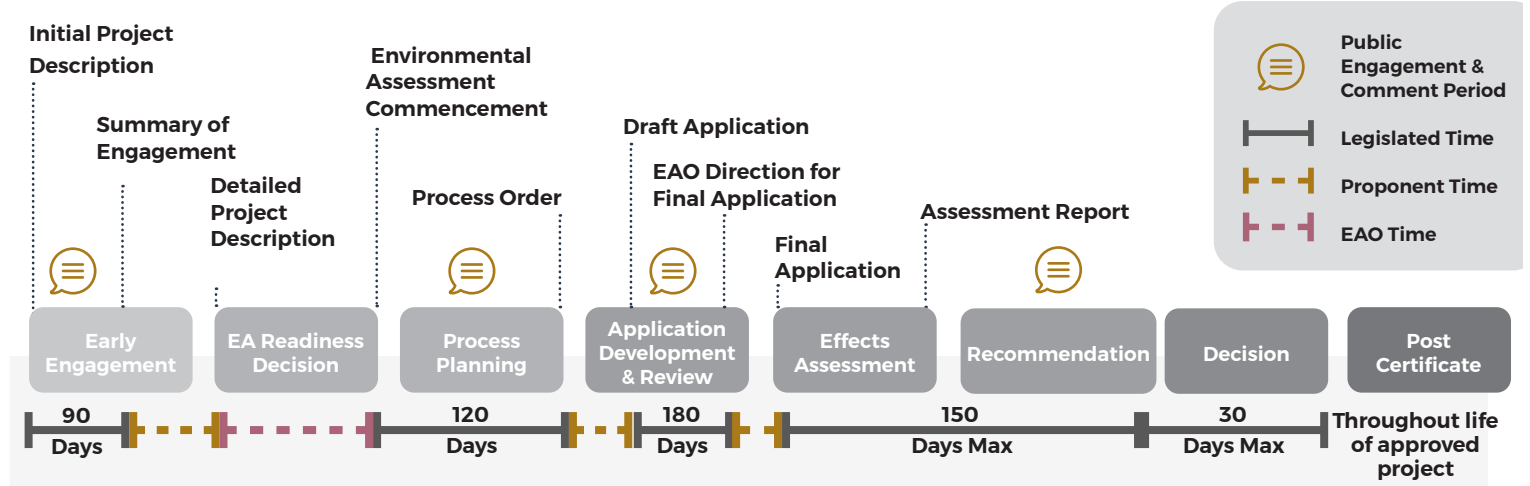


CARIBOO GOLD PROJECT

Regulatory Review

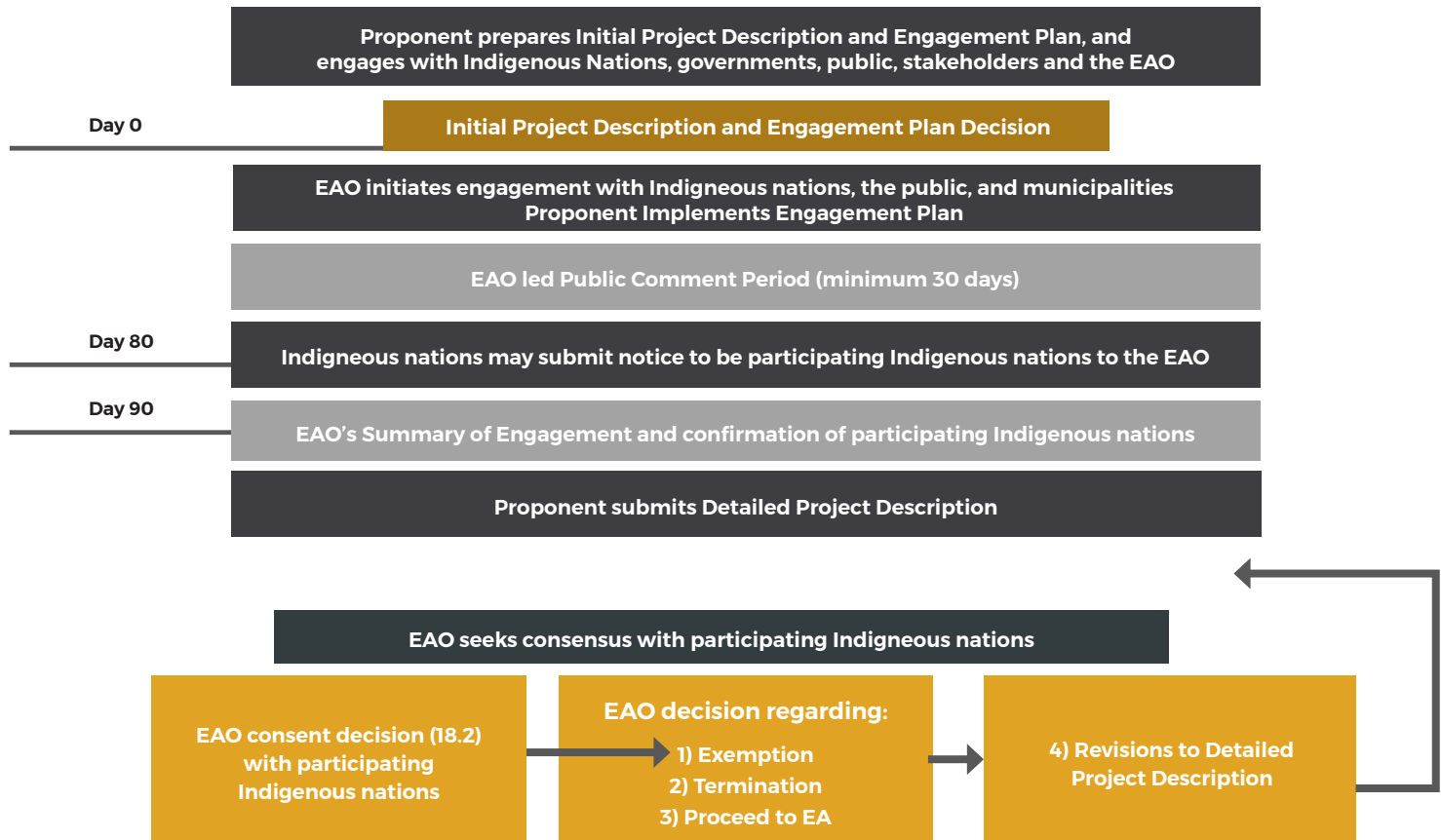
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The Cariboo Gold Project (the Project) is being reviewed under the BC Environmental Assessment Act, 2018. The BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) is leading the review. The figures and information from the EAO guidance documents provided in this Info Sheet illustrate and discuss the key steps in the review process. Additional information on the regulatory process is available at: www.gov.bc.ca/eao



EAO seeks consensus with participating Indigenous Nations →

Early Engagement & EA Readiness Decision Detail





Process Planning

Builds on information from Early Engagement and the EA Readiness Decision and formalizes, in a Process Order, how the EA must be carried out. The Process Order identifies required information; defines who does what, when and how; determines how participants work together for the rest of the EA and defines future engagement approaches.



Application Development and Review

BGM completes studies and works with participating Indigenous nations and others to prepare a draft Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate (Application). The EAO, participating Indigenous nations, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and Community Advisory Committee (CAC) review the draft and provide direction on revisions for the final Application.

Project Studies



As part of Application development, BGM conducts studies (e.g., environment, social, health, culture, economic, Indigenous nations specific). A key component of the study process is working with participating Indigenous nations and stakeholders to gather input regarding:

- Existing conditions in the natural and human environments
- Potential effects of the Project
- How to avoid or mitigate adverse effects and make positive effects better.



Effects Assessment and Recommendation

An effects assessment is completed by the EAO and drafts of the assessment report and Certificate (with draft conditions) reflecting engagement with participating Indigenous nations, the TAC, and the CAC are prepared. The public can comment on the drafts before they are sent to Ministers. Recommendations to inform Ministers are also prepared. Participating Indigenous nations can provide notice of their consent or lack of consent on the recommendations.

Decision



Ministers consider the Assessment Report, the Chief Executive Assessment Officer's recommendations, the sustainability and reconciliation purposes of the EAO and any other matters they consider relevant to the public interest. If the recommendation doesn't align with an Indigenous nations notice of consent or lack of consent, Ministers must offer a meeting to that nation. Ministers can issue or refuse to issue a Certificate and must publish reasons for their decision. If the Ministers' decision does not align with the notice of consent or lack of consent, reasons must be provided.



Post Certificate & Compliance and Enforcement

Post-Certificate activities include mitigation effectiveness reports and may include audits, certificate amendments, extensions, and transfers. The EAO Compliance & Enforcement branch conducts compliance inspections of regulated parties and projects, and, where required, uses enforcement to ensure that projects are designed, built, operated, and decommissioned or reclaimed in compliance with the legally binding requirements of the Act, its regulations and any Certificates or Exemption Order.



Other Licenses, Permits and Authorizations

A number of licenses, permits and authorizations (e.g., *Mines Act* Permit, explosives licenses) will be required for the Project, should it be approved. BGM will prepare the applications for the required licenses, permits and authorizations and submit them following receipt of an Environmental Assessment Certificate, should one be granted.



Consultation and Engagement

Consultation and engagement with participating Indigenous nations, agencies, stakeholders and the public is ongoing and will continue through the regulatory process and, if the Project is approved, through the Project life.

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