

Perpetua Resources Announces Third Quarter 2023 Highlights

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BOISE, Nov. 13, 2023 - [Perpetua Resources Corp.](#) (Nasdaq: PPTA) (TSX: PPTA) ("Perpetua Resources" or "Perpetua" or the "Company") announced today that its unaudited condensed consolidated financial results for the period ended September 30, 2023 were filed. For details, please see the Company's filings available on EDGAR and SEDAR.

Perpetua Resources' vision is to provide the U.S. with a domestic source of the critical mineral antimony, develop one of the largest and highest-grade open pit gold mines in the country and restore an abandoned brownfield site. Perpetua Resources is focused on advancing the permitting for the Stibnite Gold Project ("Stibnite Gold Project" or the "Project") through the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") process and construction readiness for the Project.

Third Quarter 2023 and Recent Highlights:

- Zero lost time incidents or reportable environmental spills.
- Signed definitized Technology Investment Agreement ("TIA") for U.S. Department of Defense ("DOD") critical minerals award of \$24.8 million under the Defense Production Act ("DPA").
- Clean Water Act ("CWA") Settlement Agreement with the Nez Perce Tribe filed in U.S. District Court.
- Continued voluntary legacy waste cleanup and water quality improvement actions in historical Stibnite Mining District.
- Appointed Vice President of Projects to lead the Stibnite Gold Project.
- Awarded up to \$15.5 million in DOD funding to demonstrate a fully domestic antimony trisulfide supply chain.

"Perpetua Resources successfully advanced several goals in the third quarter that I believe further position the Stibnite Gold Project as an emerging national strategic asset," said Laurel Sayer, President and CEO of Perpetua Resources. "We received a new award of up to \$15.5 million in Department of Defense funding, welcomed Michael Wright as our Vice President of Projects, filed a settlement agreement with the Nez Perce Tribe, and continued legacy waste cleanup activities. I am proud of our team for its continued dedication to making our vision a reality, while doing so safely with zero lost time incidents or reportable spills."

Permitting and Construction Readiness Activities Update:

Following completion of the public comment period and analysis on the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("SDEIS"), the United States Forest Service updated the permitting schedule for the Project with a Final Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIS") and draft Record of Decision ("ROD") expected by the end of 2023 and a final ROD anticipated in early 2024.

Perpetua continued to advance work on several ancillary permits which are being progressed in parallel with the NEPA process. Recent updates include:

- Submitted the 404 Wetlands & Compensatory Mitigation Plan application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") in April 2023 and USACE provided a 404 permit application completeness determination in July 2023.
- Submitted the formal request to begin the 401 Water Quality Certification process to Idaho Department of Environmental Quality ("IDEQ") in May 2023.
- Submitted Tailings Storage Facility ("TSF") dam safety application to Idaho Department of Water Resources ("IDWR") in July 2023. IDWR sent a letter of conditional approval for the Company's Stage 1 TSF in October 2023.
- Submitted cyanidation permit application in August 2023 to IDEQ. The Company expects to resubmit an updated permit application in the fourth quarter of 2023 following a letter of incompleteness issued by IDEQ in September 2023.

- A Final Point of Compliance determination was issued in August 2023 and the Company submitted the required groundwater sampling and well installation plans in October 2023.

Perpetua is advancing construction readiness activities which are reimbursable under the DPA funding. In the third quarter of 2023, the Company appointed a Vice President of Projects to lead the Stibnite Gold Project and continued project execution planning and scheduling, construction manager general contractor contract negotiations, and detailed engineering and design work for the Project's planned road and power lines.

About Perpetua Resources and the Stibnite Gold Project

[Perpetua Resources Corp.](#), through its wholly owned subsidiaries, is focused on the exploration, site restoration and redevelopment of gold-antimony-silver deposits in the Stibnite-Yellow Pine district of central Idaho that are encompassed by the Stibnite Gold Project. The Project is one of the highest-grade, open pit gold deposits in the United States and is designed to apply a modern, responsible mining approach to restore an abandoned mine site and produce both gold and the only mined source of antimony in the United States. Further advancing Perpetua Resources' ESG and sustainable mining goals, the Project will be powered by the lowest carbon emissions grid in the nation and a portion of the antimony produced from the Project will be supplied to Ambri, a US-based company commercializing a low-cost liquid metal battery essential for the low-carbon energy transition. Perpetua Resources has been awarded a Technology Investment Agreement of \$24.8 million in Defense Production Act Title III funding to advance construction readiness and permitting of the Project. Antimony trisulfide from Stibnite is the only known domestic source of antimony that can meet U.S. defense needs for many small arms, munitions, and missile types. In addition to the company's commitments to transparency, accountability, environmental stewardship, safety and community engagement, Perpetua Resources adopted formal ESG commitments which can be found [here](#).

Forward-Looking Information and Cautionary Note

Investors should be aware that the publication of the SDEIS and the permitting schedule, and the identification by the USFS of the Modified Mine Plan as the Preferred Alternative in the SDEIS, does not indicate any commitments on the part of the USFS with regard to the content or timing of a final decision. In developing the Final Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIS"), the next phase of the NEPA planning process, the USFS may select various actions based on the Modified Mine Plan or each of the alternatives analyzed in the SDEIS. Furthermore, the USFS is not bound by the permitting schedule and anticipated milestones may be delayed materially or not be satisfied.

Statements contained in this news release that are not historical facts are "forward-looking information" or "forward-looking statements" (collectively, "Forward-Looking Information") within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation and the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-Looking Information includes, but is not limited to, disclosure regarding possible events, next steps and courses of action including environmental clean up actions by us and our contractors; our ability to comply with and obtain permits related to the Stibnite Gold Project; actions to be taken by the DOD, USFS, the State of Idaho and other government agencies and regulatory bodies; our ability to successfully implement and fund the Project and the occurrence of the expected benefits from the Project; the timing of updates from the USFS related to the Stibnite Gold Project, including with respect to the FEIS, DROD and ROD; predictions regarding improvements to water quality, water temperature, and fish habitats and other environmental conditions at the site, including with respect to process and timing of such improvements; reduction of the Project footprint and the anticipated benefits and other effects thereof; our ability to successfully implement the Project and the occurrence of the expected benefits from the Project, including contributions to the workforce, national security and clean energy transition; our and Ambri Inc.'s ability to perform under the supply agreement, which agreement is subject to certain conditions, including identification of one or more refiners to transform our antimony concentrate into antimony metal, and mutual agreement on certain material terms, including volume and pricing; good faith discussions between Perpetua Resources and the Nez Perce Tribe with respect to future permitting and activities at the Project and the anticipated source of funding of Perpetua Resources' payments required under the CWA Settlement Agreement. In certain cases, Forward-Looking Information can be identified by the use of words and phrases or variations of such words and phrases or statements such as "anticipate", "expect", "plan", "likely", "believe", "intend", "forecast", "project", "estimate", "potential", "could", "may", "will", "would" or "should". In preparing the Forward-Looking Information in this news release, Perpetua Resources has applied several material assumptions, including, but not limited to, assumptions that the current exploration, development, environmental and other objectives concerning the Stibnite Gold Project can be achieved and that its other corporate activities will proceed as expected; that general business and economic conditions will not change in a materially adverse manner and that permitting and operations costs will not materially increase; the review process under the NEPA (including any joint review process involving the USFS, the State of Idaho and other agencies and regulatory bodies) as well as the FEIS will proceed in a timely manner and as

