



## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### INTRODUCTION

The following is Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of the consolidated financial condition and results of operations of Midas Gold Corp. ("Midas Gold" or the "Corporation") for the quarter ended March 31, 2017. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with Midas Gold's unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2017 prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and the MD&A of Midas Gold for the year ended December 31, 2016. Additional corporate information, including Midas Gold's most recent Annual Information Form ("AIF") and other continuous disclosure documents can be accessed through the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval ("SEDAR") website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and the Corporation's website at [www.midasgoldcorp.com](http://www.midasgoldcorp.com).

To the extent applicable, updated information contained in this MD&A supersedes older information contained in previously filed continuous disclosure documents. Information contained on the Corporation's website that is not incorporated by reference does not form part of this MD&A. This MD&A contains forward-looking statements that are based on certain estimates and assumptions and involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results may vary materially from management's expectations. See the "Forward-Looking Statements" and "Risks and Uncertainties" sections in this MD&A for further information. All "\$" dollars in this MD&A are United States Dollars, unless specifically stated as "C\$" which are Canadian Dollars.

The information in this MD&A is provided as at May 11, 2017.

### OVERVIEW

Midas Gold was incorporated on February 22, 2011 under the Business Corporations Act of British Columbia. The Corporation was organized to locate, acquire and develop mineral properties located principally in the Stibnite – Yellow Pine mining district in Valley County, Idaho (the "District"). The Corporation's common shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX"). The corporate office of Midas Gold is located at 890 - 999 West Hastings St, Vancouver, BC, V6C 2W2, Canada.

### QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

In February 2017, the Corporation provided an update on the feasibility-level metallurgical testing program being carried out on the Stibnite Gold Project ("Project"), reporting on the grinding and flotation work completed to date. This work is an important foundation for the planned feasibility study ("FS") for the Project.

Also during February 2017, the Corporation reported the final results from its ongoing mineral resource optimization drill program at the Stibnite Gold Project. These results, along with additional geological, geochemical and assay information collected from prior Midas Gold drill holes and historical information, will be incorporated into an updated geological model and mineral resource estimate.

On March 28, 2017, the Corporation announced that the United States Forest Service ("U.S. Forest Service") had begun its analysis, under the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA"), of Midas Gold Idaho, Inc.'s proposed plan of restoration and operations ("PRO") for the Stibnite Gold Project. The U.S. Forest Service stated that it expects to produce a draft Record of Decision in 2018 and a final Record of Decision in the first quarter of 2019.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This MD&A contains “forward-looking information” within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation and “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (collectively, “forward-looking information”).

In certain cases, forward-looking information can be identified by the use of words such as “plans”, “expects”, “budget”, “estimates”, “intends”, “anticipates”, “determine” or “believes”, or variations or the negative of such words and phrases, or statements that certain actions, events or results “may”, “could”, “whether to”, “would”, “might” or “will be taken”, “occur” or “be achieved” or the negative of these terms or comparable terminology. By their very nature, forward-looking information involves known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Corporation to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking information.

Forward-looking information includes, but is not limited to, statements regarding:

- analyses and other information based on expectations of future performance and planned work programs;
- possible events, conditions or financial performance that is based on assumptions about future economic conditions and courses of action;
- timing, costs and potential success of future activities on the Corporation's properties, including but not limited to development and operating costs in the event that a production decision is made;
- potential success of exploration, development and environmental protection and remediation activities;
- future outlook and goals;
- permitting time lines and requirements, requirements for additional capital, requirements for additional water rights and the potential effect of proposed notices of environmental conditions relating to mineral claims;
- planned exploration and development of properties and the results thereof;
- planned expenditures and budgets and the execution thereof;
- evaluation of the potential impact of future accounting changes; and
- estimates concerning recovery of accounts receivable, share-based compensation and carrying value of properties.

Statements concerning mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates may also be deemed to constitute forward-looking information to the extent that such statements involve estimates of the mineralization that may be encountered if a property is developed. Any forward-looking information contained herein is stated as of the date of this document and Midas Gold does not intend, and does not assume any obligation, to update such forward-looking information to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events unless required to do so by law or regulation.

With respect to forward-looking information contained herein, the Corporation has applied several material factors or assumptions including, but not limited to, certain assumptions as to production rates, operating cost, recovery and metal costs; that any additional financing needed will be available on reasonable terms; the exchange rates for the U.S. and Canadian currencies will be consistent with the Corporation's expectations; that the current exploration, development, environmental other objectives concerning the Project can be achieved and that the Corporation's other corporate activities will proceed as expected; that the current price and demand for gold and other metals will be sustained or will improve; that general business and economic conditions will not change in a materially adverse manner and that all necessary governmental approvals for the planned exploration, development and environmental protection activities on the Project will be obtained in a timely manner and on acceptable terms; and the continuity of economic and political conditions and operations of the Corporation.

The forward-looking information contained herein is subject to a variety of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking information. In addition to those discussed in the Corporation's public disclosure record, such risks and other factors include, among others, those related to:

- the industry-wide risks and project-specific risks identified in the PFS and summarized in the Corporation's news release dated December 15, 2014;
- fluctuations in capital markets and share prices;

- the Corporation's ability to obtain financing to advance its mineral properties and the expected use of proceeds;
- the Corporation's dependence on one mineral project;
- the Corporation's dependence on key personnel;
- the Corporation's operations and contractual obligations;
- changes in exploration programs based upon results of exploration;
- changes in estimated mineral reserves or mineral resources;
- future prices of metals;
- availability of third party contractors or equipment;
- failure of equipment to operate as anticipated;
- accidents, effects of weather and other natural phenomena and other risks associated with the mining industry;
- the Corporation's principal property being located in the U.S., including political, economic and regulatory uncertainty;
- environmental risks, including environmental matters under U.S. federal and Idaho rules and regulations;
- changes in environmental laws and regulations and changes in the application of standards pursuant to existing laws and regulations which may increase costs of doing business and restrict the Corporation's activities and operations;
- impact of environmental remediation requirements and the terms of existing and potential consent decrees on the Corporation's planned exploration and development activities on the Project;
- the Corporation's mineral properties being subject to prior unregistered agreements, transfers, or claims and other defects in title;
- community relations;
- delays in obtaining governmental approvals or financing;
- the nature of mineral exploration and mining and the uncertain commercial viability of certain mineral deposits;
- the Corporation's lack of operating revenues;
- governmental regulations and the ability to obtain necessary licenses and permits;
- currency fluctuations (particularly the Canadian dollar and United States dollar)
- estimates used in the Corporation's consolidated financial statements proving to be incorrect; and
- A cyber security incident that could adversely affect Midas Gold's ability to operate its business.

This is not an exhaustive list of the factors that may affect the Corporation's forward-looking information. Although the Corporation has attempted to identify important factors that could affect the Corporation and may cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking Information, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that forward-looking information will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking information. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on such forward-looking information.

## **2017 OUTLOOK AND GOALS**

During 2017, Midas Gold's objectives are to advance the permitting process for the Project under NEPA and, in parallel, to advance the technical work and studies needed to support the completion of a feasibility study for the Project, with a focus on enhancing metallurgical performance, optimizing resource estimates and de-risking the Project through geotechnical, geochemical, environmental and other work programs. In conjunction with the foregoing, Midas Gold will continue to engage and consult with regulators, communities, tribes and other stakeholders in respect of the concepts for the Project set out in the PRO in order to ensure that plans for the restoration and redevelopment of the Project addresses concerns and issues to the extent environmentally, technically and commercially feasible.

The Corporation continues to balance the timing and prioritization of expenditures, looking to restrain expenditures while still with the intention of delivering the Corporation's major objectives in a timely and cost effective manner.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### Net Loss and Comprehensive Loss

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2017	March 31, 2016
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Consulting	\$ 20,909	\$ 2,371
Corporate salaries and benefits	170,141	253,315
Depreciation	234,099	283,064
Directors' fees	25,389	32,600
Exploration and evaluation	3,299,120	1,493,985
Office and administrative	76,885	105,341
Professional fees	29,802	36,036
Share based compensation	740,566	151,113
Shareholder and regulatory	121,879	89,482
Travel and related costs	23,723	21,365
<b>OPERATING LOSS</b>	<b>\$ 4,742,513</b>	<b>\$ 2,468,672</b>
<b>OTHER (INCOME) EXPENSES</b>		
Change in fair value of warrant derivative	\$ (421,217)	\$ 253,371
Change in fair value of Convertible Note derivative	(4,720,726)	227,173
Finance Costs	526,370	613,001
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	625,190	(78,679)
Interest (income) expense	(75,747)	(2,152)
Total other expenses	<b>\$ (4,066,130)</b>	<b>\$ 1,012,715</b>
<b>NET LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS</b>	<b>\$ 676,383</b>	<b>\$ 3,481,387</b>

Net loss and comprehensive loss for Midas Gold for the three-month period ending March 31, 2017 was \$0.7 million compared with a loss of \$3.5 million for the corresponding period of 2016. This \$2.8 million change for the three months was primarily attributable to a \$5.6 million increase in non-cash gains related to the change in the fair value of the Convertible Note derivative and warrant liability. These gains were offset by a \$1.8 million increase in exploration and evaluation expenses, a \$0.6 million increase in stock based compensation, and foreign exchange losses of \$0.6 million as compared to the prior period. As noted above, for the three months ended March 31, 2017, the Corporation's main focus was the continued evaluation and advancement of the Stibnite Gold Project.

An analysis of each line item follows.

#### **Consulting**

This expense relates to consulting services provided to the Corporation that do not relate to the exploration and evaluation of the Stibnite Gold Project. The expense for the current quarter is higher than the comparable period in 2016 as a result of an IT consulting project that was undertaken.

#### **Corporate Salaries and Benefits**

This expense results from salaries and benefits of the employees that are not directly related to the exploration and evaluation of the Stibnite Gold Project, primarily Canadian corporate employees. Salaries and benefits for the quarter ended March 31,

2017 are lower than the prior year due to short term incentive payments being incurred in Q1 2016 that related to 2015, however for 2016 short term incentive payments the costs were accrued in Q4 2016. In addition, there has been a reduction in headcount by one employee at the end of the current quarter and a lower vacation accrual for the current quarter as compared to the comparative period in 2016.

### Depreciation

This expense relates to the depreciation of the Corporation's building and equipment. The expense for the current quarter and year is consistent with the comparable periods in the previous year.

### Directors' Fees

Each of the Corporation's non-executive directors is entitled to annual base fee of C\$19,200 following a reduction in fees approved by the Board effective January 1, 2016, paid in quarterly installments, with the Chair of the Board, Chairs of Board Committees and Members of board committees receiving additional fees commensurate with each role. Additionally, on March 17, 2016, two independent directors were replaced by directors nominated by Paulson & Co. who have elected not to receive a fee.

### Exploration and Evaluation

This expense relates to all exploration and evaluation expenditures related to the Stibnite Gold Project, including labour, drilling, field office costs, engineering and environmental and sustainability costs. Efforts for the Project were scaled back during the same quarter in 2016 until the Corporation secured a financing package; in Q1 2017 efforts were back to full scale to support the advancement of a feasibility study and the permitting process, resulting in a \$1.8 million increase in expenditures over the prior period spread throughout each department. Additional details of expenditures incurred are as follows:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2017	March 31, 2016
Exploration and Evaluation Expenditures		
Consulting and labour cost	\$ 1,054,569	\$ 890,367
Drilling	483,218	-
Field office and drilling support	483,944	202,550
Engineering	481,145	43,905
Environmental and sustainability	796,244	356,941
Geochemistry and geophysics	-	222
	\$ 3,299,120	\$ 1,493,985

### Office and Administrative

This expense for the current quarter is predominantly the maintenance of an office in Vancouver, BC. The costs for the quarter ended March 31, 2017 are comparable to the comparative period in the prior year.

### Professional Fees

This expense relates to the legal and accounting costs of the Corporation. The costs for the quarter ended March 31, 2017 are comparable to the comparative period in the prior year.

### Share Based Compensation

This expense is due to the compensation of directors, officers, employees and consultants that are share based. This expense for the current quarter is \$0.6 million above the comparative period in 2016 due to 1.7 million more options granted during Q1 2017 and an increase in stock price over the previous quarter. The fair value of options granted is estimated at the time of the grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model which uses various assumptions that are outlined in the Corporation's condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the quarter ended March 31, 2017.

### Shareholder and Regulatory

This expense is associated with marketing, licenses and fees, and shareholder communications. The expense for the current quarter is higher than the comparative period from the prior year primarily due to an increase in licenses and fees.

### **Travel and Related Costs**

This expense is a result of travel and meal costs of the Corporation's directors, officers, employees and consultants whilst undertaking business on behalf of the Corporation. The expense for the current quarter is comparable to the same quarter in the previous year.

### **Change in Fair Value of Warrant Derivative**

The Corporation has issued warrants and finder's options in various financing transaction since 2013, all with exercise prices denominated in Canadian dollars. The Corporation determined that warrants and finder's options with an exercise price denominated in a currency that is different from the entity's functional currency should be classified as a derivative and carried at their fair value. Any changes in their fair value from period to period have been recorded as a gain or loss in the consolidated statement of net loss and comprehensive loss. There are no circumstances under which Midas Gold will be required to pay cash upon exercise or expiry of the warrants or finder's options (see Note 5 in the Financial Statements).

### **Change in Fair Value of Convertible Note Derivative Liability**

The Corporation issued Convertible Notes in March 2016 with an exercise price denominated in Canadian dollars. The Corporation determined that the Convertible Notes with an exercise price denominated in a currency that is different from the entity's functional currency should be classified as a derivative and carried at their fair value. Any changes in their fair value from inception to balance date have been recorded as a gain or loss in the consolidated statement of net loss and comprehensive loss. The Convertible Note derivative is valued at fair value in accordance with IFRS. There are no circumstances in which the Corporation would be required to pay cash upon conversion of the Convertible Notes (see Note 7 in the Financial Statements).

### **Finance Costs**

As a result of the issuance of the Convertible Note Derivatives described above the Corporation incurred costs associated with financing. In the current quarter, finance costs are primarily made up of accretion and interest expenses, while finance costs in the comparative quarter in the prior year are primarily made up of note issuance costs and minimal accretion and interest expenses.

### **Foreign Exchange**

This loss is a result of the translation of the Corporation's Canadian dollar denominated balances as at March 31, 2017, primarily on the Convertible Note and the Convertible Note Derivative. Foreign exchange expense has decreased from the comparative quarter and year due to the change in the value of the Canadian dollar compared to the US dollar.

### **Interest Income**

This income results from interest received on the Corporation's cash balances. Interest income increased in the current quarter and year compared to the comparative periods in the prior year as a result of higher average cash balances.

### **Balance Sheet**

An analysis of the March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 balance sheets of the Corporation follows.

#### **Total Assets**

Total assets decreased during the three months ended March 31, 2017 from \$109.0 million to \$104.7 million primarily as a result of cash used in operations to fund the Stibnite Gold Project.

#### **Equity**

Equity increased during the three months ended March 31, 2017 from \$37.5 million to \$37.7 million primarily as a result of the share based compensation expense from the offerings during the quarter, partially offset by the loss for the current quarter.

#### **Total Liabilities**

Total liabilities decreased during the three months ended March 31, 2017 from \$71.5 million to \$66.9 million, primarily as a result of the change in fair value of the Convertible Note derivative, which decreased from \$49.0 million at December 31, 2016 to \$44.7 million in the current quarter. The Convertible Note derivative is valued at fair value in accordance with IFRS. There

are no circumstances in which the Corporation would be required to pay cash upon conversion of the Convertible Notes (see Note 6 in the Financial Statements).

### Cash Flows

Midas Gold's net change in cash and cash equivalents for the three months ended March 31, 2017 was an outflow of \$4.2 million (2016 – \$40.1 million inflow). The inflows in the comparative period of the prior year were due to financing the Corporation received through Convertible Notes (see Note 6 in the Financial Statements). Cash outflows in the current quarter are from operating and investing activities.

Operating cash outflows for the three months ended March 31, 2017 were \$4.3 million (2016 - \$1.9 million) and Financing cash inflows for the three months ended March 31, 2017 were \$0.02 million (2016 - \$42.0 million)

### QUARTERLY RESULTS

The net loss and comprehensive loss of Midas Gold for the previous eight calendar quarterly periods is tabulated below.

Quarter Ended	Revenue	Net Income (Loss) & Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Basic & Diluted Income (Loss) per Share	Total Assets	Long Term Liabilities	Cash Dividend
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
March 31, 2017	-	(676,383)	(0.00)	104,662,545	64,708,086	-
December 31, 2016	-	(1,266,823)	(0.01)	109,030,690	68,381,594	-
September 30, 2016	-	(1,056,426)	(0.01)	111,927,929	71,386,111	-
June 30, 2016	-	(40,358,417)	(0.23)	113,855,019	73,438,810	-
March 31, 2016	-	(3,481,387)	(0.02)	116,391,793	38,475,260	-
December 31, 2015	-	(2,450,829)	(0.02)	76,587,908	-	-
September 30, 2015	-	(2,718,764)	(0.02)	78,987,078	-	-
June 30, 2015	-	(2,816,115)	(0.02)	82,296,592	-	-

The Corporation has had relatively consistent operating losses over the past two years, the most significant variances to the net loss and comprehensive loss is the change in the fair value of the warrant derivative, the Convertible Note Derivative and foreign exchange losses on the Convertible Note and Convertible Note Derivative. Exploration and evaluation expenditures create variances dependent on the nature of the work that is being completed in each quarter. The long-term liability includes the Convertible Note derivative, which is valued at fair value in accordance with IFRS. There are no circumstances in which the Corporation would be required to pay cash upon conversion of the Convertible Notes (see Note 6 in the Financial Statements).

### CAPITAL RESOURCES AND LIQUIDITY

Capital resources of Midas Gold consist primarily of cash and liquid short-term investments. As at March 31, 2017, Midas Gold had cash totaling approximately \$33.0 million, approximately \$0.3 million in other current assets and \$0.8 million in trade and other payables.

Midas Gold has sufficient funds to further advance the Stibnite Gold Project and plans to do so by:

- Engaging with Project stakeholders to provide those stakeholders with the opportunity for better understanding of the Project concepts and to provide a forum for such stakeholders to provide further input into, the Project, possible options and alternatives;
- Continuing to collect environmental baseline data in support of future regulatory processes;
- Continuing to undertake further technical optimisations, including those outlined in the recommendations section of the Pre-Feasibility Study ("PFS");
- Growing the mineral resource base through exploration and evaluation of mineral potential in and around the existing mineral resources and in the exploration prospects identified in the PFS, provided sufficient funds are available; and

- Proceeding with the regulatory process for the restoration and redevelopment of the Project, including the repair of legacy impacts and operation of a modern mining and processing facility that will provide a social and economic benefit to the local community.

Midas Gold has a current liability of \$1.4 million related to the warrant derivative. There are no circumstances under which Midas Gold will be required to pay any cash upon exercise or expiry of the warrants (see Note 5 in the Financial Statements).

Midas Gold has long term liabilities of \$64.9 million related to the Convertible Notes and the related embedded derivative. The Convertible Note derivative is valued at fair value in accordance with IFRS. There are no circumstances in which the Corporation would be required to pay cash related to the \$44.8 million Convertible Note Derivative upon conversion of the Convertible Notes (see Notes 6 and 7 in the Financial Statements).

Midas Gold does not anticipate the payment of dividends in the foreseeable future.

It is management's opinion, based on the Corporation's current liquidity position, that the Corporation will have sufficient assets to discharge its liabilities as they become due, to advance the Stibnite Gold Project in 2017 and to meet its administrative and overhead requirements for more than a year.

### **Contractual Obligations**

#### **Office Rent**

The Corporation entered into various lease agreements for office and storage space. The total rent obligation over the next five years is \$361,955 with \$151,297 due within one year and \$210,658 due after one year but not more than five years.

#### **Mining Claim Assessments**

The Corporation currently holds mining claims on which it has an annual assessment obligation of \$235,000 to maintain the claims in good standing. The Corporation is committed to these payments indefinitely. Related to the Mining Claim Assessments is a \$168,000 bond related to the Corporation's exploration activities.

#### **Option Payments on Mining Claims**

The Corporation is obligated to make option payments under an option to purchase agreement with the owners for a group of private land parcels comprising the Cinnabar property block. As at March 31, 2017, the remaining option payments due on the Cinnabar property are \$300,000, which will be paid over the next five years. The new agreement includes an option to extend up to 20 years.

### **OFF BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The Corporation has no off balance sheet arrangements as of March 31, 2017 and the date of this MD&A.

### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND KEY MANAGEMENT COMPENSATION**

During the quarters ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, compensation of directors and officers and other key management personnel who have the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Corporation was:

	<b>March 31, 2017</b>		<b>March 31, 2016</b>
Salaries and benefits	\$ 205,678	\$	235,425
Share based compensation	281,574		66,358
	<u>\$ 487,252</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>301,783</u>

No post-employment benefits, termination benefits, or other long-term benefits were paid to or recorded for key management personnel during the three-month periods ended March 31, 2017 and 2016.

There were no balances outstanding with related parties at March 31, 2017.

## **MINERAL PROPERTIES**

### **Stibnite Gold Project**

The Corporation's property holdings at the Stibnite Gold Project are comprised of a contiguous package of unpatented federal lode claims, unpatented federal mill site claims, patented federal lode claims and patented mill site claims. As of March 31, 2017, this land position encompassed approximately 11,548 hectares held in 1,518 unpatented lode and mill site claims and patented land holdings. The Corporation acquired these rights through a combination of transactions and staking, and holds a portion under an option agreement. Bureau of Land Management payment in lieu of assessment claim rental fees, filings and the claims are all in good standing. Normal maintenance and upkeep of the Project infrastructure continued during the quarter.

### **Permitting for Development**

On December 13, 2016, the U.S. Forest Service reported that it had determined that the PRO filed by Midas Gold Idaho, Inc. on September 21, 2016 for the restoration, re-development and operation of the Stibnite Gold Project in Valley County, Idaho has met the requirements for a plan of operations under U.S. Forest Service regulations. With this determination, the U.S. Forest Service has confirmed that Midas Gold provided sufficient information in the PRO to commence the formal review of the Stibnite Gold Project under the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA").

### **District Exploration**

During the first quarter of 2017, the Corporation completed a drill program that was initiated in the previous year. As noted above, the objective of the drill program is to enhance and de-risk the mineral resource associated with the Project. The winter drilling program consisted of fourteen HQ diameter oriented core holes totalling 2,224 meters (7,296 feet).

Office activities continued with efforts directed at updating geological, alteration and structural modelling of the mineral resources. During this period, members of the U.S. Geological Survey and the Idaho Geological Survey continued laboratory research studies as part of ongoing cooperative programs to investigate the origin and nature of the mineral deposits and prospects in the Project area. In addition, Idaho Geological Survey staff conducted office and field geotechnical and slope stability investigations pertaining to possible access roads to the site.

### **Environmental and Other Matters Pertaining to Stibnite Gold**

The Project is located in a historic mining district with extensive and widespread exploration and mining activity, and related environmental effects, spanning nearly 100 years from the early 1900s until today. Actions by prior operators and government agencies have addressed some of the historic environmental issues, but extensive disturbance and effects remain.

For additional disclosure on Environmental and Other Matters refer to the Corporation's Annual Information Form for the years ended December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2016, the prospectus dated June 30, 2011 and the short form prospectus dated March 8, 2012. The Corporation is, and in future will continue to be, subject to federal, state and local statutes, rules and regulations related to, among other things, environmental protection, site access and construction activities. The environmental effects, if any, of current and future activities will be monitored and, where appropriate, mitigated and reclaimed by the Corporation.

A number of environmental studies and regulatory investigations in the District identified numerous areas of potential environmental degradation related to past mining. In the past, regulatory actions under the *Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act* ("CERCLA"), the *Resource Conservation and Recovery Act* ("RCRA") and state law have been taken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), the U.S. Forest Service and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality against historic mining operators. All of these regulatory activities and related clean-up programs pre-date any ownership or activity by the Corporation. Prior to its acquisitions in the District, the Corporation conducted appropriate due diligence, comprising formal assessments of the properties comprising the Project, in order to mitigate potential liabilities related to past disturbance.

### **Consent Decrees under CERCLA**

Several of the patented lode and mill site claims acquired by subsidiaries of Midas Gold in the areas of the West End mill site claims previously used for processing operations are subject to a consent decree, which covers certain environmental liability and remediation responsibilities with respect to such claims. The consent decree provides the regulatory agencies (that were party to the agreement) access and the right to conduct remediation activities under their respective CERCLA and RCRA authorities as necessary and to prevent the release or potential release of hazardous substances. The consent decree also requires that heirs, successors and assigns refrain from activities that would interfere with or adversely affect the integrity of any remedial measures implemented by government agencies. Several of the patented claims in the Hangar Flats and Yellow Pine properties acquired by subsidiaries of Midas Gold are also subject to a consent decree between the previous owner of those claims and the United States, which imposes certain obligations on that previous owner, including that the previous owner will cooperate with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Forest Service in those agencies' efforts to secure any government controls necessary to implement response activities.

### **Plans for the Environmental Issues**

The Corporation expects to address areas of existing environmental concern as part of the permitting process for any future mining operations. The Corporation recognizes the need to maintain the current designated uses, to improve water quality, wildlife and aquatic habitat where practicable and to reduce sediment loads in the Project area wherever feasible as a component of its ongoing activities, as well as to provide for future mining activities, should they occur.

## **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND POLICIES**

### **Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments**

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments about the future. Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the actual results.

Accounting estimates are estimates and assumptions made by management that may result in material adjustments to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year. Critical estimates used in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements include, among others, the useful lives of buildings and equipment, valuation of assets, valuation of share based compensation, warrant and Convertible Note derivatives, mineral resource estimates and the recoverable amount of exploration and evaluation expenditures.

Accounting judgments are accounting policies that have been identified as being complex or involving subjective judgments or assessments. Critical accounting judgments include the accounting for its exploration and evaluation assets, recognition of deferred tax assets or liabilities, functional currency, fair value of the Convertible Note derivative, expected economic lives of and the estimated future operating results and net cash flows from buildings and equipment and exploration and evaluation assets.

## **FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Corporation's cash balance decreased from \$37,180,354 at December 31, 2016 to \$33,013,364 at March 31, 2017. There have been no other significant changes in the Corporation's financial instruments since December 31, 2016, with the exception of the warrant derivative and the change in fair value of the Convertible Note derivative, which are discussed in Results of Operations.

## OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA

	May 11, 2017	March 31, 2017
Common shares issued and outstanding	181,049,883	180,446,682
Options outstanding	14,805,250	14,805,250
Warrants outstanding	7,013,419	7,616,620
Shares issuable on conversion of Convertible Note	140,955,666	140,955,666
Total	343,824,218	343,824,218

## DISCLOSURE CONTROL AND PROCEDURES AND INTERNAL CONTROL OF FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Corporation's management, under the supervision of the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), has designed disclosure controls and procedures ("DC&P") and internal control over financial reporting ("ICFR"), as defined in National Instrument 52-109, *Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings*, based on the *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

DC&P are designed to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Corporation is made known to the CEO and CFO during the reporting period and the information required to be disclosed by the Corporation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported in a timely and appropriate manner. ICFR is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting for external purposes in accordance with international financial reporting standards. Due to the inherent limitations associated with any such controls and procedures, management recognizes that, no matter how well designed and operated, they may not prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis.

The Corporation's management, under the supervision of the CEO and CFO, has evaluated the design effectiveness of its DC&P and ICFR and concluded that, as of March 31, 2017, they are effective in providing reasonable assurance regarding required disclosures and the reliability of external financial reporting.

## CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

National Instrument 52-109 also requires Canadian public companies to disclose any changes in ICFR during the most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, ICFR. No changes were made to the Corporation's ICFR in the three months ended March 31, 2017 which have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, ICFR.

## EXTRACTIVE SECTOR TRANSPARENCY MEASURE ACT – REPORTING

In accordance with Canada's Extractive Sector Transparency Measures Act (the "Act") that was enacted on December 16, 2014 and brought into force on June 1, 2015, that is intended to contribute to global efforts to increase transparency and deter corruption in the extractive sector. Midas Gold reports that for the three months ended March 31, 2017, it has made payments of fees and taxes, as defined by the Act, of US\$139,729, to the government entities below. The Act only requires payments greater than C\$100,000 to be reported and the Corporation will follow these requirements, however the below is provided for additional transparency.

Quarter	Payee	Details	Amount
2017 Q1	Idaho Department of Lands	Reimbursement of expenditures related to water quality testing at the Stibnite Gold Project	\$45,047
	US Forest Service	Reimbursement of salary and operating expenses for the USFS to oversee the EIS process for the Stibnite Gold Project	\$94,682
	Total		\$139,729

## USE OF PROCEEDS

The Corporation received net proceeds of \$41.5 million in March 2016 related to the issuance of Convertible Notes and Shares through a private placement. At the time, the Corporation had approximately \$3.0 million in cash on hand. For the purposes of this use of proceeds statement it is assumed that funds on hand were utilised by June 30, 2016 and that the proposed use of proceeds will be compared to expenditures from July 1, 2016 onwards:

Expense Category (in millions)	Proposed Use of Proceeds	Actual Use of Proceeds	Remaining to be Spent / Difference
Baseline Data Collection & Land Title	\$ 8.3	\$ 1.8	\$ 6.5
Permitting and Regulatory	8.3	0.6	7.7
Technical Studies, FS & Exploration	12.4	6.2	6.2
Legal & Sustainability	4.1	0.9	3.2
Corporate Costs and Working Capital	8.3	1.7	6.6
	\$ 41.4	\$ 11.2	\$ 30.2

## RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

Midas Gold is subject to a number of significant risks due to the nature of its business and the present stage of its business development. Only those persons who can bear risk of the entire loss of their investment should invest in the Corporation's common shares, convertible debentures, warrants, options or other securities.

Midas Gold's failure to successfully address such risks and uncertainties could have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition and/or results of operations, and the future trading price of its common shares may decline and investors may lose all or part of their investment. Midas Gold cannot give assurance that it will successfully address these risks or other unknown risks that may affect its business. Estimates of mineral resources and mineral reserves are inherently forward-looking statements subject to error. Although mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates require a high degree of assurance in the underlying data when the estimates are made, unforeseen events and uncontrollable factors can have significant adverse or positive impacts on the estimates. Actual results will inherently differ from estimates. The unforeseen events and uncontrollable factors include: geologic uncertainties including inherent sample variability, metal price fluctuations, variations in mining and processing parameters, and adverse changes in environmental or mining laws and regulations. The timing and effects of variances from estimated values cannot be accurately predicted.

Below is a brief summary of some of Midas Gold's risks and uncertainties. These risk factors are not a definitive list of all risk factors associated with an investment in the common shares of Midas Gold or in connection with the Corporation's operations. The following summary should be read in conjunction with the Corporation's Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2016 available under the Corporation's profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

### Industry Risks

- Metal prices have fluctuated widely in the past and are expected to continue to do so in the future, which may adversely affect the amount of revenues derived from the future production of mineral reserves.
- Global financial markets can have a profound impact on the global economy in general, and on the mining industry in particular.
- Mineral exploration and development in the United States is subject to numerous regulatory requirements on land use.
- Resource exploration and development is a high risk, speculative business.
- Mineral exploration and development is subject to numerous industry operating hazards and risks, many of which are beyond Midas Gold's control and any one of which may have an adverse effect on its financial condition and operations.
- Mineral exploration and development activities are subject to geologic uncertainty and inherent variability.
- The quantification of mineral resources and mineral reserves is based on estimates and is subject to great uncertainty.

- Increased operating and capital costs may adversely affect the viability of existing and proposed mining projects.

### **The Corporation's Risks**

- Midas Gold will need to raise additional capital through the sale of its securities or other interests, resulting in dilution to the existing shareholders and, if such funding is not available, Midas Gold's operations would be adversely effected.
- Midas Gold has an obligation to repay the outstanding principal under the Convertible Notes issued in March 2016 by the seventh anniversary of their issuance; on or before that date Midas Gold either needs to have arranged sufficient funding to repay the outstanding principal or to have converted the notes into common share in accordance with the terms of the Convertible Notes.
- Future sales of Midas Gold's common shares into the public market by holders of Midas Gold options and warrants may lower the market price, which may result in losses to Midas Gold's shareholders.
- Midas Gold is subject to numerous government regulations which could cause delays in carrying out its operations, and increase costs related to its business.
- Midas Gold's current and future permits to conduct activities at the Stibnite Gold Project could be challenged during regulatory processes or in the courts by third parties and such challenges may delay or prevent the Corporation from meeting its objectives.
- Midas Gold has not completed an environmental impact statement, nor has it received the necessary permits for water or explosives to conduct mining operations.
- Midas Gold's activities are subject to environmental liability.
- Midas Gold faces substantial competition within the mining industry from other mineral companies with much greater financial and technical resources and Midas Gold may not be able to effectively compete.
- Midas Gold's exploration efforts may be unsuccessful.
- Midas Gold's mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates may not be indicative of the actual gold that can be mined.
- Midas Gold has a limited history as an exploration company and does not have any experience in putting a mining project into production.
- Midas Gold expects to continue to incur losses and may never achieve profitability, which in turn may harm the future operating performance and may cause the market price of Midas Gold's common shares to decline.
- Midas Gold's title to its mineral properties and its validity may be disputed in the future by others claiming title to all or part of such properties.
- Midas Gold's ability to explore and, if warranted, develop its mineral claims may be impacted by litigation or consent decrees entered into or proposed to be entered into by previous owners of mineral rights that now comprise the Project, related to disturbance related to past mining and exploration activities.
- Midas Gold depends on key personnel for critical management decisions and industry contacts but does not maintain key person insurance.
- Midas Gold does not have a full staff of technical people and relies upon outside consultants to provide critical services.
- Certain Midas Gold directors also serve as officers and/or directors of other mineral resource companies, which may give rise to conflicts.
- Midas Gold has no history of paying dividends, does not expect to pay dividends in the immediate future and may never pay dividends.
- Midas Gold's business involves risks for which Midas Gold may not be adequately insured, if it is insured at all.
- A shortage of supplies and equipment could adversely affect Midas Gold's ability to operate its business.
- A cyber security incident could adversely affect Midas Gold's ability to operate its business.