

THREE RIVERS REPORT

Gitxsan Chief says no to LNG money

From OFFERS on Front

Rustad said the letter was sent to 60 hereditary chiefs. "When we are engaging with these nations we want to make sure that everyone has all the information in terms of discussions that are going on so that no one is surprised by it."

However, one recipient of the proposal, Hereditary

Chief William Blackwater, Sr., said some of the other chiefs he talked to never got the letter – which was dated June 25.

He thinks he got the letter by mistake but he isn't interested in the proposal anyways.

"As a chief of a major Gitxsan house we are not interested in negotiating a treaty

of any type. The days of treaty making are over."

Blackwater said the deal is an insult and he did the math. Twelve million divided by each member of the Gitxsan works out to about \$1,400 each and about \$366 per square kilometre.

"No pipeline of any sort will ever cross my territory. The risk to a lifestyle that has

existed for hundreds and hundreds of years is just too great."

He said if construction is forced through, they are interested in long term benefits based upon the value of the product flowing through the pipe.

Blackwater will be meeting with other chiefs on July 30 to discuss the matter further.

He has already sent a letter back to Laurel Nash, the chief negotiator for the lands branch of the ministry of aboriginal relations and reconciliation stating he is not interested in the offer.

He also wrote that the signing bonus is rejected and he will not be pressured into taking action on arbitrary deadlines.



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The KSM Project: Responsible Development

The KSM Project achieves significant milestones

June and July have been eventful months for Seabridge Gold's KSM Project, marked with several positive achievements for the proposed gold-copper-silver-molybdenum mine located 65 kilometers north of Stewart.

The first highlight was the BC Environmental Assessment Office referral of the KSM Project Environmental Assessment (EA) application to the BC Minister of Energy and Mines and the BC Minister of Environment for a decision. The Ministers have until August 4, 2014 to decide whether to issue an EA Certificate, decline to issue an EA Certificate or order that further assessment be conducted. Seabridge looks forward to sharing the Ministers' decision with you in its next story.

The second highlight was the release by the federal Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) of its comprehensive report on KSM which has been submitted for Ministerial decision at the federal level. The report finds that the KSM Project is likely to have no significant adverse environmental effects. A federal decision is expected this fall.

These referrals represent more than six and a half years of work and effort from an extended group of people including Seabridge staff and consultants, Treaty and First Nations, provincial and federal government officials, US and State of Alaska regulators and community members. Seabridge is grateful for everyone's contribution to undertaking a thorough and comprehensive EA process.

Recognizing positive Treaty and First Nation relations

Seabridge has worked hard to ensure Treaty and First Nations involvement in the EA process. This effort was recently recognized by two positive events.

The first was establishment of a Benefits Agreement with Nisga'a Nation that institutes a long-term co-operative relationship between Seabridge and the Nisga'a Nation under which the Nisga'a Nation will support development of the Project, participate in economic benefits from the Project and provide ongoing advice. The Agreement includes commitments by Seabridge regarding jobs and contracting opportunities at the KSM Project, education and training, financial payments and a framework for



KSM Working Group members participating in one of the many meetings during the Environmental Assessment process.

working together on ongoing development matters. This comprehensive agreement also addresses concerns expressed by the Nisga'a Nation around the potential environmental and social impacts of the KSM Project.

The second was an agreement established with the Gitanyow Wilps represented by the Gitanyow Hereditary Chiefs Office (the "Gitanyow Huwilp"). Under the agreement, Seabridge agrees to provide funding for certain programs relating to wildlife, fish and water quality monitoring to address some of the concerns raised by the Gitanyow Huwilp, as well as for a committee to establish a means of maintaining communications about KSM Project related issues.

Regulatory process next steps

As part of the regulatory process, Seabridge will be holding community information sessions in northwestern BC in August to discuss the KSM Project, including the tailings management facility's (TMF) location, explain how the TMF's dam structure has been designed and share how fish habitat and aquatic life will be protected.

Watch for notices in your community papers for the dates and locations of the meetings for your opportunity to learn more. You can also visit the project website www.ksmproject.com and the Smithers and Dease Lake community offices for more information and news.



Learn more about the KSM Project

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