

# KSM PROJECT



## Regulatory Review

Typically, to establish a large operating mine in British Columbia, the project must be reviewed and approved under the *BC Environmental Assessment Act* (BCEAA) and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA). These acts and associated regulations define thresholds or triggers that determine the requirements for review. In the case of the KSM Project, the BC process is triggered by the rate of ore production. The federal process is triggered by the requirement for federal agencies to issue permits or approvals for fish habitat effects, road crossings over navigable streams, etc. The BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) coordinates the provincial and federal government harmonized review process.

### Permitting

Permits, granted by provincial and federal regulatory bodies, are needed throughout the life of the project. The permits grant the project authority to carry out specified activities. There will be additional opportunities for public input during the permitting process. Provincial and federal permits and approvals for project development cannot be issued until the respective environmental assessment processes have been successfully completed.



#### BC Governments Permits and Licenses

- Environmental Assessment Certificate
- Permit Approving Work System & Reclamation Program
- Water Licence
- Licence to Cut
- Special Use Permit – Plant Access Road,  
Extension of Eskay Road
- Road Use Permit
- Licence of Occupation
- Pipeline Permit – Diesel Pipeline
- Surface Lease – Mine Site Facilities
- Waste Management Permit
- Camp Operation Permits (Drinking Water, Sewage,  
Disposal, Sanitation and Food Handling)

#### Enabling Legislation

- BC Environmental Assessment Act*
- Mines Act*
- Water Act*
- Forest Act*
- Forest Act*
- Forest Act*
- Land Act*
- Land Act*
- Pipeline Act*
- Land Act*
- Environmental Management Act*
- Health Act/Environmental Management Act*

#### Federal Governments Approvals and Licenses

- CEAA Approval
- Metal Mining Effluent Regulations (MMER)
- Fish Habitat Compensation Agreement
- Navigable Water: Stream Crossings Authorization
- Explosives Factory Licence
- Ammonium Nitrate Storage Facilities
- Radio Licences

#### Enabling Legislation

- Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*
- Fisheries Act/Environment Canada*
- Fisheries Act*
- Navigable Waters Protection Act*
- Explosives Act*
- Canada Transportation Act*
- Radio Communication Act*

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# Environmental Assessment (EA) Process

## EA Process

## Project Milestones

### Early Project Definition

**March 2008:** Seabridge submits the KSM Project Description to EAO.

**April 2008:** EAO issues Section 10 Order requiring an EA Certificate for the KSM Project.

**March 2008 - December 2009:** Seabridge conducts environmental and social baseline studies, community engagement activities, and consultation with regulatory agencies and Aboriginal groups to confirm scope and depth of studies.

### Definition of Project Scope, Issues and Assessment

**March 2008 - ongoing:** Community engagement activities with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal governments, regulatory agencies, interest groups and the general public to share project information and obtain feedback for consideration in the EA.

**July 2009:** CEA Agency determines KSM Project must undergo a comprehensive study EA review under the CEAA.

**November 2009:** EAO issues Section 11 Order defining the EA process, including which groups require consultation.

**December 2009 - ongoing:** Seabridge employs environmental and social baseline studies in development of the project design.

**June 2010:** CEA Agency releases a Draft Comprehensive Study Scope of Assessment document for public review.

**June - July 2010:** Public Open Houses in Northwest BC to share project information and invite public comments on the draft Application Information Requirements.

**June 25 - July 26, 2010:** EAO administers a public comment period for the project.

**January 2011:** EAO issues the final Application Information Requirements outlining the detailed requirements of the environmental assessment.

**Fall 2012:** EA Certificate Application submission.

### Application Review

**Fall 2012 - Spring 2013:** 180-day review phase, including public comment period, following EA Application submission. Seabridge will respond to all comments received and will submit the responses to EAO.

**Fall 2012 - Spring 2013:** Seabridge continues its consultation program throughout the review period.

**Spring 2013:** Provincial and federal governments prepare assessment reports.

### Project Decisions

**Spring - Summer 2013:** Provincial ministers determine whether to issue an EA Certificate within 45 days of receiving recommendations from EAO.

**Spring - Summer 2013:** Federal Minister of Environment determines whether the proposed project will create a significant environmental effect, enabling issuance of federal permits.

Permits, granted by provincial and federal regulatory bodies, are needed throughout the life of the project. The permits grant the project approval to carry out specified activities. Once regulatory approvals are granted, it is expected to take an additional five years of construction and start-up before the mine is operational.

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