Linda Jackson – Payette Forest Supervisor August 28, 2020

United States Forest Service, Payette National Forest

500 North Mission Street

McCall, ID 83638

Subject: Support Letter for the Stibnite Gold/Antimony Project

Dear Ms. Jackson:

I am a proud citizen of the United States of America and a permanent voting resident in Gem State Idaho, so called for producing 240 different minerals and gems. Graduating with a Batchelor of Science degree-Geology from the University of Arizona and post graduate training in executive management/leadership from Stanford, Colorado School of Mines and Boise State University, I have spent over 40 years working in the mining industry, much of that time with Morrison Knudsen Company’s Mining Group – a great Idaho Company. My experience includes advising mining companies in the full life cycle (exploration, permitting, development, operations, reclamation and restoration) of a mine project. I am familiar with the Stibnite Gold/Antimony Project (“Stibnite”) in several ways. Although not directly on Stibnite, I worked for Tierra Group International. Tierra Group is the consulting company who is advising Midas Gold on the tailing’s remediation and storage program. I have participated with several Mida’s Gold leaders in the Boise Chapter of the Society of Mining Engineers, and the Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology. I have also listened to several Midas Gold Stibnite presentations and have read published technical documents concerning Stibnite. On a personal matter, I fish the Horsethief Canyon Reservoir and Warm Lake, and determined that the proposed access routes and operations will not adversely impact my access to great fishing!

Stibnite deserves to be permitted for production and sustainable ecosystems restoration through removal, reclamation and restoration (“R3”).

* Production will:
	+ Add hundreds of millions of U.S. dollar taxes funding government local, state, and federal executive, legislative and judicial branches and their agencies;
	+ Add hundreds of long-term direct hire high paying jobs funding family health, wealth and educational opportunities;
	+ Indirectly fund growth in the local, state and U.S. economy such as grocery, automotive, entertainment, transportation and health care businesses to name a few;
	+ Source antimony a U.S. critical mineral offsetting China imports hence strengthening national security and supply chain independence.
* R3 will:
	+ Remove waste rock, underground mine workings and tailings left by legacy operations prior to Midas Gold’s involvement;
	+ Reclaiming site development and mining works to stabilize the environment creating dynamic ecosystems and pave way for restoration of legacy damaged ecosystems;
	+ Restoring fish migration, natural flow and salmon passage through the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River.

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I am an advocate for mining when its conducted in an environmentally conscious and responsible way by responsible companies and their professionals. Midas Gold and Stibnite hits on all pistons for responsible development. I have no hesitation endorsing Stibnite and its development by Midas Gold.

Sincerely;

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