

KSM Project: A Fall Update



Set up for the Open House in Gingolx



A few group members on the water treatment plant tour

It has been a busy fall for Seabridge Gold, the company proposing to build the KSM Project, a copper-gold-silver-molybdenum mine located 65 kilometers northwest of Stewart, BC. From spending time in local communities, to receiving several important permits, to a successful exploration session at camp, the highlights of our fall are detailed in this article.

Connecting with the Community

This fall offered the Seabridge team a chance to connect with the community, provide an update on the KSM Project and answer questions from the public. The Seabridge team, which contained experts on fisheries, water quality, wildlife and tailings dams, participated in 10 open houses across the northwest. Over a two week period, we met with community members in Iskut, Dease Lake, Telegraph Creek, Gitlaxt'aamiks, Gitwinksihlkw, Laxgalts'ap, Gingolx, New Hazelton and Terrace. The meetings were hosted by Environment Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada. We talked to individuals (and the occasional school group) about the KSM Project, and the high standards to which it will be built.

"We had great conversations with locals who were interested in learning about the benefits, and risks, of an operating mine in northwest BC," says Elizabeth Miller, Seabridge Gold's Environmental Manager. "Residents had questions on fish and fish habitat, wildlife populations, air quality and water quality. And there were many questions about jobs, specifically where the 1,800 construction workers and 1,040 full time staff would be hired from."

Tailings Dams

Understandably, a question that was also asked in the communities was how Seabridge is going to ensure the safety of the tailings dam at KSM, once constructed. Seabridge is committed to the safe construction, operation, and closure of the KSM project and have

taken several steps to ensure this commitment is kept.

- The tailing facility and dams have been designed by an internationally recognized engineering firm Klohn Crippen Berger Ltd.
- The tailings facility at KSM is contained within a naturally confining valley, and will be operated as a discharge facility.
- For the recently completed environmental assessment review, an independent review of the tailings design had been conducted by Iain Bruce of BGC Engineering Inc. to make certain the facility design is both safe and robust.
- Seabridge is currently assembling an independent panel of experts to fully review the tailing dam design throughout the construction, operation and closure.

"As always, the open houses were a positive experience. It has been great to meet and talk with people from so many different parts of the northwest to be able to answer questions face to face. We look forward to the next time we are hold community sessions. But we welcome questions anytime," Elizabeth adds.

Construction Permits

In late September, the KSM project received early-stage construction permits from the Province of British Columbia. The permits issued include:

1. Authority to construct and use roadways near Coulter Creek and Treaty Creek;
2. Rights-of-way for the proposed Mitchell-Treaty tunnels connecting project facilities;
3. Permits for constructing and operating numerous camps required to support construction activities; and
4. Permits authorizing early-stage construction activities at the mine site and tailings management facility.

Receiving these construction permits affirms the value of early and extensive consultation.

The permits would not have been possible without the important contributions of the Nisga'a Nation and First Nations. The Provincial Government, too, has supported the KSM Project and we are grateful for the diligence of the officials from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Operations, the Ministry of the Environment, and the Ministry of Energy and Mines.

Environmental Assessment Certificate Conditions

Seabridge has also been working closely with regulators and Treaty and First Nations to achieve several EA conditions, as illustrated by a recent tour at a water treatment plant with members of the Gitanyow First Nation, Nisga'a Treaty Nation and Tahltan First Nation and regulators from BC Ministry of Energy and Mines, Ministry of Environment and Environment Canada.

Another Successful Exploration Session at KSM Camp

The Seabridge camp has now closed for the winter after being operated over a 5 month time period. The exploration program drilled approximately 30,000m and the early indications are that this year's program successfully added to resources. We look forward to seeing everybody back when the exploration camp reopens in spring 2015.

Next Steps

After receiving provincial approval on July 30, 2014, Seabridge is now focused on obtaining the Federal approval, and the remaining approximately 100 additional operating permits, strategic partnerships and project financing prior to commencing construction.

Answers to the questions asked by residents and more information about the project are available at www.ksmproject.com.



Learn more about the KSM Project

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