

December 20, 2011,

To: St. Louis County Board Members:
From: Marlene Pospeck, Mayor of Hoyt Lakes

Today you are discussing a resolution in support of non-ferrous mining in St. Louis County. I urge you to pass such a resolution and wonder why there would be even a moment's hesitation on your part to do so.

To create significant jobs growth for the citizens of the County we must once again look towards the resources readily available in the area. Besides iron ore deposits and forestry products, we now have a tremendous opportunity to engage in strategic metals mining.

There are more than four billion tons of copper, nickel and platinum group metal resources in this region of Minnesota; this is the second largest deposit of this type in the world. Strategic metals mining could equal or surpass the economic impact and duration of both northern Minnesota's iron mining industry which has been an important part of our state's heritage and economy for 130 years and the 8.6 billion dollar forestry industry.

After all is said and done, risk is inherent in any new venture including non-ferrous mining. Common sense dictates that we need to acknowledge at some point that the risks have been adequately assessed by the regulatory agencies charged with this task and that they can be managed effectively by requiring strategic mining operations to strictly adhere to all of Minnesota's existing environmental laws and regulations.

As a resident of northern Minnesota I take great pride in the sparkling blue lakes and beautiful forestlands in northern Minnesota which make this a great place for all kinds of outdoor recreation. Because of those resources, northeastern Minnesota continues to attract thousands of visitors annually. Our thriving tourism industry has successfully co-existed with our mining industry for over a century. However, it would be a mistake to assume that a tourism economy could ever produce the quality of jobs created by the mining industry as suggested by someone at your last meeting.

I remain confident that strategic metals miners will follow the lead of iron miners and foresters to continue to create economic growth in the region while protecting the beautiful and unique landscape of northern Minnesota. We who live here understand that environmental stewardship can and does go hand in hand with utilizing our region's natural resources for economic growth.

I am confident that all of best technological methods available will be applied to responsibly address the environmental impacts of non-ferrous mining.

The specter of environmental ruin raised by strident opponents to non-ferrous mining is beyond exaggerated and should be given no more consideration than voices such as mine that say, "We can and must encourage the jobs growth and economic impacts of non-

ferrous mining while continuing to hold feet to the fire to preserve our environment through existing laws and safeguards, as we have for the past century of mining.”

Thank you.

CITY OF ELY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EMERGING STRATEGIC METALS MINING INDUSTRY IN NORTHEAST
MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, The emerging strategic metals mining industry in Northeast Minnesota promises thousands of new direct and indirect jobs for our region for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Minnesota strategic metals reserves are estimated to give us one of the largest, and only current domestic sources of nickel, along with some of the most significant sources of copper, cobalt, platinum and palladium in the world.

WHEREAS, New and emerging technologies look to augment the positive economic development and job creation directly related to strategic metals mining with spin-off industries which can employ significant numbers of people right here on the Iron Range.

WHEREAS, We know that strategic metals mining will have a positive impact on education funding in Minnesota as well as on the development of countless products such as wireless devices, catalytic converters, hybrid cars and other emerging "green economy" needs.

WHEREAS, Modern mining companies operating in Northeast Minnesota utilize advanced technology to protect our environment. And all companies will be required to meet Minnesota's rigorous environmental standards and guidelines to assure that our air and water quality standards are protected; and

WHEREAS, Our national security interests are served by meeting our strategic metals needs domestically rather than relying on less stable foreign countries like Russia or China.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ely, through its City Council and Mayor, strongly support the emerging strategic metals industry near Ely and across Northeast Minnesota. And Ely thanks Senators Klobuchar and Franken, Governor Dayton, Congressman Cravaack and our Iron Range legislative leaders for their continued support and facilitation of strategic metals mining permits and the job creation to come.

Adopted by the Council this 20th Day of December, 2011.

Attest:


Terri Boese, City Clerk-Treasurer


Roger J. Skraba, Mayor

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2308

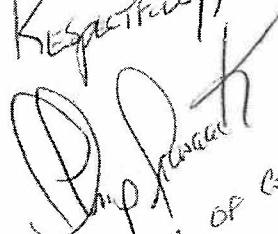
Today is the formal beginning of a project that will bring hundreds of jobs to Northeastern Minnesota. It will help manufacturers with resource needs, not only in our country, but worldwide. At a time when our economy is in need of long-term, good-paying jobs Twin Metals is willing to step up to the plate and invest in our future. We thank you for that.

Twin Metals is an ambitious project, one that has the potential to be one of the largest precious metal mines in the world. We thank the company for its commitment to this region, and for the potential economic growth and the positive impact that this project will bring to Northeastern Minnesota. In addition to jobs and economic growth, royalties from the project are expected to provide much needed revenues to help fund our schools.

It will give our citizens an opportunity to stay in our beautiful northwoods rather than leave because they could not find employment.

When the Twin Metals Mining project is operational it will provide metals that are critical components of today's economy and essential elements in a variety of industries, such as power generation, electrification, electronics, aircraft and aerospace. It will help reduce our country's reliance on imported supplies of these metals.

We look forward to partnering with Twin Metals to make this project a success.

Respectfully,

MEMBER OF CONGRESS
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2309

August 5, 2011

Bob McFarlin
Vice President of Public and Govt. Affairs
Twin Metals Minnesota
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Mr. McFarlin, Mayor Skraba, Commissioner Sertich and other friends and guests,

Congratulations on the opening of your new Ely Operational Headquarters! This is a very exciting day for Twin Metals, the City of Ely, the region and the State of Minnesota.

I am sorry my schedule did not allow me to be there with you today, however please know that I share in your excitement and look forward to visiting the facility sometime in the very near future. I appreciated the opportunity to meet with Bob McFarlin and other Twin Metals representatives in my D.C office back in June. I look forward to continuing to work with all of you in the coming months and years.

The benefits of this facility, and all of your impressive work, will be felt across the entire region and will lead to additional jobs and increased innovation. If there is ever any way I, or my office, can be of any assistance or support, please do not hesitate to contact Daniel Fanning in my Duluth office at (218) 722-2390.

Again, congratulations and continued success. Thank you for your contributions to our grateful state.

Sincerely,



Al Franken
United States Senator

AMY KLOBUCHAR
MINNESOTA

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JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
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United States Senate
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August 5, 2011

Robert McFarlin
Twin Metals
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Dear Bob:

Thank you for the kind invitation to join you for today's celebration of the opening of Twin Metals new Ely Operational Headquarters. Although my schedule prevents me from being with you in person today, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you on this milestone event. A project such as this cannot be realized without the vision, hard work and commitment of all involved so thank you for your work and commitment to future job growth in Minnesota.

This office opening today comes at a time when our state's economy needs investment, job growth and strong utilization of new technologies. Generations of Minnesotans, including my grandparents and many of my relatives raised their families on the range, working in mines and related industries. As many of you know I have roots right here in Ely, where my grandfather worked in the underground mines, so that makes this office opening in Ely special to me. So many more generations of Minnesotans can thrive, where my grandfather settled and my father grew up.

I wish you well as you gather today to celebrate and please know I am proud to serve you in the United States Senate and look forward to working with you for years to come.

Sincerely,



Amy Klobuchar
United States Senator



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December 16, 2009

Mr. Stuart Arkley, EIS Project Manager
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Division of Ecological Services
Environmental Review Unit
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Dear Mr. Arkley:

Thank you for your efforts to collect and review public comments on PolyMet Mining's proposed copper-nickel-precious metal mine. The Lake County Board of Commissioners is pleased to write in support of this project, which will provide critical metals that I and my constituents use every single day.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners is well aware of the importance of mining to the economy of Northeastern Minnesota and equally well aware of the need for mining to be done in an environmentally sound manner. We are pleased to see that the environmental impact statement developed for the project clearly reflects the fact that PolyMet can do both.

The proposed mine is in neighboring St. Louis County in an area that already is widely used for mining and has been logged extensively. It is surrounded by existing mine pits, high-transmission power lines and transportation infrastructure that includes roads and rail. This is an appropriate area for this type of industrial development.

PolyMet proposes to take advantage of this impressive infrastructure, re-using the Brownfield site left by the bankruptcy of LTVSMC and much of the existing road and rail service. Not only will this minimize further disruption, it also will recycle these facilities.

The environmental impact statement also shows that PolyMet processes will be environmentally superior to more traditional processing methods, using constituents in the ore to fuel processing, generating very low rates of air pollution and minimizing the use of greenhouse gas generating fuels. PolyMet won't discharge process water to the environment and will manage waste rock to avoid generation of acid rock drainage.

I'd like to expand on the socio-economic impacts of PolyMet's proposed project. Construction of the facility will provide 1.5 million man hours of construction employment.

Wilma H. Rahn
Administrative Clerk of the Board

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Mr. Stuart Arkley
December 16, 2009
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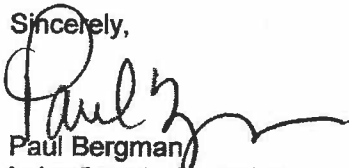
PolyMet will create 400 full time jobs at wages that can support a family, and at least 500 spinoff jobs are expected. The company also will pay millions annually in local, state and federal taxes.

This economic benefit will help much of Northeastern Minnesota. Lake County specifically is struggling with rising costs, increased demand for services and a shrinking tax bases. In Lake County we currently have an unemployment rate of eight percent because of the economic recession. Construction of the mine as well as its operations will provide much needed high paying and stable jobs to Lake County residents and will help to improve the county's bottom line. We need sound, long-term, sustainable economic development to help ensure a steady stream of local revenues. PolyMet would contribute to that revenue stream.

Please work quickly to answer public comments and to issue a determination that the environmental impact statement has adequately addressed the issues associated with the project so permitting can begin.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Paul Bergman
Lake County Commissioner

PB/whr

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2309

December 9, 2009

Mr. Stuart Arkley
Environmental Impact Statement Project Manager
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Division of Ecological Resources
Environmental Review Unit
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Dear Mr. Arkley:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed PolyMet Mining Co. project in the Mesabi Iron Range. Minnesota needs jobs, and nowhere is that more true than on the Iron Range. PolyMet will help diversify the economy of the iron ore-dependent Range, and will help meet our nation's domestic demand for copper, nickel, platinum, cobalt, gold, and palladium. Most importantly, this project offers a real opportunity to put Northeastern Minnesota citizens back to work. At full operation, PolyMet will employ 400 people earning an annual payroll of about \$40 million. In St. Louis County alone, it will create more than 500 spin-off jobs and create an economic impact of \$242 million.

Minnesota has strict environmental standards, and I have the utmost confidence in the environmental review process. This process includes public hearings, such as the one taking place here tonight.

Throughout this multi-year process, PolyMet has done their due diligence and has faithfully followed the law. This includes providing all the necessary information for the draft environmental impact statement (EIS). The resulting draft describes the many steps PolyMet will take to minimize environmental impacts. I am excited to see this process move ahead, and I look forward to creating more jobs on the Iron Range.

Sincerely,



Al Franken
United States Senator

David J. Tomassoni, Chair
Economic Development Budget Division

Senator - District 5
St. Louis County



Senate

State of Minnesota

December 4, 2009

Stuart Arkley, EIS Project Manager
Environmental Review Unit
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Dear Mr. Arkley:

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the public comment process on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for PolyMet Mining Company and to add our voices to the thousands of Minnesotans who want to create jobs and produce metals that we all use every day and protect our environment for future generations.

PolyMet Mining Company offers the State of Minnesota a win-win-win opportunity that we cannot afford to pass up.

PolyMet is an economic win. It will create jobs at a time when the unemployment rate is more than 7% and as high as 14% in some cities on the Iron Range. During construction, PolyMet will require 1.5 million hours of labor so skilled workers will be on the job and not on the bench.

Once fully operational, PolyMet will provide jobs to more than 400 workers at good salaries that families can live on. In St. Louis County alone, the spinoff jobs are anticipated to be more than 500.

PolyMet also will generate millions of dollars in state, local and federal taxes each year.

PolyMet is a strategic win. The copper, nickel, platinum, palladium, gold and cobalt that PolyMet will produce are essential to our way of life. They are found in electrical wiring, hybrid cars, wind turbines, stainless steel, jet engines, cell phones, computers, blood sugar test strips, artificial joints, catalytic converters and a myriad of other products, but the United States imports from 40% to 90% of these metals.

We import them from countries that don't follow our stringent environmental laws, that subject miners to unsafe working conditions and that contribute to the global pool of pollution circulating in our atmosphere. Then, we contribute to greenhouse gas emissions by shipping them to another country for processing before we ship them to the U.S.



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And PolyMet wins by demonstrating environmental safety – not only because it is more environmentally sound than importing metals but also because PolyMet has shown that it will operate in a way that protects our air, our water and our land.

The DEIS is an impressive review of the project and all its potential impacts -- along with alternatives that make it even better than originally proposed. The DEIS documents the many steps the company will take to operate in an environmentally sound manner -- from being a minor source of air emissions to the exhaustive waste rock stockpile management efforts. When mining ceases, financial assurance will be available to pay for closure if, for some reason, PolyMet is unable to do so.

As elected officials representing the Iron Range, we are confident that after more than four years of PolyMet working with scientists and biologists and spending upwards of \$20 million, that the DEIS is covering all the bases. The products that will be mined are extensively used in our society. The data shows a safe mining operation, one that has the controls to address the environmental concerns.

We want mining to take place in Minnesota, where we know that the regulations are stringent and that regulators are tough on enforcement. We want mining to take place in Minnesota so that we can call upon our long tradition of mining excellence and show the world how nonferrous mining can be done the right way. Finally, we want it done in Minnesota so our country has its own supply of precious metals and will not have to rely on foreign dictators or polluting countries to make the products our green economy will need to be successful.

The DEIS should receive an adequacy determination. Permitting on this win-win-win project should begin immediately.

Thank you.

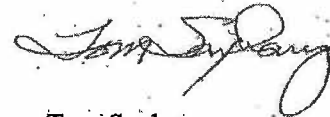
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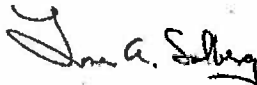
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State Senator



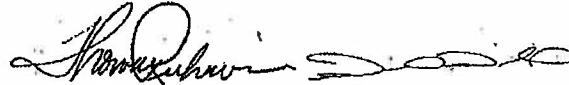
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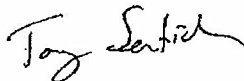
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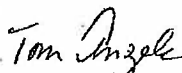
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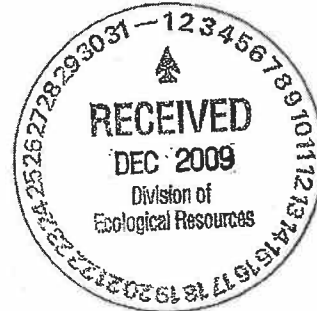


Office of the Commissioner

Christopher A. Dahlberg

November 30, 2009

Stuart Arkley, EIS Project Manager
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Division of Ecological Resources
Environmental Review Unit
500 Lafayette Road, Box 25
St. Paul, MN 55155-4025



Dear Mr. Arkley:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the PolyMet Mining project.

As a St. Louis County Commissioner, an individual with deep family roots in the region affected, and perhaps most importantly the father of a 5-year old, I have the foremost obligation to assure that a sound, objective, technically-based analysis process of the project is followed to guard against degradation of the environment and health injury to the surrounding population. Once this first obligation is met, I then turn my efforts to aggressively work for projects that promote long-term economic viability to our region.

After spending considerable time educating myself on this project, I am convinced that the PolyMet project has met the requirements to assess its potential impacts and has offered significant evidence that it will meet or exceed Minnesota's strict environmental regulations.

I have had meetings with PolyMet officials to discuss the mining and processing operation as well as toured the actual site. I am impressed with the multiple safeguards the company has developed to protect the environment now and well into the future. This has been an over 5-year process to date.

The company will manage waste rock from the beginning, separating it based on its acid-generating (reactive rock) potential and storing it on engineered foundations with drains that will be able to collect any water that flows through the stockpiles and treat it at a wastewater treatment plant. Once operations are complete, stockpiles will be covered and vegetated to minimize the amount of water that can come into contact with the rock. Seepage will continue to be collected and treated. A financial assurance mechanism will be set up that is bankruptcy and judgment proof to assure funds are reserved to continue with treatment remediation well after the project production ceases.

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Further, I have looked to the objective, technically-based analysis of the lead agencies: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Army Corps of Engineer (ACE). I have the fullest confidence in your jointly prepared DEIS findings. This confidence comes from my past dealings with these agencies both in my role now as a county commissioner and formerly as a Duluth City Councilor. On a more personal note, my confidence may be also attributed to the fact that as an Army Engineer I am deeply aware of the importance ACE places on jealously guarding its reputation to assure all such studies are meticulously conducted and scrutinized internally.

I urge that regulatory agencies may soon begin using the data in the EIS to develop operating permits for PolyMet.

I want to add one final comment which I apologize if I end on a somewhat negative note. I find myself feeling somewhat uneasy with the fact that an additional hearing outside the project area was set in the Metro. I am unfamiliar with the precedence here and whether similar projects situated in the Metro require a second Out-State hearing.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Dahlberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Commissioner Chris Dahlberg
St. Louis County Commissioner

cc: Jon K. Ahlness
Regulatory Branch, St. Paul District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Community Economic Development Joint Powers

City of Ely, City of Winton, Town of Morse, ISD #696

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Resolution of Support for the PolyMet Mining Project

The undersigned, being the Chairman of the Community Economic Development Joint Powers Board consisting of voting members of the Cities of Ely & Winton, Town of Morse and ISD #696, hereby sign the following resolution drafted and ratified by the Joint Powers:

Whereas, the Community Economic Development Joint Powers is aware that the PolyMet Mining Project is moving forward in the State and Federal environmental review and permitting process; and

Whereas, the Community Economic Development Joint Powers understands that the PolyMet Project needs to meet or exceed all of Minnesota's strict environmental standards; and

Whereas, Federal Legislation will allow PolyMet to purchase the surface ownership directly from the United States Forest Service;

Whereas, PolyMet will pay the same price for the property whether the transfer is done through a land exchange or through the land sale legislation; and

Whereas, the legislation specifically requires the USFS to purchase desirable private holdings within and adjacent to the Superior National Forest and to offset any loss of wetlands from the sale by the acquisition of wetlands within or adjacent to the forest; and

Whereas, the PolyMet Project will reuse and recycle all water during operation, eliminating any discharge to surface water; and

Whereas, the PolyMet Project will not require any additional tailing disposal area beyond those already developed at the Erie plant site; and

Whereas, the PolyMet Project wetland disturbance area has been significantly reduced and will be replaced as required by Minnesota statute; and

Whereas, the PolyMet Project will manage and treat all wastes as determined appropriate through the environmental review process; and

Whereas, the company has stated intent to utilize the best mining and reclamation practices, coupled with clean and energy efficient metal recovery processing that does not include heap leaching or smelting; and

Whereas, it is anticipated that the PolyMet Project will create approximately 400 full-time, long-term jobs in northeastern Minnesota; and

Whereas, it is anticipated that the PolyMet Project will require over 1 million hours of labor during its construction phase; and

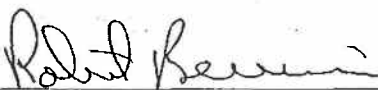
Whereas, the PolyMet Project is anticipated to generate 500 spin-off jobs in St. Louis County alone; and

Whereas, it is anticipated that the PolyMet Project will contribute millions of dollars to local cities and school districts and the State through net proceed taxes, ad valorem taxes, occupation taxes, and royalties; and

Whereas, the Community Economic Development Joint Powers recognizes the tremendous benefit the PolyMet Mining Project will provide to the region.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Community Economic Development Joint Powers strongly supports the PolyMet Mining Project.

Date:



Robert Berrini, Chairman

Community Economic Development Joint Powers

Resolution in Support of Nonferrous Mining in St. Louis County

By Commissioner Nelson

WHEREAS, nonferrous ores contain metals used in daily life - copper, nickel, cobalt, platinum, palladium and gold – and found in countless products, including cell phones, computers, joint replacements, electrical wiring, hybrid cars and catalytic converters; and

WHEREAS, the United States does not meet its domestic demand for these valuable metals, importing from 40% to 95% of the metals it uses, often from countries with little or no environmental regulations; and

WHEREAS, pollution from unregulated mines joins a global pool that deposits contaminants around the world, including in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, current nonferrous mining operations planned for St. Louis County must meet strict state and federal laws to protect human health and the environment, including the preparation and regular updating of detailed closure plans designated to pay for closure and associated environmental cleanup/mitigation, along with financial resources designated to pay for such closure; and

WHEREAS, The University of Minnesota Duluth Campus, Labovitz School of Economics had indicated that the evolution of nonferrous mining in the region has the potential to provide thousands of construction and skilled trades related jobs and thousands more stable private sector jobs, as well as hundreds of millions of dollars in annual economic benefits to the region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners declares its support for the existing open, transparent, and comprehensive environmental review and permitting process in place for the various nonferrous mining initiatives currently planned for development in St. Louis County, Minnesota, and supports the success of these projects, contingent upon the approval of all federal and state environmental permits necessary for these projects to move forward.

City of Babbitt



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Paul Hoheisel
Debbie Marinaro
Don Negley

Senator Amy Klobuchar
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January 5, 2009

Dear Senator Klobuchar:

The City of Babbitt supports PolyMet Mining's efforts to obtain approximately 6700 acres of Federal land for their proposed mining and processing operations in Babbitt and Hoyt Lakes.

With the economic difficulties we all are facing, government needs to work with the mining industry to bring high paying jobs to northeastern Minnesota while finding ways to protect and maintain the unique environment of the area. The proposed PolyMet operations will create approximately 400 direct and 1000 spin-off jobs and provide tax revenues for the Local, State, and Federal Governments. In addition, the families that move to the area for the jobs will bring children for the local schools and support area merchants.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter. If you have any questions please contact me through the Babbitt City office, (218 827- 2188) or at home (218 827-2334)

Sincerely,

Mayor, Glenn Anderson

RESOLUTION NO. 08-16

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED FEDERAL LAND SALE TO POLYMET MINING

WHEREAS, PolyMet Mining Corp proposes to operate a copper - nickel mine within the City of Babbitt and a processing facility at Hoyt Lakes, and

WHEREAS, proposed mining and processing operation will create about 400 direct and over 1000 spin-off jobs in northeast Minnesota and provide tax revenues to the Local, State and Federal Governments, and

WHEREAS, as part of the project development, PolyMet has proposed to purchase approximately 6700 acres of land from the U.S. Forest Service for the mining operations, and

WHEREAS, the money received from the land sale would allow the Forest Service to land parcels including wetlands that are contiguous more consistent with the forest plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Babbitt hereby supports the proposed land exchange

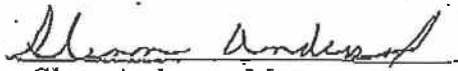
The foregoing resolution, offered by Mayor Anderson, and upon the motion, supported by Councilor Marinaro, was declared adopted this seventh day of July by the following roll call:

Ayes: Castellano, Hoheisel, Marinaro, Anderson


Nays: Negley

Abstain: None

Absent: None


Glenn Anderson, Mayor

Attest:


Peter L. Pastika
City Administrator

CITY OF ELY

209 E. Chapman St.
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December 31, 2008

Joe Scipioni
President, CEO
POLYMET MINING
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6500 County Road 666
Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota 55750-0475

Dear President Scipioni:

Please find enclosed, a resolution supporting the POLYMET Project that was unanimously passed by the Ely City Council. The City of Ely was established through iron ore mining operations and fully understands the positive implications for economic development that new mining initiatives can bring to this area. Ely has also demonstrated a leadership position in protecting the core environmental concerns long before caring for the environment became popular. As indicated in the resolution, please give your full support for the POLYMET Project.

Sincerely,



Charles J. Novak
Mayor
City of Ely

CJN /pw



CITY OF ELY

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Resolution 2008 – 44

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE POLYMET MINING PROJECT

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Ely, that

WHEREAS: The City of Ely is aware that the PolyMet Mining Project is moving forward in the State and Federal environmental review and permitting process; and

WHEREAS: The City of Ely understands that the PolyMet Project needs to meet or exceed all of Minnesota's strict environmental standards; and

WHEREAS: Federal Legislation will allow PolyMet to purchase the surface ownership directly from the United States Forest Service; and

WHEREAS: PolyMet will pay the same price for the property whether the transfer is done through a land exchange or through the land sale legislation; and

WHEREAS: The legislation specifically requires the USFS to purchase desirable private holdings within and adjacent to the Superior National Forest and to offset any loss of wetlands from the sale by the acquisition of wetlands within or adjacent to the forest; and

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WHEREAS: The PolyMet Project will not require any additional tailing disposal area beyond those already developed at the Erie plant site; and

WHEREAS: The PolyMet Project wetland disturbance area has been significantly reduced and will be replaced as required by Minnesota Statute; and

WHEREAS: The PolyMet Project will manage and treat all wastes as determined appropriate through the environmental review process; and

WHEREAS: The company has stated intent to utilize the best mining and reclamation practices, coupled with clean and energy efficient metal recovery processing that does not include heap leaching or smelting; and



WHEREAS: It is anticipated that the PolyMet Project will create approximately 400 full-time, long-term jobs in northeastern Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: It is anticipated that the PolyMet Project will require over 1 million hours of labor during its construction phase; and

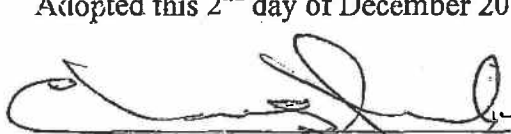
WHEREAS: The PolyMeet Project is anticipated to generate 500 spin-off jobs in St. Louis County alone; and


WHEREAS: It is anticipated that the PolyMet Project will contribute millions of dollars to local cities and school districts and the State through net proceed taxes, ad valorem taxes, occupational taxes and royalties; and

WHEREAS: The City of Ely recognizes the tremendous benefit the PolyMet Mining Project will provide to the region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of Ely strongly supports the PolyMet Mining Project.

Adopted this 2nd day of December 2008.


Charles J. Novak, Mayor


Terri Boese, Clerk-Treasurer

White Community Hospital's 2008
Resolution of Support for the PolyMet Mining Project

The undersigned, being the President of the Board of Directors, hereby sign the following resolution drafted and ratified by the White Community Hospital Corporation:

The White Community Hospital is aware that the PolyMet Mining Project is moving forward in the State and Federal environmental review and permitting process.

The White Community Hospital understands that the PolyMet Project needs to meet or exceed all of Minnesota's strict environmental standards.

Federal Legislation will allow PolyMet to purchase the surface ownership directly from the United States Forest Service.

PolyMet will pay the same price for the property whether the transfer is done through a land exchange or through the land sale legislation.

The legislation specifically requires the USFS to purchase desirable private holdings within and adjacent to the Superior National Forest and to offset any loss of wetlands from the sale by the acquisition of wetlands within or adjacent to the forest.

The PolyMet Project will reuse and recycle all water during operation, eliminating any discharge to surface water.

The PolyMet Project will not require any additional tailing disposal area beyond those already developed at the Erie plant site.

The PolyMet Project wetland disturbance area has been significantly reduced and will be replaced as required by Minnesota statute.

The PolyMet Project will manage and treat all wastes as determined appropriate through the environmental review process.

The company has stated intent to utilize the best mining and reclamation practices, coupled with clean and energy efficient metal recovery processing that does not include heap leaching or smelting.

It is anticipated that the PolyMet Project will create approximately 400 full-time, long-term jobs in northeastern Minnesota.

It is anticipated that the PolyMet Project will require over 1 million hours of labor during its construction phase.

The PolyMet Project is anticipated to generate 500 spin-off jobs in St. Louis County alone.

It is anticipated that the PolyMet Project will contribute millions of dollars to local cities and school districts and the State through net proceed taxes, ad valorem taxes, occupation taxes, and royalties.

The White Community Hospital recognizes the tremendous benefit the PolyMet Mining Project will provide to the region.

It is resolved that White Community Hospital strongly supports the PolyMet Mining Project.

Date: 12-23-08

Lynn M. Mugge
Lynn Mugge, Board President
White Community Hospital Corporation

STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS

This instrument was acknowledged before me this 23rd day of December, 2008 by Lynn Mugge, Board President White Community Hospital Corporation

Merry M. Johnson
Signature of Notary Public





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RESOLUTION

City of Gilbert, Minnesota, December 9, 2008

Resolution in support of the PolyMet Mining Project

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Gilbert, that

WHEREAS, the City of Gilbert is aware that the PolyMet Mining Project is moving forward in the State and Federal environmental review and permitting process; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gilbert understands that the PolyMet Project needs to meet or exceed all of Minnesota's strict environmental standards; and

WHEREAS, Federal Legislation will allow PolyMet to purchase the surface ownership directly from the United States Forest Service; and

WHEREAS, the legislation specifically requires the USFS to purchase desirable private holdings within and adjacent to the Superior National Forest and to offset any loss of wetlands from the sale by the acquisition of wetlands within or adjacent to the forest; and

WHEREAS, the PolyMet Project will reuse and recycle all water during operation, eliminating any discharge to surface water; and

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WHEREAS, the PolyMet Project wetland disturbance area has been significantly reduced and will be replaced as required by Minnesota Statute; and

WHEREAS, the PolyMet Project will manage and treat all wastes as determined appropriate through the environmental review process; and

WHEREAS, the company has stated intent to utilize the best mining and reclamation practices, coupled with clean and energy efficient metal recovery processing that does not include heap leaching or smelting; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the PolyMet Project will create approximately 400 full-time, long-term jobs in northeastern Minnesota; and



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WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the PolyMet Project will contribute millions of dollars to local cities and school districts and the State through net proceed taxes, ad valorem taxes, occupation taxes, and royalties, and

WHEREAS, the City of Gilbert recognizes the tremendous benefit the PolyMet Mining Project will provide to the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Gilbert strongly supports the PolyMet Mining Project.

Moved by Councilor Gentile supported by Councilor Kutsi that the above resolution be adopted.

Ayes: Mayor Bellerud, Councilors Berry, Gentile, Kutsi and Omersa

Nays: None


Mayor Donald Bellerud

ATTEST:

City Clerk Gary Mackley

**CITY OF AURORA
RESOLUTION 2008-#17**

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE POLYMET MINING PROJECT

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Aurora, that

Whereas, the City of Aurora is aware that the PolyMet Mining Project is moving forward in the State and Federal environmental review and permitting process; and

Whereas, the City of Aurora understands that the PolyMet Project needs to meet or exceed all of Minnesota's strict environmental standards; and

Whereas, Federal Legislation will allow PolyMet to purchase the surface ownership directly from the United States Forest Service; and

Whereas, PolyMet will pay the same price for the property whether the transfer is done through a land exchange or through the land sale legislation; and

Whereas, the legislation specifically requires the USFS to purchase desirable private holdings within and adjacent to the Superior National Forest and to offset any loss of wetlands from the sale by the acquisition of wetlands within or adjacent to the forest; and

Whereas, the PolyMet Project will reuse and recycle all water during operation, eliminating any discharge to surface water; and

Whereas, the PolyMet Project will not require any additional tailing disposal area beyond those already developed at the Erie plant site; and

Whereas, the PolyMet Project wetland disturbance area has been significantly reduced and will be replaced as required by Minnesota Statute; and

Whereas, the PolyMet Project will manage and treat all wastes as determined appropriate through the environmental review process; and

Whereas, the company has stated intent to utilize the best mining and reclamation practices, coupled with clean and energy efficient metal recovery processing that does not include heap leaching or smelting; and

Whereas, it is anticipated that the PolyMet Project will create approximately 400 full-time, long-term jobs in northeastern Minnesota; and

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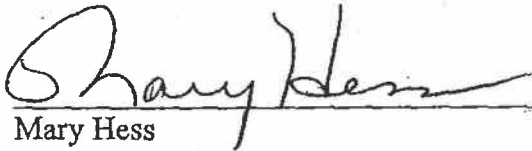
Whereas, it is anticipated that the PolyMet Project will contribute millions of dollars to local cities and school districts and the State through net proceed taxes, ad valorem taxes, occupation taxes, and royalties; and

Whereas, the City of Aurora recognizes the tremendous benefit the PolyMet Mining Project will provide to the region.

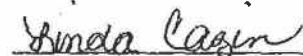
Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the City Council of the City of Aurora strongly supports the PolyMet Mining Project.

Adopted at a Regular City Council Meeting held on December 2, 2008.

ATTEST:



Mary Hess
Mayor



Linda Cazin
Clerk/Treasurer

city seal

PolyMet Mining Resolution Sent to:

Senator Norm Coleman

Senator Amy Klobuchar

Representative James L. Oberstar

Governor Tim Pawlenty

MN Senator David Tomassoni

MN Senator Thomas Bakk

MN Rep. Tom Rukavina

MN Rep. David Dill

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 60-08

SUPPORTING THE POLYMET MINING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain Iron is aware that the PolyMet Mining Project is moving forward in the State and Federal environmental review and permitting process; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain Iron understands that the PolyMet Project needs to meet or exceed all of Minnesota's strict environmental standards; and

WHEREAS, Federal Legislation will allow PolyMet to purchase the surface ownership directly from the United States Forest Service; and

WHEREAS, PolyMet will pay the same price for the property whether the transfer is done through a land exchange or through the land sale legislation; and

WHEREAS, the legislation specifically requires the USFS to purchase desirable private holdings within and adjacent to the Superior National Forest and to offset any loss of wetlands from the sale by the acquisition of wetlands within or adjacent to the forest; and

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WHEREAS, the company has stated intent to utilize the best mining and reclamation practices, coupled with clean and energy efficient metal recovery processing that does not include heap leaching or smelting; and

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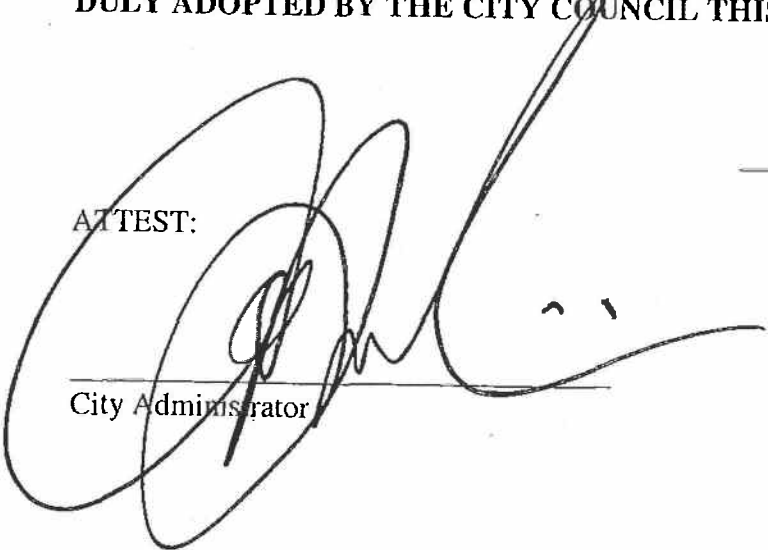
WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the PolyMet Project will contribute millions of dollars to local cities and school districts and the State through net proceed taxes, ad valorem taxes, occupation taxes, and royalties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain Iron recognizes the tremendous benefit the PolyMet Mining Project will provide to the region.

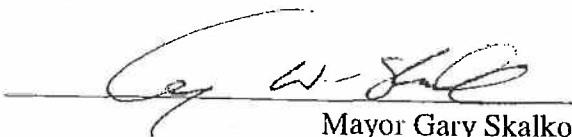
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA, that the City of Mountain Iron strongly supports the PolyMet Mining Project.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 1st DAY OF DECEMBER, 2008.

ATTEST:



City Administrator



Mayor Gary Skalko

RESOLUTION NO. 031108-12
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE
POLYMET MINING PROJECT

Whereas, the City of Chisholm is aware that the PolyMet Mining Project is moving forward in the State permitting process; and

Whereas, the City of Chisholm understands that the PolyMet Project needs to meet or exceed all of Minnesota's strict environmental standards; and

Whereas, the PolyMet Project will reuse and recycle all water during operation, eliminating any discharge to surface water; and

Whereas, the PolyMet Project will not require any additional tailing disposal area beyond those already developed at the Erie plant site; and

Whereas, the PolyMet Project wetland disturbance area has been significantly reduced and will be replaced as required by Minnesota statute; and

Whereas, the PolyMet Project will place all waste rock on liners and cap them so that discharge can be continuously monitored; and

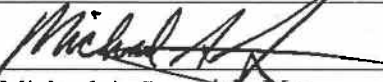
Whereas, the company has stated intent to utilize the best mining and reclamation practices, coupled with clean and energy efficient metal recovery processing that does not include smelting; and


Whereas, it is anticipated that the PolyMet Project will contribute millions of dollars to local cities and school districts and the State through net proceed taxes, ad valorem taxes, occupational taxes, and royalties; and

Whereas, the City of Chisholm recognizes the tremendous benefit the PolyMet Mining Project will provide to the region economically.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the City of Chisholm strongly supports the PolyMet Mining Project.

Date: 3-13-08

Signed: 
Michael A. Jugovich, Mayor

Attest: 
Gary J. Krampotich, Deputy
City Clerk-Treasurer



Resolution of Support for the PolyMet Mining Project

Whereas, Itasca Economic Development Corporation is aware that the PolyMet Mining Project is moving forward in the State permitting process; and

Whereas, Itasca Economic Development Corporation understands that the PolyMet Project will meet or exceed all of Minnesota's strict environmental standards during operations and closure; and

Whereas, the PolyMet Project will reuse and recycle all water during operation, eliminating any discharge to surface water; and

Whereas, the PolyMet Project will not require any additional tailing disposal area beyond those already developed at the Erie plant site; and

Whereas, the PolyMet Project will place all waste rock on liners and cap them so that discharge can be continuously monitored; and

Whereas, the company intends to use the best mining and reclamation practices, coupled with clean and energy efficient metal recovery processing that does not include smelting; and

Whereas, the PolyMet Project will create at least 400 full-time, long-term jobs in northeastern Minnesota; and

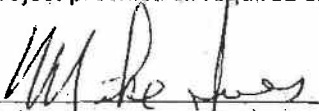
Whereas, it is anticipated that the PolyMet Project will require about 1 million hours of labor during its construction phase; and


Whereas, the PolyMet Project will generate 500 spin-off jobs; and

Whereas, it is anticipated that the PolyMet Project will contribute millions of dollars to local cities and school districts and the State through net proceed taxes, occupation taxes, and royalties; and

Whereas, Itasca Economic Development Corporation recognizes the tremendous benefit the PolyMet Mining Project will provide to the region.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, Itasca Economic Development Corporation strongly supports the PolyMet Mining Project provided all required environmental regulations are passed.


Mike Ives, Chairman of the Board


Peter McDermott, President

Date 3-11-08

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MINNESOTA

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United States Senate
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January 25, 2008

The Honorable Ellen Anderson
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St. Paul, MN 55155-1606

The Honorable Jean Wagenius
449 State Office Building
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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

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The Honorable Tom Rukavina
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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Re: Hearing on Proposed Iron Range Mining Projects

I would like to express my support for economic development mining opportunities on Minnesota's Iron Range. Your meeting today on these projects comes at a time when our state's economy needs investment, job growth, and strong utilization of new technologies. I believe these proposed projects hold tremendous promise and deserve our best collective effort.

These new projects can deliver over \$1 billion in infrastructure improvements, create nearly 9,000 jobs, and provide \$300 million annually in wages to the region. Generations of Minnesotans, including my grandparents and many of my relatives, raised their families on the Range working in mining and related industries, and many more generations can thrive with new economic development.

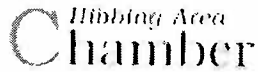
At a time when our state and national economies are increasingly global, competitive, and unstable, we must protect our shared commitment to support economic development through responsible resource management. That is why, so long as they meet state and federal environmental requirements, I believe these new projects should be allowed to move forward.

Thank you for your hard work on this issue.

Sincerely,



Amy Klobuchar
United States Senate



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Resolution of Support for the PolyMet Mining Project

Whereas, the Hibbing Area Chamber is aware that the PolyMet Mining Project is moving forward in the State permitting process; and

Whereas, the Hibbing Area Chamber understands that the PolyMet Project needs to meet or exceed all of Minnesota's strict environmental standards; and

Whereas, the PolyMet Project will reuse and recycle all water during operation, eliminating any discharge to surface water; and

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Whereas, the Hibbing Area Chamber of Commerce recognizes the tremendous benefit the PolyMet Mining Project will provide to the region.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Hibbing Area Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the PolyMet Mining Project.

Date: May 2, 2007

Signed: 

Jon Minne
Chair of the Board



Lery Fedo
President, CEO