

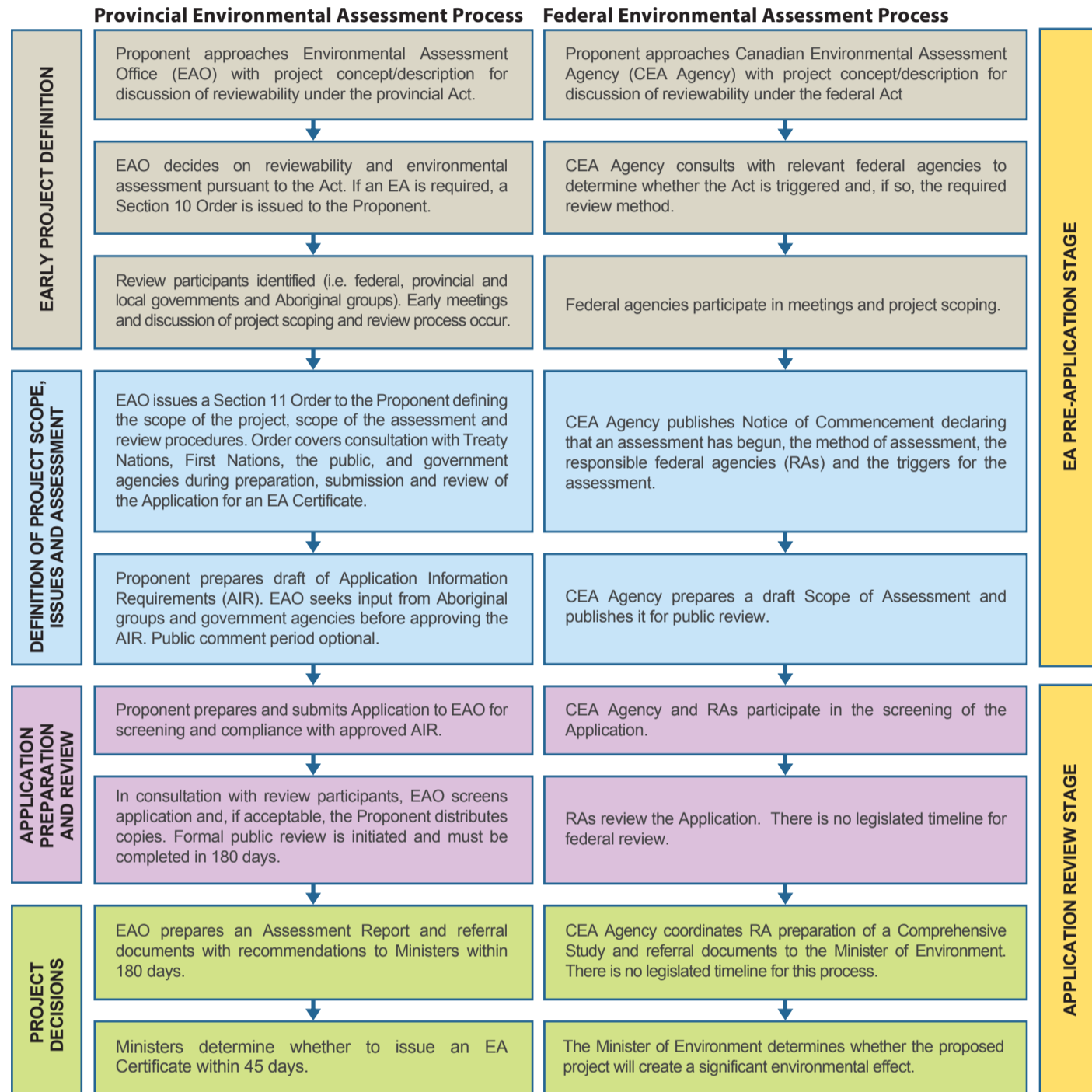
# KSM PROJECT



## Regulatory Review

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). The BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) coordinates the provincial and federal government harmonized review process.

### Environmental Assessment (EA) Process



## Permitting

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.

The KSM Project will be developed using the highest practicable standards of environmental management as regulated by the federal and provincial governments.

## Project EA Milestones

The EA process is anticipated to take three years in total. 2010 is the second year in the permitting process.

**March 2008:** KSM Project Description Submitted to EAO.

**April 2008:** EAO issues Section 10 Order requiring an environmental assessment certificate for the KSM project.

**March 2008 to December 2009:** Environmental and social baseline studies, community engagement activities, discussion with regulatory agencies and Aboriginal groups to confirm scope and depth of studies.

**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.

**December 2009 to March 2010:** Environmental and social baseline studies considered in development of the prefeasibility study.

**January 2010:** Draft Application Information Requirements (formerly Terms of Reference) submitted to EAO Working Group for Review.

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

**Winter 2010:** EA Certificate Application submission.

Once regulatory approvals are granted, it is expected to take an additional 4 years of construction and start up before the mine would be operational.

