

Seabridge Drilling Supports Integrating Snowfield into KSM Project

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New PFS Likely to Increase Gold Reserves and Enhance Project Economics

Toronto, November 1, 2021 - [Seabridge Gold Inc.](#) (TSX: SEA) (NYSE: SA) Early results from this year's drill program at KSM support a reshaping of the project which could enhance gold reserves, projected annual gold production and payback while also deferring and reducing major capital expenditures associated with block-cave development, Seabridge Chairman and CEO Rudi Fronk announced today. Confirmation is expected in next year's second quarter when a new KSM Preliminary Feasibility Study ("PFS") is scheduled for completion.

"The critical objective for our 2021 drill program at KSM was to enable us to merge our 2020 Snowfield acquisition into the greater KSM project," said Fronk. "Results to date are very encouraging." The KSM Project hosts a huge gold-copper porphyry system in the Golden Triangle region of northwestern British Columbia, Canada.

Drilling is confirming the Snowfield geological model and block grades. Composited assay grades from the first of six holes drilled at Snowfield closely match the grades in the resource model inherited from the previous owner of Snowfield. "Both the Mitchell and Snowfield resource models are holding up very well. We foresee a seamless integration of Snowfield into KSM by blending Snowfield ore with Mitchell production, resulting in a meaningful extension of open pit mining prior to any underground block-cave mining," he said.

The drilling at KSM this season consisted of 9,450 meters dedicated to several goals including 3,484 meters drilled at Snowfield and Mitchell to confirm model grades and obtain metallurgical sample material. The balance of the drilling was to evaluate the geotechnical characteristics on the margins of the Snowfield deposit and along the planned MTT tunnel route. Results from the first of six holes drilled at Snowfield along with the first four of five holes from Mitchell are reported in the table below. Results from the remaining six holes will be reported when assay results are in hand.

"Every year, we execute programs designed to improve KSM economic projections. We are increasingly confident that integration of Snowfield into a new KSM mine plan will increase proven and probable gold reserves, increase grades in the early years of production and defer the need to pay for expensive underground block-cave development. These expected gains, along with higher metal prices, will help offset the impact of inflation on materials and labor costs and we believe will improve project economics," Fronk explained.

The drill holes reported below were sited in areas that are believed to be the source of early open pit production from the Mitchell and Snowfield deposits. Drill data is being incorporated into a resource update. Most of the drill holes were not completed through the ore zones, and consequently, finished in ore grade rock. Assays are in progress for the additional drill holes, primarily in the Snowfield deposit, including geotechnical drilling at the margins for pit slope determination. These holes are crucial to finalizing the resource update.

Mitchell and Snowfield 2021 Confirmatory Drilling Results

Drill Hole ID	Total Length (meters)	From (meters)	To (meters)	Thickness (meters)	Gold Grade (g/t)	Copper Grade (%)	Silver Grade (g/t)
Mitchell Deposit							
M-21-150	450.0	33.0	450.0	417.0	0.71	0.18	3.0
	including	208.0	276.0	68.0	0.98	0.25	3.6

M-21-151	450.0	5.5	450.0	444.5	0.89	0.25	5.1
	including	110.5	177.0	66.5	1.33	0.27	4.1
	321.0	9.0	321.0	312.0	0.78	0.28	4.6
M-21-152	including	58.7	113.2	54.5	0.93	0.39	5.2
	including	176.0	206.0	30.0	1.10	0.47	5.8
	300.0	5.8	300.0	294.2	0.64	0.21	3.0
M-21-153	including	7.3	59.5	52.2	1.18	0.38	4.8
	Snowfield Deposit						
	550.1	4.1	435.0	430.9	1.08	0.19	2.2
SF-21-05	including	178.5	264.0	85.5	1.27	0.22	2.3

The intervals listed in the table above are fractional intersections of the entire ore zone and were orientated perpendicular to the strike of the zone. It is believed that these intervals are true widths of representative mineralized intervals. Exploration activities by Seabridge at the KSM Project are conducted under the supervision of William E. Threlkeld, Registered Professional Geologist, Senior Vice President of the Company and a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101. Mr. Threlkeld has reviewed and approved this news release.

Seabridge holds a 100% interest in several North American gold projects. Seabridge's assets include the KSM and Iskut projects located near Stewart, British Columbia, Canada, the Courageous Lake project located in Canada's Northwest Territories, the Snowstorm project in the Getchell Gold Belt of Northern Nevada and the 3 Aces project set in the Yukon Territory. For a full breakdown of Seabridge's mineral reserves and mineral resources by category please visit the Company's website at <http://www.seabridgegold.com>.

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