



Resolution of Support for the PolyMet Mining NorthMet Project

WHEREAS, the Willmar Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce 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 diversify and expand the economy by contributing millions of dollars to local cities, school districts and the State through net proceed taxes, occupation taxes, and sales tax; and

WHEREAS, the PolyMet Mining project has been thoroughly evaluated by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, US Army Corps of Engineers, and the US Forest Service through the environmental review process, and has shown the project will meet water quality standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Willmar Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the PolyMet Mining NorthMet Project.



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