

CITY OF VIRGINIA

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February 21, 2014

Lisa Fay, EIS Project Manager
MDNR Div of Ecological and Water Resources
Environmental Review Unit
500 Lafayette Road, Box 25
St. Paul, MN 55155-4025

Dear Ms. Fay:

Attached is a copy of Resolution No. 14033, which was adopted by the Virginia City Council on February 11, 2014, in support of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the PolyMet Mining NorthMet Project.

Please consider this resolution as a comment on the SDEIS.

Thank you for your consideration.

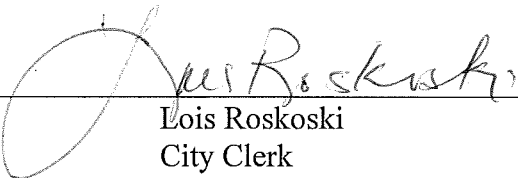
Sincerely,

Lois Roskoski
City Clerk

Cc: ✓ John Cherry, President, PolyMet Mining

I, Lois Roskoski, City Clerk of the City of Virginia, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the annexed copy of Resolution No. 14033 passed by the City Council of the City of Virginia, on the 11th day of February, 2014, with the original document and record thereof on file and of record in my office, and, in my custody as City Clerk of said City, and that the same is true and correct copy thereof, and the whole thereof, and a true and correct transcript therefrom.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed this corporate seal of said City of Virginia, this 21st day of February, 2014.



Lois Roskoski
City Clerk

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Resolution No. **14033**

City of Virginia, Minnesota **February 11, 2014**

Resolution supporting the PolyMet Mining NorthMet Project

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

WHEREAS, the City of Virginia is aware that the PolyMet Mining NorthMet Project is proceeding through the joint State and Federal environmental review and permitting process; and

WHEREAS, the metals that PolyMet will mine are essential for daily life – copper, nickel, cobalt, platinum, palladium and gold – 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, PolyMet Mining will contribute millions of dollars to local cities, school districts and the State through net proceeds taxes, occupation taxes, and sales tax; and

WHEREAS, it is stated within the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, US Army Corps of Engineers, and the US Forest Service’s supplemental draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS), “The SDEIS has thoroughly evaluated water quality impacts, and has shown the project will not cause an exceedance of aquatic life water quality standards.”

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

Moved by Councillor **Baribeau** supported by Councillor **Ralston** that the above resolution be adopted.

Ayes: **Councillors Cuffe, Littlewolf, Ralston, Baribeau, Baranzelli, Mayor Russo - 6**

Nays: **None**