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Midway hires Kenneth A. Brunk

Midway Gold Corp. ("Midway") is pleased to announce that it has hired Kenneth A. Brunk as President and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Brunk will provide the leadership and management necessary to guide the Company through the steps to develop the Pan gold project in Nevada to production.

Alan Branham will remain as a director of Midway and will continue to be actively involved in guiding the exploration programs on the Company's other projects. Mr. Branham was responsible for recognizing the potential of the Pan gold project and recommending its acquisition in 2007. Mr. Branham was directly involved in the discovery of the Spring Valley gold deposit, in Nevada and the acquisition of the Golden Eagle project, near Republic, Washington.

Mr. Brunk, a Qualified Person, holds a degree in Metallurgical Engineering from Michigan Technological University and throughout his forty-two year career has conducted numerous feasibility studies and has as well been responsible for designing, constructing, staffing and operating multiple mining operations and improving process efficiencies around the world.

Most recently, he served as Chief Operating Officer of Romarco Minerals, where he led Romarco through the feasibility study on its Haile Gold Mine project. Mr. Brunk's efforts aided in elevating Haile from a prospective exploration effort to a successful world-class mine development project. Previously, as Senior Vice President and Senior Technical Officer at Newmont, Mr. Brunk was responsible for all of the technical functions of the operating, mine planning, metallurgical development, projects, and engineering groups within Newmont.

Given his extensive experience, Mr. Brunk's tenure is expected to further the advancement of the Pan and other Midway projects to production. The Pan project hosts a Measured and Indicated mineral resource estimate of 608,700 ounces of gold contained in 34.65 million tons at an average grade of 0.018 ounces per ton ("opt"), with an additional Inferred resource of 26,500 ounces of gold contained in 1.6 million tons at an average grade of 0.017 opt, determined at a 0.006 opt gold cut-off grade and a \$750 per ounce gold price in a Lerchs-Grossman shell on December 1, 2009. Midway's efforts under Mr. Branham's guidance have notably increased both the size and quality of the project, which remains open for expansion. Under Mr. Brunk's management, Midway plans to undertake condemnation drilling, the initiation of permitting, and the completion of a preliminary economic assessment including an updated independent NI 43-101 compliant resource in 2010, leading toward the goal of the Pan becoming an operating gold mine by 2013.

The Company anticipates that Mr. Brunk's history of successful mine development, coupled with the Pan's considerable resource and capacity for growth could increase both the project's near-term production potential and the Company's shareholder value.

Pursuant to Midway's shareholder approved combined incentive and non-qualified stock option plan, the board of directors of Midway has granted non-qualified stock options on a total of 500,000 shares of Midway's common stock exercisable for up to five years at a price of \$0.71 per share being the closing price of Midway's common shares on the day of grant and are subject to any applicable regulatory hold periods.

The technical aspects of this news release has been reviewed and approved by Don Harris, (M.Sc., CPG), a "qualified persons" as that term is defined in National Instrument 43-101.

Midway is a precious metals exploration company listed on the NYSE Amex and Tier-1 of the TSX Venture Exchange. The Company's primary focus is discovering and developing gold resources within politically stable regions known for large gold endowments.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

"Daniel Wolfus"

Daniel Wolfus, Chairman and CEO

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