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## President's Message

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In March, after the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 pandemic, nearly every aspect of our lives changed overnight. The rapid spread of COVID-19 disrupted lives and operations across industries, and mining and mineral exploration were no exception. There have been significant impacts, from senior mining producers forced to put their assets on temporary care and maintenance to junior explorers unable to conduct operations on the mineral tenures.

In short, our industry was thrust into a period of change and uncertainty that required action. At Seabridge Gold, we have maintained a dual focus, tackling the short-term critical issues while keeping our eye on the long term, reshaping our operations to recover, adapt and thrive in the coming years.

During this unprecedented time, our highest priority has been on the health, safety and wellness of our employees and the people living in surrounding Northern British Columbia communities.

Initially, we paused all of the proposed activities on the KSM and Iskut Projects to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Although mining is considered an essential service, we respected our Indigenous partners, and surrounding communities until COVID-19 protocols were released from the Province of British Columbia.

I'd like to thank our local employees for their generous efforts during this unprecedented time. As the saying goes, 'when the going gets tough, the tough get going,' and our local team has been no exception.

Over the last four months, our team have provided support and donations to several community groups, including many grassroots organizations like the Salvation Army and the Northern Society for Domestic Peace, providing support to those most in need. I'm especially proud of the efforts to provide support to the community of Stewart, the Tahltan Nation, Gitanyow Nation and Gitxsan Nation in Northwest BC to help them in their fight against COVID-19.

Now that businesses and communities are beginning to reopen, we developed a COVID-19 protocol for Smithers and Watson Lake offices, as well as the KSM and Iskut Project camps, which allows us to get back to work while ensuring our employees' health and safety and also the wellness of the people living in the Northwest BC communities.

This year, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, our work program for KSM and Iskut Projects are smaller than in previous years. Firstly because of the COVID-19 protocols, we delayed our camp openings until early July, versus the typical May opening. We can

have fewer people in camp due to social distancing required with transport to and from site, rooms being single occupancy, and spacing in common areas.

The work our teams are in the process of implementing includes a geotechnical drill program at our KSM Project. This geotechnical drilling will focus on the Mitchell Treaty Tunnels' proposed route, which will eventually connect the mine site with the production facilities. Ten holes or almost 4000 meters of drilling will help us understand the rock conditions where the dual tunnels would be driven. Later this summer, we will also undertake additional geophysics and a short borehole drill program to determine the foundation properties for the construction of one of the key portals. We are also working through the Environmental Assessment conditions around water modelling and the necessary fish compensation work before any construction begins.

At the beginning of summer, at the Iskut Project, we will be conducting exploration drilling to test below the Quartz Rise Lithocap for a gold-copper porphyry mineral system similar to those on the nearby KSM Project. Environmental studies will also be conducted.

We wish everyone a safe and healthy fall.

## KSM Project

The KSM Project is a proposed gold, copper, silver and molybdenum mine, located 65 kilometers northwest of the town of Stewart, B.C. The KSM Project went through the Environmental Assessment process and received approval in 2014. Construction has not yet started on the KSM Project.



### Quick Facts: KSM Project Update

- In June 2019, the Tahltan Nation and Seabridge Gold signed a Benefits Agreement including protections of Indigenous rights, the environment and shared economic benefits for the KSM Project. 77.8 percent of the Tahltan Nation members voted in favour of this agreement.
- Seabridge has continued to implement our environmental monitoring programs at the KSM Project in 2020, adding to the environmental dataset that has been collected since 2008.
- KSM Project 2020 geotechnical program includes ten holes or almost 4000 meters of drilling, helping us to understand the rock conditions where the Mitchell Treaty Tunnels will be located.

## The Iskut Project

The Iskut Project was obtained upon Seabridge's acquisition of SnipGold Corp. in June 2016; the Project includes the former gold Johnny Mountain Mine and Bronson Slope deposit, located 110 km northwest of Stewart BC.

- In 2019, geophysical surveys, geochemical sampling and detailed mapping were completed at the Iskut Project that helped in identifying a new, high value target that can be explored cost-effectively. The Seabridge team has now refined the location of the porphyry target, confirmed the presence of gold and copper, established its age and determined that it is within reach of surface drilling.
- In the summer of 2020, exploration drilling began at the Iskut Project to test below the Quartz Rise Lithocap for a gold-copper porphyry mineral system similar to those on the nearby KSM Project. The Iskut target has been developed over the past three years by making use of geophysical tools, surface mapping and sampling and preliminary drilling. Rigorous procedures were followed in this year's program to minimize COVID-19 risks.
- In 2020, detailed environmental studies are being conducted on site, and the Johnny Mountain reclamation has been put on hold until next year.

## Seabridge Gold acquires 3 Aces Property

In May of this year, Seabridge Gold acquired 100% interest in the 3 Aces gold project in Yukon, Canada from Golden Predator Mining Corp. The Project, located in southeast Yukon, covers approximately 350 square kilometers and is on the eastern margin of the Selwyn Basin, which hosts several larger base metal deposits, including Howard's Pass.

3 Aces, which encompasses the two highest-grade surface outcrops discovered to date in Yukon, has 30 mineralized veins which

have been discovered through sampling, trenching, roadwork and drilling with different gold-bearing veins occurring throughout 762 meters (2,500 feet) of vertical elevation within its central core area. A broad area of gold-in-soil extending more than 20 kilometers has also been identified.

The current plan is to assemble and evaluate the wealth of data for the targets in the Central Core Area with a view to initiating an aggressive drill program in 2021.

## KSM Exploration: Geotechnical Programs

In June 2020, Seabridge Gold commenced geotechnical drilling along the proposed route of the Mitchell Treaty Tunnels ("MTT"), a key infrastructure component of the KSM Project.

The MTT will allow the transfer of ore from the mine site to the mill, as well as transfer the supply of electricity and transportation of fuel and other consumables. Tunnels are more cost effective and less environmentally impactful than overland transport for the approved multi-decade mine life.

This year's drilling will consist of about 4,000 meters in 10 holes to obtain information on the condition of the rocks through which the tunnels will be driven. Instrumentation will also be installed for ongoing data collection that will further assist tunnel design.

Later in the Summer, Seabridge will commence a geophysics and short borehole drill program to determine foundation properties for construction of one of the MTT's key portals. The program will be conducted on Seabridge's mineral tenures and Crown land subject to mineral claims included in the Treaty Creek Project held by a joint venture among Tudor Gold Corp., American Creek Resources Ltd. and Teuton Resources Corp.

Seabridge followed a very detailed COVID-19 safety protocol plan, scaling back from the original plans and permits allowing to drill 40 holes, and limited this summer's program to only one drill rig and 10 holes to reduce the load on camp facilities and protect employees, contractors and local Indigenous groups.

## Environment, Social and Governance Commitment



Seabridge Gold recently developed environment, social and governance (ESG) guidelines which will shape the company's vision about how the business engages with our host communities, and how to better assess and manage risks.

For us, ESG means protecting the environment by limiting the use of scarce resources, and reducing carbon emissions. It also means caring for the communities around us by ensuring proactive health and safety regulations, enhancing personal and community well-being, and encouraging diversity and open communication.

These commitments cannot happen without proper implementation and governance, and we are working towards integrating environmental and social consideration into all of our objectives, decisions and implementation processes.

### COVID-19 Safety Measures



Seabridge Gold's priority is the safety and well-being of its employees and contractors.

Seabridge developed a safety plan to provide a safe work environment and to minimize the infection and transmission risk of COVID-19 to employees, contractors, and local communities. The plan was shared with the Nisga'a Nation and Tahltan Nation prior to implementation.

- Appointed occupational Health and Safety Officer to monitor and ensure KSM and Iskut policies and procedures are implemented while staying up to date on any regulatory changes associated with COVID-19 restrictions
- Provided training and education to all employees about the spread of COVID-19
- Implemented new travel protocols for employees using shuttles in a bus or van with sufficient spacing for social distancing  
Implemented a new 3-week camp rotation during the 2020 season
- Increased communal area sanitization stations and conducted regular sanitization of all site facilities
- Provided PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) to all staff and contractors

### Community Engagement

**\$877,187**

**Sponsorships and Donations 2009-2020**

**\$839,900**

**Education Funding 2009-2020**



## In the Community



Being a responsible and welcome member of the communities in which Seabridge operates is an essential part of our business strategy. Here is how Seabridge Gold has supported local Northwest BC communities this past year.

### Health

Seabridge Gold donated \$1960 towards Dr. REM Lee Hospital Foundation's \$50,000 goal to purchase a colposcope for early cervical cancer screening for women at Mills Memorial Hospital.

### COVID-19 Response

To support surrounding communities during COVID-19, Seabridge Gold donated to the Tahltan Nation, Gitanyow Nation and Gitxsan Nation in Northwest BC, the Stewart Food Bank, the Northern Society for Domestic Peace; and several Salvation Army BC locations including Bulkley Valley, Gitwinksihlkw, Hazelton, and Terrace.

### Sponsorships

In 2020, Seabridge Gold sponsored:

- The Learners Opportunity Group Society 'Book Bus'
- Terrace Search and Rescue
- Nisga'a Hoobiyee Celebration 2020
- Stewart Junior Canadian Rangers
- Smithers Chamber of Commerce locally made hand sanitizer and dispensers for local businesses

## Career & Education

To help northwest BC residents pursue their education endeavours, Seabridge Gold created the KSM Project Bursary Program in 2016. From 2019 – 2020, 109 students were awarded bursaries from the program. Here are two students who are recipients of the bursary, brothers Wyatt and Westin Creyke.



### Student Profile: Wyatt Creyke

*"I am thankful for the Seabridge Gold bursaries as they greatly helped me by removing some of the financial stress so I could concentrate on a full course load, practicum and volunteering."*

- Graduated with a Masters of Education in Counselling
- Currently works full time as a Child and Youth Counsellor for the Native Healing Centre, part of the Aboriginal Child Wellness and Youth Program
- We are honoured to have played a part in Wyatt reaching his goals, we know that he will be a tremendous asset to the community



### Student Profile: Westin Creyke

*"The bursary program made school easier for me, as I was able to focus on school and eat a healthy diet. I felt each time I applied to the bursary program, I was rewarded for my efforts and was encouraged to continue with my studies."*

- Graduated with a Bachelor of Science with a Major in Biology
- Currently hired by the Ministry of Forestry as a fire fighter for the summer
- We are proud to have supported Westin in his achievements in caring for and protecting the environment

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