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Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce 2015 Resolution of Support for the PolyMet Mining Project

The undersigned, being the President and the Chair of the Board of the Directors of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, hereby sign the following resolution drafted and ratified by the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors:

Whereas, the Grand Rapids Area Chamber is aware that the PolyMet Mining Project is moving through the State and Federal environmental review and permitting process; and

Whereas, the Grand Rapids Area Chamber understands that the PolyMet Project needs to meet or exceed strict environmental standards; and

Whereas, the metals that PolyMet will mine are essential for daily life found in countless products including cell phones, computers, joint replacements, medical treatments and devices, wind turbines and catalytic converters; and

Whereas, the combination of strict Minnesota regulations and PolyMet's commitment to mining in a way that protects the environment will serve as a global template for responsible, ethical and successful mining practices; and

Whereas, the proposed mining and processing operation will create 360 direct jobs and over 600 indirect jobs in St. Louis County alone; and

Whereas, it is anticipated that the PolyMet Mining project will require 2 million hours of labor during its construction phase; 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 Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce recognizes the tremendous benefit the PolyMet Mining Project will provide to the region.

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

Date: April 27, 2015

Amy Trast

Amy Trast, Chair of the Board
Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

Bud Stone

Bud Stone, President
Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF ITASCA

This instrument was acknowledged before me this 27th day of May, 1025 by LaVerne (Bud) Stone as President of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, and Amy Trast as the Chair of the Board of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce.

Renee Thompson

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My commission expires:

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