

# SEABRIDGE GOLD

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### **Seabridge Gold Files KSM Project Technical Report** *Report Confirms Dramatic Improvement in Economic Potential With Larger Scale and Earlier Development of Iron Cap Deposit*

Toronto, Canada – Seabridge Gold announced today that it has filed a NI-43-101 technical report at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) for its 100%-owned KSM project located in northern British Columbia, Canada entitled "KSM (Kerr-Sulphurets-Mitchell) Prefeasibility Study and Preliminary Economic Assessment Update, NI 43-101 Technical Report" with an effective date of April 30, 2020 (the "Technical Report"). The Technical Report contains the Preliminary Economic Assessment (the "2020 PEA") confirming the potential for a dramatic improvement in project economics by incorporating the recently expanded, higher grade Iron Cap deposit into mine plans. The Technical Report also includes the current Preliminary Feasibility Study which remains in effect. Results of the new study were announced on April 27, 2020 (see the Company's news release and addendum filed on SEDAR on April 27, 2020).

#### **2020 PEA Highlights**

- After Tax NPV at a 5% discount rate of US\$6.0 billion using Base Case three-year average price assumptions of US\$1,340/oz gold, US\$2.80/lb copper and foreign exchange rate of US\$0.76 per C\$1.00:
- 44 year mine production plan capturing 19.6 million ounces of gold and 5.4 billion pounds of copper from the measured and indicated categories plus an additional 20.8 million ounces of gold and 13.8 billion pounds of copper from the inferred category:
- Life of mine recovered production of 27.6 million ounces gold and 17.0 billion pounds copper:
- 170,000 tonne per day processing rate capturing 2.4 billion tonnes (Bt) of mill feed, or only 30% of the total mineral resource:
- 4.0-year payback on US\$5.2 billion initial capital:
- Average annual pre-tax Free Cash Flow of US\$1.45 billion from 1.3 million oz gold and 265 million pounds copper produced per year during the initial 5 years of production:
- Life of mine average operating cost of negative US\$472 per ounce of gold produced, net of copper and silver by-product revenues:
- Life of mine total cost of US\$4 per ounces of gold produced, inclusive of all project capital and net of copper and silver by-product revenues;
- 57% reduction in mine waste rock compared to the approved EA;
- 33% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from mine operations compared to the approved EA.

Chairman and CEO Rudi Fronk noted that the 2020 PEA was undertaken to assess an alternate approach to developing KSM by incorporating a much larger Iron Cap block cave mine earlier into

the production schedule. "The benefits of incorporating Iron Cap into mine plans at an early stage have exceeded the upper end of our expectations, not only for the improvements in projected economics but also for the reduction in environmental impact. The PEA is based on Iron Cap's inferred resource estimate but we are very confident these resources will upgrade to higher categories with further drilling as they have in the past at the project's other deposits. We therefore think the new Technical Report gives investors a compelling view of the project's potential," Fronk said. "These PEA economic projections, if achieved, would rank KSM among the best large-scale producing mines in the world."

### **National Instrument 43-101 Disclosure**

The new Technical Report incorporates the work of a number of industry-leading consulting firms. These firms and their Qualified Persons (as defined under National Instrument 43-101) are independent of Seabridge and have reviewed and approved this news release. The authors of the Technical Report are listed below along with the names of their employers:

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Seabridge Gold holds a 100% interest in several North American gold resource projects. The Company's principal assets are the KSM and Iskut properties located near Stewart, British Columbia, Canada and the Courageous Lake gold project located in Canada's Northwest Territories. For a breakdown of Seabridge's mineral reserves and resources by project and category please visit the Company's website at <http://www.seabridgegold.net/resources.php>.

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mine facilities and bringing a mine into production, of sustaining capital and the duration of financing payback periods; (iii) the estimated amount of future production, both ore processed and metal recovered; and (iv) estimates of operating costs, life of mine costs, net cash flow, net present value (NPV) and economic returns from an operating mine. Any statements that express or involve discussions with respect to predictions, expectations, beliefs, plans, projections, objectives or future events or performance (often, but not always, using words or phrases such as “expects”, “anticipates”, “plans”, “projects”, “estimates”, “envisages”, “assumes”, “intends”, “strategy”, “goals”, “objectives” or variations thereof or stating that certain actions, events or results “may”, “could”, “would”, “might” or “will” be taken, occur or be achieved, or the negative of any of these terms and similar expressions) are not statements of historical fact and may be forward-looking statements.

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