

To Whom it May Concern

I am writing in support of the Preferred Alternative for Perpetua's Stibnite Gold Project. I am a retired geochemist who recently worked on the water treatment related aspects of the project for Perpetua. In this role, I had the opportunity to review documents supporting water management (quality and quantity) for the future site operations and found them to be complete and comprehensive. Based on these documents, the planned active treatment of mining influenced waters can be achieved using available and proven technologies and water discharged from a future Mine Water Treatment Plant (MWTP) should have no difficulty meeting discharge standards. Combined with the cleanup of legacy mine wastes and the restoration work performed during closure, operation of the MWTP will improve water quality within and downstream of the mine footprint both during and following active mining.

I fully support Perpetua's Stibnite Gold project. The mining operation will provide America with its only domestic supply of the critical mineral antimony, as well as providing a local source of jobs and revenue. The environmental work performed by Perpetua before, during (including operation of the MWTP), and after mining will also improve water quality and aquatic habitat in the Salmon River basin for the benefit of future generations.

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