

# KSM MINING ULC

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Via Email: [gregk@skeenawild.org](mailto:gregk@skeenawild.org)

Attention: Mr. Greg Knox,  
Executive Director, SkeenaWild Conservation Trust

Dear Mr. Knox:

**Re: Inaccurate information about the location of KSM Project's tailings management facility**

I am writing to address the inaccuracies in your Letter to the Editor published in the *Juneau Empire* on September 14, 2021, titled 'Mining industry claims don't hold water.'

In this article you incorrectly stated the proposed tailings management facility of the KSM Project (which received environmental approvals from the federal, provincial and Nisga'a governments in 2014 after a seven-year environmental assessment review process) is located near Sulphurets Creek, a tributary of the transboundary Unuk River, emptying into Southeast Alaska. As on several previous occasions, we would once again like to point out to you the KSM's tailings management facility is located in the Bell Irving watershed which drains into the Nass River and does not enter US territory or US coastal waters.

In addition, an important omission in your letter is the significant public support the KSM Project has within the local communities. The KSM Project and Seabridge Gold have entered into comprehensive Benefits Agreements with both the Nisga'a Lisims Treaty Nation and the Tahltan Nation, signed an environmental agreement with the Gitanyow Wilps, and the Gitksan Hereditary Chiefs have endorsed the Project with a letter of support for environmental assessment approval. Additionally, both the municipal governments of Terrace and Smithers supported the environmental assessment approvals. Also in a recent independent public perception audit approximately sixty-one percent of the people living in the surrounding communities of Smithers, Terrace, Stewart and Hazelton either strongly supported or supported the KSM Project.

We are deeply concerned by your ongoing inaccurate portrayals of the KSM Project and can only assume you continue to perpetuate these incorrect facts because either you don't fully understand the KSM Project, or this is a deliberate effort to spread false information to gain public support for your organization's opposition to the KSM Project.

If indeed the inaccurate facts in your Letter to the Editor were made in error, we would be happy to answer any questions you may have about the KSM Project. To address the incorrect information you shared about the KSM Project, and to help you understand how we are sustainably advancing the Project, we have also attached a factsheet highlighting:

- KSM Project's Environmental Assessment
- Existing water quality of Sulphurets Creek
- Working with Alaska
- Engagement with our Indigenous partners

For more detailed information about the KSM Project, including our approved harmonized BC-Canadian Environmental Assessment, Independent Geotechnical Review Board reports, Best Available Technology report for KSM Tailings Management Facility, or the Project Prefeasibility you can also visit our website – [www.ksmproject.com](http://www.ksmproject.com)

Alternatively, if the inaccuracies in your opinion editorial were deliberate and intended to spread inaccurate information about the KSM Project to raise unnecessary public alarm, I can only hope in the future before doing so, you will take into consideration the value of your professional integrity and the integrity of the organization you represent.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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Michael Goehring, President and CEO, Mining Association of British Columbia

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