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Dear Sirs:

SUPPORT FOR GREENSTONE GOLD HARDROCK PROJECT

The Municipality of Greenstone is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Greenstone Gold Hardrock Project. This proposed mining development in Greenstone, Ontario will provide hundreds of well-paying jobs over an estimated 18-year construction and operating timeframe and will have a significant positive impact on the economy of both the municipality and the entire region of Northwestern Ontario.

Greenstone Gold has worked tirelessly with the community and Municipality throughout the Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Assessment process to address any concerns that may have arisen. The respect shown to the Municipality of Greenstone, local stakeholders and local Aboriginal communities throughout the process has been greatly appreciated.

Greenstone Gold Mines has committed to using local and regional suppliers and this initiative will ensure that many of the substantial benefits of this \$1.2 billion project will remain within our Municipality. The project will see the creation of jobs for our residents and economic prosperity for our communities.

We are very supportive of this initiative and look forward to working with Greenstone Gold to realize the immense opportunity that this development offers to not only our municipality, but the surrounding region as well.

Sincerely

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