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State & Federal Agencies Update Permitting Schedule for Midas Gold's Stibnite Gold Project

Record of Decision for Proposed Stibnite Gold Project Expected in Q4 2019

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA – Midas Gold Corp. (MAX:TSX / MDRPF:OTCQX) today announced that the United States Forest Service ("USFS") has updated the anticipated permitting schedule for Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project ("Project"), which is located in Valley County, 39 miles east of McCall and 14 miles from Yellow Pine, Idaho. The USFS, in cooperation with the six other federal, state and local agencies responsible for the permitting schedule, anticipates issuing a draft Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") for public comment in November 2018, with a Final EIS and Draft Record of Decision ("ROD") by July 2019. This would allow for an approved ROD in November 2019.

In 2017, seven federal, state and local agencies signed the Stibnite Joint Review Process Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") committing to work together to evaluate the Plan of Restoration and Operations ("PRO") for the Stibnite Gold Project under the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA"). The MOU was designed so that agencies could collaborate in the review and preparation of the EIS, meet the requirements of the public process and follow a mutually agreed upon schedule.

"Led by the United States Forest Service and the Idaho Department of Lands, the joint review process is reducing duplication of efforts and administrative delay while recognizing the need for a thorough and complete review of the Project," said Stephen Quin, President & CEO of Midas Gold Corp. "The updated schedule, indicating a final decision in late 2019 represents continued progress and another step forward for Midas Gold and our Stibnite Gold Project."

Updated Schedule

The Plan of Restoration and Operations ("PRO") was accepted as complete by the USFS in December 2016, and the agency submitted a Notice of Intent to initiate review of the project and conduct the Public Scoping period in early June, 2017. Since that time, the USFS, their 3rd Party Contractor and other cooperating agencies have made steady progress reviewing the PRO, baseline data, public comments and additional information they requested for review. The USFS advised Midas Gold they anticipate issuing a draft EIS for public comment in November 2018 with the target date of an approved ROD in November 2019. Regulators want to ensure they meet the regulatory requirements to support a robust and defensible Record of Decision and are taking the time necessary to safeguard the accuracy and thoroughness of the environmental impact analysis, while ensuring that alternative development scenarios are carefully considered. The updated schedule reflects a number of minor adjustments to both the baseline analysis and alternatives development processes in order to accommodate thorough and comprehensive evaluations.

"Our plan, as laid out in the PRO, presents a compelling case for the redevelopment of the former Stibnite mine site and the concurrent restoration of extensive impacts from historical mining-related activities," said Laurel Sayer, CEO of Midas Gold Idaho. "The process is moving at a reassuring pace, in large part due to the cooperation of agencies involved in the Stibnite Joint Review Process. The schedule update tells us the regulatory agencies are doing their job to ensure the best possible plan is permitted and the Record of Decision stands."

Next Steps in the Regulatory Process

The USFS, on behalf of the various regulatory agencies, completed the review of the comments coming out of the scoping period and is currently conducting the alternatives assessment and environmental analysis as required by NEPA. The assessment and analysis are the core of the review process for the Stibnite Gold Project and will provide the basis for drafting of the EIS.

The next opportunity for public review and comment will come when the agencies release the Draft EIS, which is now anticipated to be in November 2018. After the comment period, the USFS and cooperating agencies will produce the Final EIS and a Draft ROD as well as respond to all public comments from the Draft EIS. Upon publication of the Final EIS, there will be a short period for objections and resolution before a Final ROD is published.



A positive final decision would allow Midas Gold to seek the issuance of the final permits that are dependent on the ROD being issued.

Management Changes

Midas Gold also reports that Anne Labelle has moved from her position as VP Legal & Sustainability with the Company to take on a new role as a director of Midas Gold Idaho, Inc. and as a consultant to the Company. Ms. Labelle is integral to the Company's efforts having brought sustainability, stakeholder relations, site restoration and environmental awareness to the forefront of Midas Gold's thinking and ensuring that the Company's PFS and PRO and other plans reflect these priorities. In addition, over the past seven years, Ms. Labelle built strong relationships with Midas Gold's stakeholders, and especially those in Valley County and across Idaho. Going forward, Ms. Labelle will continue her focus on sustainability initiatives, including stakeholder relations.

"We appreciate the creativity and perspective that Anne brought to Midas Gold and the relationships that she built, and we look forward to building on these foundations", said Mr. Quin. "Anne's ongoing role with the Company will ensure that we continue to advance with our progressive, original and innovative approach to the redevelopment and restoration of the Stibnite Gold Project."

Stibnite Gold Project Permitting Background

In September of 2016, Midas Gold Idaho, Inc. submitted its PRO for the restoration, re-development and operation of the Stibnite Gold Project in Valley County, Idaho. The PRO was deemed administratively complete by the USFS in December 2016, the scoping process was completed in July 2017 and the environmental analysis and alternatives assessment is currently in process.

A detailed presentation on the PRO can be found at www.midasgoldcorp.com. Details of previous news releases and technical studies can be found filed under Midas Gold's profile on SEDAR (www.sedar.com) or at www.midasgoldcorp.com.

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About Midas Gold and the Stibnite Gold Project

Midas Gold Corp., through its wholly owned subsidiaries are focused on the exploration and, if warranted, site restoration and development of gold-antimony-silver deposits in the Stibnite-Yellow Pine district of central Idaho that are encompassed by its Stibnite Gold Project.

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