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer, while Miller presented at the Annual Gitksan Summit in Hazelton and then hopped in the car to drive to Stewart to meet up with her colleagues for an evening Open House at the Rec Centre.

"It was a tiring few weeks and a lot of driving, but was very worthwhile," says Miller. "Many people across northwestern BC have some kind of connection to mining – because they work or have worked on projects, or because their friends and family are involved with the industry in some way. On the road, we get to share our stories about working in the industry, as well as information about KSM, and we get to hear other people's stories too."

To access information about careers in mining, visit www.ksmproject.com/project/working-at-ksm/.



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