

Payette National Forest, attn. Linda Jackson

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's Comment Period. I have been closely following Midas Gold Idaho's plans since I became aware of the environmental problems in the area of the Midas' Stibnite Gold Project.

I have been involved in a similar situation in Romania (Rosia Montana). In Rosia Montana artisanal gold mining is going back to the medieval times. In the last century, Romanian state companies produced gold with "modern methods" (heap leaching) but without any safety measures and environmental protection. Some 60 years ago production became uneconomic and the state companies went bankrupt and abandoned the site. Due to the lack of money, no reclamation work was done, not to speak about measures to protect the environment. As a consequence, cyanide is leaking from the unprotected mine tailings into the ground and the river causing a deadly poisoning of the ground and river. The Canadian company Gabriel Resources committed to clean up the mess and build a new mine to the highest ESG standards.

Nevertheless, foreign NGOs instrumentalized so called environmentalists to prevent the project to go forward. As a consequence, the poisoning of the ground and water is continuing up to date...

I see a lot of similarities between Rosia Montana and the Stibnite Gold Project. It would not only clean up the mess and environmental problems created and left behind by former mining companies, but also generate many new jobs = income and purchasing power = investments and ultimately tax revenues. In my view a clear win / win - situation.

Therefore, I hope that the Stibnite Gold Project gets licensed with the condition of (i) cleaning up the existing environmental problems, (ii) a mining operation in line with the highest ESG standards, and (iii) putting during operation the necessary funds aside for restoration of the mine site if and when mining comes to an end.

Thank you for the thorough review of the Stibnite Gold Project and kind consideration of its environmental and economic aspects.

Best regards,

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