



**GITXSAN TREATY SOCIETY**  
**OFFICE OF THE GITXSAN HEREDITARY CHIEFS**

September 4, 2013

BC Environmental Assessment Office  
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Attention: Chris Hamilton-Executive Project Director, BC EAO

Dear Mr. Hamilton,

The Gitksan have lived on the Gitksan traditional territory since creation. Our territory is an area of 33,000 square kilometers in northwest British Columbia. It is a land of rugged, glacier-capped mountains, lush forests and swiftly flowing rivers heavily influenced by the north Pacific Ocean climate. The geological mountain-building processes that have shaped the land over time have resulted in the formation of numerous mineral deposits such as gold, silver and copper. Gitksan rights and title to its traditional land are inextinguishable.

The land that has sustained us in the past will sustain us in the future. In these times, the Gitksan people want to benefit more effectively from their natural resources. With this in mind, we, the Gitksan people are in support of Seabridge Gold's KSM Project located within Gitksan traditional territory in Northwest British Columbia.

In our dealings with Seabridge Gold representatives, we have found them to be open, honest and transparent. Over the last five years, they have gone out of their way to visit with us and to explain the project and its impacts on us. It is clear to us that Seabridge is committed to the community, to First Nations and to the Gitksan people. We believe the KSM project will bring jobs and economic benefits to our people and communities, for the life of the mine and beyond. Please consider our support and the positive economic impact this project would have on our people when making your project approval decision.

Sincerely

Oo'yee (Cliff Sampare)  
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Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency  
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