

SEABRIDGE GOLD

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Via Email

Dear Ms. Lavoie,

Re: September 8, 2016 Article: Owner of Acid Leaking Tulsequah Chief Mine goes into receivership

I read your recent *De Smog Blog* article, *Owner of acid leaking Tulsequah Chief Mine goes into receivership* with interest. I do however wish to correct the record with regard to the quote you used from Mr. Zimmer of Rivers Without Borders “*If B.C. can’t ensure that the Tulsequah Chief is cleaned up, why should Alaskans have any trust that much larger mines like KSM won’t pollute our waters?*”

Prior to permits for construction being issued by the Province of British Columbia, Seabridge Gold, owner of the KSM Project, as a condition of the Mines Act (Sections 10.4 and 10.5), will be required to provide a bond as financial security for all or part of the outstanding costs associated with mine reclamation and protection of land, watercourses and cultural resources.

In addition to the bond for financial security provided to the BC Government, Seabridge Gold has allocated sufficient funding for water treatment and monitoring once mining has been completed in an estimated 52 to 55 years, within its financial model associated with the project. This model was presented in KSM’s 2012 Preliminary Feasibility Study which was posted on the SEDAR website.

I am surprised that Mr. Zimmer would make such a misleading statement reading the KSM Project. I am confident he is fully aware that the modern Mines Act in British Columbia requires a bond for financial security and this security will address future water treatment at KSM.

I am also somewhat disappointed that as a professional journalist you did not take advantage of my previous invitation to contact me to provide additional information with regard to the KSM Project. This invitation remains open so please do not hesitate to contact me next time you write about the KSM Project as I would be happy to provide you with additional information.

Regards



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