### POLYMET MINING CORP.

(a development stage company)

### CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

April 30, 2011

U.S. Funds

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### **Condensed Interim Consolidated Balance Sheets**

All figures in Thousands of U.S. Dollars - unaudited

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ASSETS					
Current Cash and equivalents Trade and other receivables Investment Prepaid expenses Assets held for sale (Notes 6 and 15c))	\$	5,909 381 84 929 3,420	\$	10,361 318 66 636 3,420	\$ 21,282 88 140 512
Deferred Financing Costs		10,723		14,801	22,022 1,794
Mineral Property, Plant and Equipment (Notes 5 and 6)		- 145,252		141,813	125,876
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LIABILITIES					
Current Trade payables and accrued liabilities Current portion of long term debt (Note 7) Current portion of environmental rehabilitation	\$	2,122 6,500	\$	2,444 6,750	\$ 2,953 2,000
provision (Note 8)		1,408		1,408	756
Long term		10,030		10,602	5,709
Long term debt (Note 7)		1,521		1,775	8,529
Convertible debt (Note 9)		27,924		27,631	24,866
Environmental rehabilitation provision (Note 8)		14,328		14,311	12,943
Total Liabilities		53,803		54,319	52,047
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Share Capital - (Note 10)		142,646		142,373	132,066
Equity Reserves – (Note 10d))		40,612		39,689	37,662
Deficit		(81,086)		(79,767)	(72,083)
		102,172		102,295	97,645
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$	155,975	\$	156,614	\$ 149,692

**General Information and Going Concern** (Note 1)

Commitments and Contingencies (Notes 6, 8, 10 and 15)

Subsequent event (Note 10e))

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

"William Murray"	, Director
"David Dreisinger"	, Director

### Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Loss and **Comprehensive Loss**

For the three months ended April 30
All figures in Thousands of U.S. Dollars, except per share amounts - unaudited

		April 30, 2011		April 30, 2010
General and Administrative				
Amortization	\$	8	\$	7
Consulting fees	·	5	·	9
Directors' fees		46		-
Exploration		-		193
Investor relations and financing		4		39
Office and corporate wages		184		361
Professional fees		205		33
Shareholders' information		62		96
Share-based compensation (Notes 10b) and c))		536		10
Transfer agent and filing fees		44		35
Travel		89		68
		1,183		851
Other Expenses (Income) Finance income and costs (Note 11) Loss (gain) on foreign exchange Rental income		172 (13) (23) 136		149 (12) (70) 67
Loss for the period		1,319		918
Other Comprehensive Loss				
Unrealized (gain) loss on investment		(14)		(22)
Total Comprehensive Loss for the period		1,305		896
Basic and Diluted Loss per Share	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.01)
Weighted Average Number of Shares	1	54,913,235		148,989,218

<sup>-</sup> See Accompanying Notes -

# PolyMet Mining Corp. (a development stage company) Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholder Equity For the three months ended April 30 All figures in Thousands of U.S. Dollars, except for Shares - unaudited

		Share Capital (Note :	10)			Ec	quity Reserves				
	Authorized Shares	Issued Shares		Amount	rrants and are-based Payment	Sal	Available for e Revaluation	Т	otal Equity Reserves	Deficit	Total
Balance at January 31, 2011	Unlimited	154,825,791	\$	142,373	\$ 39,695	9	\$ (6)	\$	39,689	\$ (79,767)	\$ 102,295
Loss for the period	-	-		-	-		-		-	(1,319)	(1,319)
Other comprehensive loss for the period		-		-	-		14		14		14
Total other comprehensive income	-	-		-	-		14		14	(1,319)	(1,305)
Shares and warrants issued:											
Exercise of options	-	95,000		67	-		-		-	-	67
Fair value of stock options exercised	-	-		52	(52)	)	-		(52)	-	-
For options on land purchases	-	75,000		154	-		-		-	-	154
Milestone 4 Bonus Share cost amortization (Note 15)	-	-		-	337		-		337	-	337
Share-based compensation (Note 10c))		=		-	624		-		624	-	624
Balance – April 30, 2011	Unlimited	154,995,791	\$	142,646	\$ 40,604	•	\$ 8	\$	40,612	\$ (81,086)	\$ 102,172

	;	Share Capital (Note 1)	0)		Equity	Reserves				
	Authorized Shares	Issued Shares	Amount	arrants and nare-based Payment		ailable for evaluation	Т	otal Equity Reserves	Deficit	Total
Balance at February 1, 2010	Unlimited	148,980,791	\$ 132,066	\$ 37,591	\$	71	\$	37,662	\$ (72,083)	\$ 97,645
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-		-		-	(918)	(918)
Other comprehensive gain (loss) for the period	-	-	-	-		(22)		(22)	-	(22)
Total other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-		(22)		(22)	(918)	(940)
Shares and warrants issued:										
Exercise of options	-	25,000	16	-		-		-	-	16
Fair value of stock options exercised	-	-	16	(16)		-		(16)	-	-
Milestone 4 Bonus Share cost amortization (Note 15)	-	-	-	428		-		428	-	428
Share-based compensation (Note 10c))	-	-	-	66		-		66	-	66
Balance – April 30, 2010	Unlimited	149,005,791	\$ 132,098	\$ 38,069	\$	49	\$	38,118	\$ (73,001)	\$ 97,215

<sup>-</sup> See Accompanying Notes -

### **Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

For the three months ended April 30 All figures in Thousands of U.S. Dollars - unaudited

	April 30, 2011	April 30, 2010
Operating Activities		
Loss for the period	\$ (1,319) \$	(918)
Items not involving cash		
Amortization	8	7
Share-based compensation	536	10
Finance costs	172	150
Changes in non-cash working capital items		
Trade and other receivables	(63)	(6)
Prepaid expenses	(293)	122
Trade payables and accrued liabilities	(142)	(198)
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,101)	(833)
Financing Activities		
Share capital - for cash	67	16
Long-term debt repayment	(504)	(500)
Net cash provided by financing activities	(437)	(484)
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Investing Activities		
Purchase of mineral property, plant and equipment	(2,914)	(4,775)
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,914)	(4,775)
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents Position	(4,452)	(6,092)
Cash and Cash Equivalents Position - Beginning of period	10,361	21,282
Cash and Cash Equivalents Position - End of period	\$ 5,909 \$	15,190

<sup>-</sup> See Accompanying Notes -

### **Notes to Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements**

April 30, 2011

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### 1. General Information

PolyMet Mining Corp. (the "Company") was incorporated in British Columbia, Canada on March 4, 1981 under the name Fleck Resources Ltd. The Company changed its name from Fleck Resources to PolyMet Mining Corp. on June 10, 1998. The Company is engaged in the exploration and development, when warranted, of natural resource properties. The Company's primary mineral property is the NorthMet Project, a polymetallic project in northeastern Minnesota, USA. The realization of the Company's investment in the NorthMet Project and other assets is dependent upon various factors, including the existence of economically recoverable mineral reserves, the ability to obtain the necessary financing to complete the exploration and development of the NorthMet Project, future profitable operations, or alternatively upon disposal of the investment on an advantageous basis.

On September 25, 2006, the Company received the results of a Definitive Feasibility Study prepared by Bateman Engineering (Pty) Ltd. ("Bateman") that confirmed the economic and technical viability of the NorthMet Project (the "Project") and, as such, the Project moved from the exploration stage to the development stage.

The head office of the Company is located at 6500 County Road 666, Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota, United States of America, 55750, The principal address and records office of the Company are located at 390 – 3600 Lysander Lane Richmond, British Columbia, Canada, V7B 1C3.

### **Going Concern**

While these condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the basis that PolyMet Mining Corp. will continue as a going concern, which assumes that the Company will be able to meet its commitments, continue operations, realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business for the foreseeable future, there are conditions that cast significant doubt on the validity of that assumption. The Company has incurred losses since inception and has an accumulated deficit of \$81,086,000 at April 30, 2011.

PolyMet Mining Corp. will need to raise sufficient funds to meet its current obligations (Note 7) as well as fund ongoing development, capital expenditures and administration expenses, in accordance with the Company's spending plans for the next year. While in the past the Company has been successful in closing financing agreements with Glencore, there can be no assurance it will be able to do so again in the future.

On November 12, 2010, PolyMet Mining Corp. entered into a definitive agreement with Glencore AG ("Glencore") to sell in a private placement 15 million common shares at US\$2.00 per share for gross proceeds of US\$30 million, before deducting estimated offering expenses. Completion of the sale of these shares and funding are expected to occur in three tranches subject, in each case, to certain closing conditions (Note 9). The first tranche closed on January 17, 2011.

In order to meet all of its obligations for the period to April 30, 2012, including paying off the current portion of its long-term debt, PolyMet Mining Corp. will have to receive both of the remaining equity tranches, or obtain alternative financing. Management is in the latter stage of discussions with Glencore with respect to the budget, which will enable the Company to access the second \$10 million tranche of the equity funding in a timely manner. Management believes that it will also reach agreement with Glencore on timing of funding of the third \$10 million tranche of equity funding and that the combination of the two will enable PolyMet to meet its obligations. However, these agreements with Glencore cannot be assured.

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### 1. **General Information** - Continued

Management believes that, based upon the underlying value of the NorthMet Project, it will be able to obtain the necessary financing from Glencore or other sources to meet PolyMet Mining Corp.'s requirements on an ongoing basis; however, there can be no assurance that the necessary financing will be obtained. Factors that could affect the availability of financing include the state of international debt and equity markets, investor perceptions and expectations and the global metals markets.

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements do not reflect any adjustments to the carrying values of assets and liabilities, reported expenses, and balance sheet classifications that would be necessary should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern, and these adjustments could be material.

### 2. Basis of Preparation

### Statement of Compliance

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements of PolyMet Mining Corp. have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). These are the Company's first condensed interim consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS and IFRS 1 *First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards* has been applied. The consolidated interim financial information for the three months ended April 30, 2011 has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*.

The Company's consolidated financial statements were previously prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). An explanation of how the transition to IFRS has affected the reported financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the Company is provided in Note 17. Comparative figures have been restated to reflect these adjustments. Certain information and disclosures which are considered material to the understanding of the Company's unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements and which are normally included in annual consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS have been included in this interim report.

The policies applied in these condensed interim consolidated financial statements are based on IFRS issued and outstanding as of July 5, 2011, the date the Board of Directors approved the statements. Any subsequent changes to IFRS, that are given effect in the Company's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ending January 31, 2012 could result in restatement of these interim consolidated financial statements, including the transition adjustments recognized on change-over to IFRS.

### **Basis of Consolidation and Presentation**

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of available-for-sale and fair value through profit or loss financial assets. All dollar amounts presented are in United States ("U.S.") dollar unless otherwise specified.

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Poly Met Mining, Inc. ("PolyMet US"). Inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated on consolidation.

### **Notes to Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements**

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### 3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### **Foreign Currency Translation**

The U.S. dollar is the functional currency of the Company and its controlled entities. Accordingly, amounts in these condensed interim consolidated financial statements are expressed in United States ("U.S.") dollars unless otherwise stated. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rates at the date of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities of the Company's operations denominated in a currency other than the U.S. dollar are translated using exchange rates prevailing at the balance sheet date. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates on the dates of the initial transactions. Revenue and expense items are translated at the exchange rates in effect at the date of the underlying transaction, except for amortization related to non-monetary assets, which are translated at historical exchange rates. Exchange differences are recognized in net loss in the period in which they arise.

### **Borrowing costs**

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are capitalized as part of the cost of that asset. Other borrowing costs not directly attributable to a qualifying asset are expensed in the period incurred.

### Significant Accounting Estimates and Judgements

The preparation of the condensed interim consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. These critical accounting estimates require management to make assumptions and estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities as at the date of the financial statements.

Significant estimates used in the preparation of these condensed interim consolidated financial statements include, amongst other things, expected economic lives of plant and equipment, anticipated costs of environmental rehabilitations including the reclamation of mine site, valuation of options, convertible debt and share purchase warrants, and the assessment of impairment in value of long lived assets. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers cash and cash equivalents to include amounts held in banks and highly liquid debt investments with remaining maturities at point of purchase of three months or less.

### Mineral Property, Plant and Equipment

### Mineral Property

Mineral property costs, aside from mineral property acquisition costs, incurred prior to determination of the Definitive Feasibility Study ("DFS") are expensed as incurred and expenditures incurred subsequent to the DFS and mineral property acquisition costs are deferred or capitalized until the property is placed into production, sold, allowed to lapse or abandoned. Acquisition costs include cash, debt and fair market value of common shares.

Upon commencement of production, mineral properties and acquisition costs relating to mines are amortized over the estimated life of the proven and probable mineral reserves to which they relate, calculated on a unit of production basis.

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### 3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

As a result of the DFS on the NorthMet Project, the Project entered the development stage effective October 1, 2006. The Company has deferred mineral property development expenditures related to the NorthMet Project from that date.

Ownership in mineral interests involves certain inherent risks due to the difficulties of determining the validity of certain claims as well as the potential for problems arising from the frequently ambiguous conveyance history characteristic of many mineral interests. The Company has investigated ownership of its mineral interests and, to the best of its knowledge, ownership of its interests are in good standing.

### Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are recorded at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and if applicable, accumulated impairment losses. Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognized as a separate asset, as appropriate, if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the Company and its cost can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of a replaced part is derecognized. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the period in which they are incurred. Plant and equipment is depreciated over the estimated life of the related assets calculated on a unit of production or straight-line basis, as appropriate.

Depreciation of plant and equipment is calculated using the cost of the asset, less its residual value, on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Leasehold improvements Straight-line over the term of the lease

Furniture and equipment Straight-line over 10 years Computers Straight-line over 5 years Computer software Straight-line over 1 year

Mineral property, plant and equipment related to the NorthMet Project will begin to be amortized, mainly on a units of production basis, at the time the project commences operations. The Company conducts an annual review of residual balances, useful lives and depreciation methods utilized for mineral property, plant and equipment. Any changes in estimate that arise from this review are accounted for prospectively.

### **Assets Held for Sale**

Assets are classified as held for sale in the period in which certain criteria are met. Assets held for sale are measured at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell and are not depreciated as long as they remain classified as held for sale.

### **Loss Per Share**

Loss per share is computed by dividing the loss for the period by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Basic and diluted losses per share are the same for the periods reported, as the effect of potential issuances of shares under warrant or share option agreements would, on average, be anti-dilutive.

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### 3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

### **Share-Based Payments and Share Purchase Warrants**

All share-based payment awards made to directors, employees and non-employees are measured and recognized using a fair value based method. For directors and employees, or those providing services similar to employees, the fair value of the award is measured at the date of the grant and recognized as an expense over the vesting period. The amount recognized as an expense is adjusted to reflect the number of awards for which the related service and non-market vesting conditions are expected to be met on the vesting date. Stock options issued to non-employees are recognized based on the fair value of the goods or services received.

For directors, employees and non-employees, the fair value of the award is accrued and charged either to operations or mineral property plant and equipment, with the offsetting credit to warrants and share-based payment reserve, on a graded method over the vesting period. If and when stock options are ultimately exercised or performance share units and restricted share units vest, the applicable amounts from the warrants and share-based payment reserve are transferred to share capital.

The Company issues share purchase warrants in connection with certain equity transactions. The fair value of the warrants, as determined using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, is credited to the warrants and share-based payment reserve. The recorded value of share purchase warrants is transferred to share capital upon exercise.

When the Company amends the terms of either stock options or share purchase warrants, the incremental change in the fair value of the options or warrants due to the amendment is booked to warrant amendment expense and the warrants and share-based payment reserve.

### **Provisions**

Provisions for environmental rehabilitation associated with mineral property, plant and equipment, are recognized when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recorded as finance income and costs expense.

Upon initial recognition of provisions for environmental rehabilitation, a corresponding increase to the carrying amount of the related asset is recorded and amortized over the life of the asset. The estimates are based principally on legal and regulatory requirements. Following initial recognition of the environmental rehabilitation provision, the carrying amount of the liability is increased for the passage of time and adjusted for changes to the current market-based discount rate, or changes in the amount and timing of the underlying cash flows needed to settle the obligation.

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### 3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

It is possible that the Company's estimates of its ultimate reclamation and closure liabilities could change as a result of changes in regulations, changes in the extent of environmental remediation required, changes in the means of reclamation or changes in cost estimates. The operations of the Company may in the future be affected from time to time in varying degrees by changes in environmental regulations, including those for future removal and site restoration costs. Both the likelihood of new regulations and their overall effect upon the Company may vary greatly and are not predictable.

### Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

The carrying amounts of the Company's non-financial assets, including mineral property, plant and equipment, are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. The recoverable amount of an asset is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. An impairment loss is recognized if the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. An impairment loss previously recorded is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount.

### **Financial Assets**

All financial assets are initially recorded at fair value and designated upon inception as one of the following four categories: held to maturity, available for sale, loans and receivables or at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"). Financial assets classified as FVTPL are measured at fair value with unrealized gains and losses recognized through profit and loss. Financial assets classified as loans and receivables and held to maturity are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method less any allowance for impairment. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial asset and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all fees paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial asset, or, where appropriate, a shorter period. Financial assets classified as available for sale are measured at fair value with unrealized gains and losses recognized in other comprehensive loss except when there is objective evidence that the asset is impaired, the cumulative loss that had been recognized in other comprehensive loss shall be reclassified from equity to profit or loss as a reclassification adjustment. Transactions costs associated with FVTPL financial assets are expensed as incurred, while transaction costs associated with all other financial assets are included in the initial carrying amount of the asset.

### Financial Liabilities and Equity Instruments

Financial liabilities are recognized when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial liabilities at amortized cost: Financial liabilities at amortized cost include trade payables and long term debt. Trade payables are initially recognized at the amount required to be paid, less, when material, a discount to reduce the payables to fair value. Subsequently, trade payables are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Long term debt is recognized initially at fair value, net of any transaction costs incurred, and subsequently at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Financial liabilities are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within twelve months. Otherwise, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

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### 3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

All financial liabilities are initially recorded at fair value and designated upon inception as FVTPL or other financial liabilities. Financial liabilities classified as other financial liabilities are initially recognized at fair value less directly attributable transaction costs. After initial recognition, other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability. Financial liabilities classified as FVTPL include financial liabilities held for trading and financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition as FVTPL. Derivatives, including separated embedded derivatives, are also classified as held for trading unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments. Transaction costs on financial liabilities classified as FVTPL are expensed as incurred. At the end of each reporting period subsequent to initial recognition, financial liabilities at FVTPL are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value recognized directly in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. The net gain or loss recognized in profit or loss excludes any interest paid on the financial liabilities.

### 4. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

The IASB issued the following standards which have not yet been adopted by the Company: IFRS 9, Financial instruments - Classification and Measurement, IFRS 10, Consolidated Financial Statements, IFRS 11, Joint Arrangements IFRS 12, Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities, IAS 27, Separate Financial Statements, IFRS 13, Fair Value Measurement and amended IAS 28, Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures. Each of the new standards is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013 with early adoption permitted. The Company has not yet begun the process of assessing the impact that the new and amended standards will have on its consolidated financial statements or whether to early adopt any of the new requirements.

The following is a brief summary of these new standards:

### IFRS 9 - Financial instruments - classification and measurement

This is the first part of a new standard on classification and measurement of financial assets that will replace IAS 39, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*. IFRS 9 has two measurement categories: amortized cost and fair value. All equity instruments are measured at fair value. A debt instrument is at amortized cost only if the entity is holding it to collect contractual cash flows and the cash flows represent principal and interest. Otherwise it is at fair value through profit or loss. Requirements for financial liabilities were added to IFRS 9 in October 2010. Most of the requirements for financial liabilities were carried forward unchanged from IAS 39. However, some changes were made to the fair value option for financial liabilities to address the issue of own credit risk.

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### 4. Recent Accounting Pronouncements - Continued

#### IFRS 10 - Consolidation

IFRS 10 requires an entity to consolidate an investee when it is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. Under existing IFRS, consolidation is required when an entity has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities. IFRS 10 replaces SIC-12 Consolidation—Special Purpose Entities and parts of IAS 27 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements.

### **IFRS 11 - Joint Arrangements**

IFRS 11 requires a venturer to classify its interest in a joint arrangement as a joint venture or joint operation. Joint ventures will be accounted for using the equity method of accounting whereas for a joint operation the venturer will recognize its share of the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of the joint operation. Under existing IFRS, entities have the choice to proportionately consolidate or equity account for interests in joint ventures. IFRS 11 supersedes IAS 31, *Interests in Joint Ventures*, and SIC-13, *Jointly Controlled Entities—Non-monetary Contributions by Venturers*.

### IFRS 12 - Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities

IFRS 12 establishes disclosure requirements for interests in other entities, such as joint arrangements, associates, special purpose vehicles and off balance sheet vehicles. The standard carries forward existing disclosures and also introduces significant additional disclosure requirements that address the nature of, and risks associated with, an entity's interests in other entities.

#### IFRS 13 - Fair Value Measurement

IFRS 13 is a comprehensive standard for fair value measurement and disclosure requirements for use across all IFRS standards. The new standard clarifies that fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset, or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants, at the measurement date. It also establishes disclosures about fair value measurement. Under existing IFRS, guidance on measuring and disclosing fair value is dispersed among the specific standards requiring fair value measurements and in many cases does not reflect a clear measurement basis or consistent disclosures.

### **Amendments to Other Standards**

In addition, there have been amendments to existing standards, including IAS 27, Separate Financial Statements, and IAS 28, Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures. IAS 27 addresses accounting for subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities and associates in non-consolidated financial statements. IAS 28 has been amended to include joint ventures in its scope and to address the changes in IFRS 10-13.

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### 5. Resource Property Agreements

### NorthMet, Minnesota, U.S.A. - Lease

Pursuant to an agreement dated January 4, 1989, subsequently amended and assigned, the Company leases certain lands in St. Louis County, Minnesota from RGGS Land & Minerals Ltd., L.P. The original term of the renewable lease was 20 years and called for total lease payments of \$1,475,000. The Company can and has renewed the lease by making annual payments of \$150,000 on or before each anniversary through January 2011. The next payment is due in January 2012.

The Company can, at its option, terminate the lease at any time by giving written notice to the lessor not less than 90 days prior to the effective termination date or can indefinitely extend the 20-year term by continuing to make \$150,000 annual lease payments on each successive anniversary date.

The lease payments are considered advance royalty payments and shall be deducted from future production royalties payable to the lessor, which range from 3% to 5% based on the net smelter return received by the Company. The Company's recovery of the advance royalty payments is subject to the lessor receiving an amount not less than the amount of the annual lease payment due for that year.

Pursuant to the leases, PolyMet holds mineral rights and the right to mine. PolyMet intends to acquire surface rights through a land exchange with the United States Forest Service, which costs have been included in the capital cost estimate of the Project.

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### 6. Mineral Property, Plant and Equipment

Details are as follows:

	NorthMet	Other fixed	l	
Net Book Value	Project	asset	s	Total
Balance at February 1, 2010	\$ 125,664	\$ 21	2	\$ 125,876
Additions	19,363	19:	2	19,555
Disposals	-		-	-
Changes to environmental rehabilitation			-	-
Transfer to assets held for sale	(3,420)		-	(3,420)
Amortization	<u>-</u>	(19	8)	(198)
Balance at January 31, 2011	141,607	20	6	141,813
Additions	3,497		8	3,505
Disposals	-		-	-
Changes to environmental rehabilitation	-		-	-
Amortization		(6	6)	(66)
Balance at April 30, 2011	\$ 145,104	\$ 14	8	\$ 145,252

NorthMet Project	April 30, 2011	January 31, 2011	February 1, 2010
Mineral property acquisition and interest costs	\$ 41,543	\$ 41,220	\$ 38,838
Mine plan and development	29,692	29,305	25,470
Environmental	27,223	25,994	19,537
Consulting and wages	22,910	21,756	18,788
Environmental rehabilitation	13,021	13,021	11,600
Site activities	9,766	9,362	7,641
Mine equipment	949	949	3,790
Net book value	\$ 145,104	\$ 141,607	\$ 125,664

### Erie Plant, Minnesota, U.S.A.

In October 2003, the Company entered into an option to purchase 100% ownership of large parts of the former LTV Steel Mining Company ore processing plant in north eastern Minnesota. The Company paid \$500,000 in cash and issued 1,000,000 common shares (at fair value of \$\$229,320) for this option, which it exercised on November 15, 2005 under the Asset Purchase Agreement with Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.. Consideration for the purchase was \$1 million in cash, \$2.4 million in notes payable (paid in full in June 2008) and the issuance of 6,200,547 common shares (at fair market value of \$7,564,000) in the capital stock of the Company.

On December 20, 2006, the Company closed a transaction (the "Asset Purchase Agreement II") in which it acquired, from Cliffs, property and associated rights sufficient to provide it with a railroad connection linking the mine development site and the Erie Plant. The transaction also included a 120-railcar fleet, locomotive fuelling and maintenance facilities, water rights and pipelines, large administrative offices on site and an additional 6,000 acres to the east and west of and contiguous to its existing tailing facilities.

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### 6. Mineral Property, Plant and Equipment - Continued

The purchase price totalling 2 million shares and \$15 million in cash and debt (Note 7) was in four tranches:

- 2 million shares of PolyMet, paid at closing;
- \$1 million in cash, paid at closing;
- \$7 million in cash, payable in quarterly instalments of \$250,000 commencing December 31, 2006 with the balance payable upon receipt of production financing. Interest is payable quarterly at the *Wall Street Journal* Prime Rate, and
- \$7 million in cash, payable in quarterly instalments of \$250,000 commencing on December 31, 2009 with a balloon payment of any unpaid balance due on December 31, 2011. No interest was payable until December 31, 2009 after which it is payable quarterly at the *Wall Street Journal* Prime Rate, accordingly the debt was fair valued, for balance sheet purposes, by discounting it at 8.25%.

The Company has assumed certain ongoing site-related environmental and reclamation obligations as a result of the above purchases. These environmental and reclamation obligations are presently contracted under the terms of the purchase agreements with Cliffs. Once the Company obtains its permit to mine and Cliffs is released from its obligations by the State agencies, the environmental and reclamation obligations will be direct with the governing bodies. The present value of the environmental rehabilitation provision in the amount of \$15,736,000 (Note 8) less accretion of \$2,871,000 charged to deficit has been recorded as an increase in the carrying amount of the NorthMet Project assets and will be amortized over the life of the asset.

Interest and Ioan accretion on the long-term and convertible debt to April 30, 2011 in the amount of \$7,126,000 (January 31, 2011 - \$6,770,000, February 1, 2010 - \$4,608,000) have been capitalized as part of the cost of the NorthMet Project assets.

As the above assets are not in use, no amortization of these assets has been recorded to April 30, 2011.

At April 30, 2011, certain equipment with a carrying value of approximately \$3.42 million were classified as assets held for sale. During the year-ended January 31, 2011, these assets were written down to fair value less estimated cost to sell, resulting in a loss of \$520,000.

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### 7. Long Term Debt

Pursuant to Asset Purchase Agreement II (Note 6) the Company's wholly owned subsidiary PolyMet US signed two notes payable to Cliffs in the amounts of \$7,000,000 and \$7,000,000, respectively.

The first note is interest bearing at the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate and is being paid in quarterly instalments equal to \$250,000 with the first payment on December 31, 2006, with the balance repayable upon receipt of commercial financing, for total repayment of \$7,000,000.

The second note is interest bearing at the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate and is being paid in quarterly instalments equal to \$250,000 commencing on December 31, 2009 for total repayment of \$7,000,000 with final payment due on December 31, 2011. No interest was payable on the second note until December 31, 2009. Accordingly it was fair valued, for balance sheet purposes, by discounting it at 8.25%, the rate of interest on the first note when it was entered.

If PolyMet were to default on individual elements of the transactions with Cliffs, the assets associated with the default could revert to Cliffs' control.

As at April 30, 2011, the outstanding long term debt was as follows:

	A	April 30,			Fel	bruary 1,	
		2011		2011		2010	
Note payable	\$	8,000	\$	8,500	\$	10,499	
Accrued interest		21		25		30	
Total Debt		8,021		8,525		10,529	
Less current portion		(6,500)		(6,750)		(2,000)	
Long term debt	\$	1,521	\$	1,775	\$	8,529	

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### 8. Environmental Rehabilitation Provision

As part of the consideration for the Cliffs Purchase Agreements (Note 6), the Company indemnified Cliffs for the liability for final reclamation and closure of the acquired property.

Federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning environmental protection affect the Company's operations. Under current regulations, the Company is contracted to indemnify Cliff's requirement to meet performance standards to minimize environmental impact from operations and to perform site restoration and other closure activities. The Company's provisions for future site closure and reclamation costs are based on known requirements. It is not currently possible to estimate the impact on operating results, if any, of future legislative or regulatory developments. The Company's estimate of the present value of the obligation to reclaim the NorthMet Project is based upon existing reclamation standards at April 30, 2011 and under IFRS. Once the Company obtains its permit to mine the environmental and reclamation obligations will be direct with the governing bodies.

The Company's estimate of the fair value of the environmental rehabilitation provision at April 30, 2011 was \$15,736,000 (January 31, 2011 - \$15,719,000, February 1, 2010 - \$13,699,000). This fair value was based upon an April 30, 2011 undiscounted future cost of \$24.3 million (January 31, 2011 - \$24.4 million, February 1, 2010 - \$21.6 million) for the first Cliffs transaction and \$2.0 million (January 31, 2011 - \$2.1 million, February 1, 2010 - \$2.0 million) for Cliffs II, an annual inflation rate of 2.00%, risk-free interest rates of 4.33% to 4.38%, a mine life of 20 years and a reclamation period of 9 years.

In March 2010, Cliffs entered into a consent decree with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency ("MPCA") relating to alleged violations on the Cliffs Erie Property. This consent decree required submission of Field Study Plan Outlines and Short Term Mitigation Plans, which have been approved by the MPCA. As part of its prior transactions with Cliffs (Note 6), PolyMet has agreed to indemnify Cliffs for certain on-going site environmental liabilities. As such, the Company has included its best estimate of the liabilities related to this consent decree in its environmental rehabilitation provision for the period ended April 30, 2011.

Adjustments to the provision were as follows:

	_	Three months ended April 30, 2011			
Balance – beginning of period Liabilities incurred in the current period Liabilities discharged in the current period Accretion expense Revisions in estimated cash flows	\$				
Balance – end of period	\$	15,736	\$	15,719	

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### 9. Glencore Financing

Details of fair value of the Glencore convertible debentures, as amended, were as follows:

	Three months ended April 30, 2011			
Balance – beginning of period	\$	27,631	\$	24,866
Issued		-		-
Discount		-		-
Fair value adjustment on refinancing		-		706
Financing costs		-		-
Accretion and capitalized interest		293		2,059
Balance – end of period	\$	27,924	\$	27,631

On October 31, 2008, the Company entered into a financing with Glencore AG ("Glencore") for an aggregate of \$50 million floating rate secured debentures due on September 30, 2011 (the "Debentures") to be issued by PolyMet US, and guaranteed by the Company. The Debentures bear interest at 12-month US dollar LIBOR plus 4%. Interest is payable in cash or by increasing the principal amount of the Debentures, at PolyMet's option, for payments on or before September 30, 2009, and at Glencore's option thereafter. At January 31, 2011, \$2,539,000 of interest had been added to the principal amount of the debt since inception. The Debentures are secured by all of the assets of PolyMet and PolyMet US, including a pledge of PolyMet's 100% shareholding in PolyMet US.

The Debentures are exchangeable into common shares of PolyMet, at Glencore's option at \$4.00 per share. The Issuer can, at its option, prepay the Debentures if PolyMet's shares trade at a 20-day volume weighted average price equal to or exceeding \$6.00, at which time, and at Glencore's option, Glencore could exchange the Debentures for common shares of PolyMet within 30 days in lieu of payment. Repayment between October 1, 2009 and September 30, 2010 would have been at 105% of the then outstanding principal of the Debentures, repayment between October 1, 2010 and September 30, 2011 would be at 102.5% of the outstanding principal.

\$7.5 million of the Debentures were issued on October 31, 2008, an additional \$7.5 million of the Debentures were issued on December 22, 2008, \$5 million of the Debentures were issued on June 18, 2009 and an additional \$5 million of the Debentures were issued on August 31, 2009.

The final \$25 million of the Debentures, to be used primarily for detailed engineering and procurement, were to be issued upon publication of the Final Environmental Impact Statement in the State of Minnesota's Environmental Quality Board Monitor, receipt by the Company of a bona fide term sheet for construction financing and were subject to expenditures being in material compliance with budget and other customary conditions as well as agreement between Glencore and Cliffs on terms and conditions whereby Cliffs will provide its consent to Glencore as mortgagee of those parts of the Erie Plant acquired by PolyMet under Asset Agreement II.

On October 31, 2008, PolyMet issued to Glencore warrants ("Glencore Warrants") to purchase 6.25 million common shares of PolyMet at \$5.00 if exercised before the NorthMet Project has produced a total of 20,000 metric tonnes of concentrate, or \$6.00 thereafter. The Glencore Warrants were to expire on September 30, 2011. If the volume-weighted 20-day average price of PolyMet's common shares traded at a 50% premium to the then applicable exercise price, Glencore would have had to exercise the warrants within 30 days or the warrants would have expired.

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### 9. Glencore Financing - Continued

The Company accounted for the initial \$7.5 million of the Debentures and the Glencore Warrants by allocating the \$7.5 million to the warrants and debt based on their fair values, with the residual attributed to the exchangeable feature of the debt. The debt was fair valued using the difference between 9% and 12 month LIBOR at October 31, 2008 plus 4% (7.2075%). Costs related to the financing of \$652,000 have been recorded against the convertible debt.

The Company accounted for the second, third and fourth advances of \$7.5 million, \$5 million and \$5 million, respectively, of the Debentures by allocating the principal amounts to the debt based on its fair value and the residual to the exchangeable feature of the debt. The debt was fair valued using the difference between 9% and 12 month LIBOR at October 31, 2008 plus 4% (7.2075%). Costs related to the financings of \$43,000, \$16,000 and \$12,000, respectively, were recorded against the convertible debt.

On November 17, 2009, the Company announced that it agreed to modify certain terms of the above transaction. Under the new terms the Glencore Warrants entitled Glencore to purchase 6.25 million common shares of PolyMet at \$3.00 at any time on or before September 30, 2011. If the 20-day volume weighted average price of PolyMet's shares had been 150% of the exercise price or more (\$4.50), and the Final EIS had been published in the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources EQB Monitor, PolyMet could have accelerated the expiration of the Glencore Warrants to not less than 21 business days after the notice of acceleration. The incremental \$158,000 increase in the fair value of the warrants due to the warrant exchange was debited to warrant amendment expense and credited to the warrants and share-based payment reserve. These warrants were cancelled as part of the November 2010 agreements described below.

On November 17, 2009, PolyMet agreed to modify the terms of the final \$25 million Tranche E of the \$50 million Debenture with Glencore such that Tranche E, if drawn, could be exchanged at \$2.65 per share. The first four tranches totalling \$25 million (excluding capitalized interest) that had already been drawn would continue to be exchangeable at \$4.00 per share.

On November 17, 2009 PolyMet agreed to sell 9,433,962 common shares of the Company at \$2.65 per share for gross proceeds of \$25 million. Closing and funding occurred in two transactions. On November 24, 2009, the Company closed the first tranche of 3,773,585 common shares at \$2.65 per share for gross proceeds of \$10 million. On January 26, 2010, the Company closed the second tranche of 5,660,377 common shares at \$2.65 per common share for gross proceeds of \$15 million. Transactions costs for these two financings totalled \$499,000.

On November 12, 2010, the Company announced that it had renegotiated its debenture financing from Glencore. The agreed amendments to the debenture financing were as follows:

- The maturity date of the Tranche A-D Debentures was extended from September 30, 2011 to September 30, 2012. The Issued Debentures were issued in four tranches between October 2008 and September 2009. The total initial principal of the Debentures was \$25 million with \$2.539 million of accrued interest as of December 31, 2011. The Issued Debentures continue to be exchangeable into common shares of PolyMet at \$4.00 per share, as agreed to in 2008.
- Cancellation of Glencore's commitment to purchase, and the Company's commitment to issue, \$25 million of Tranche E Debentures which were to be issued upon publication of the Final Environmental Impact Statement, receipt of a term sheet for construction financing, and other customary conditions.

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### 9. Glencore Financing - Continued

- Cancellation of warrants to purchase 6.25 million common shares of PolyMet at \$3.00 at any time until September 30, 2011 issued to Glencore in connection with the Debentures.
- Issuance of warrants to purchase 3 million common shares of PolyMet at \$2.00 at any time until December 31, 2015, issued to Glencore in consideration of the amendments listed above.

On November 12, 2010, the Company entered into a definitive agreement with Glencore to sell in a private placement 15 million common shares at \$2.00 per share for gross proceeds of \$30 million, before deducting estimated offering expenses. Completion of the sale of these shares and funding are expected to occur in the following three tranches subject, in each case, to certain closing conditions:

- Tranche 1 of \$10 million closed on January 17, 2011;
- Tranche 2 of \$10 million will close on the earlier of (i) the date of the Company's funding requirement as set forth in the Company's three year operating budget to be approved by Glencore (the "Budget"), and (ii) October 17, 2011, and
- Tranche 3 of 10 million will close on the earlier of (i) the date of the Company's funding requirement as set forth in the Budget, ii) within ten business days following receipt by PolyMet of key permits, in a form reasonably acceptable to Glencore, that will enable the start of construction of the Project, and iii) October 15, 2012.

Glencore has a right of first refusal to provide all material financings, subject to regulatory approval, if it owns 10% or more of the issued and outstanding shares of PolyMet and, if it owns more than 5% of the issued and outstanding shares of PolyMet, Glencore has the right to participate in any equity-related financing to maintain its partially diluted ownership interest (19.6% as of April 30, 2011).

In accordance with IFRS, the November 12, 2010 transactions, whereby PolyMet's existing convertible debt at that date with a book value of \$26.546 million was deemed to have been extinguished and reissued, all of the costs associated with the transaction have been recorded as a non-cash expense of \$3,831,000, comprising:

- The change in fair value of the conversion feature resulting from its term being extended from September 30, 2011 to September 30, 2012 of \$2.533 million;
- The difference in fair value between the warrants to purchase 6.25 million common shares at \$3.00 per share exercisable until September 30, 2011 and the warrants to purchase 3 million common shares at \$2.00 per share exercisable until December 31, 2015 of \$3.217 million;
- The amounts of discount and deferred costs remaining to accreted and amortized over the life of the debt of \$706,000, less
- The premium of \$2.625 million resulting from the price of the common shares to be sold to Glencore compared with the market price at the time of the arrangement.

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### 10. Share Capital

### a) Share Issuances for Cash

During the three months ended April 30, 2011 the Company issued 95,000 shares (April 30, 2010 – 25,000) pursuant to the exercise of stock options for total proceeds of \$67,000 (April 30, 2010 - \$16,000).

### b) Stock Options and Restricted Stock

Effective May 25, 2007, the Company adopted a new Omnibus Share Compensation Plan ("Stock Option Plan"), which was approved by the Company's shareholders' on June 27, 2007. The Stock Option Plan covers the Company's employees, directors, officers and consultants. The options are granted for varying terms ranging from two to seven years. The maximum number of common shares under the stock option plan shall not exceed (i) 10% of the outstanding common shares of the Company at the time of granting of the options and (ii) 18,592,888 common shares of the Company, of which 3,967,500 common shares are reserved for issuance as awards other than options including the bonus shares (Note 15a)) and the restricted stock noted below.

Details of stock option activity were as follows:

	Three months ended April 30, 2011	Year ended January 31, 2011
Outstanding - Beginning of period	11,630,000	13,075,000
Granted	750,000	300,000
Forfeited	-	(900,000)
Exercised	(95,000)	(845,000)
Outstanding - End of period	12,285,000	11,630,000

During the three months ended April 30, 2011, the Company granted bonuses comprising 327,500 restricted stock for U.S. employees and consultants and restricted stock units for Canadian employees and consultants. 50% of each award to be issued upon receipt of permits and the balance to be issued upon the start of production.

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### 10. Share Capital - Continued

### b) Stock Options and Restricted Stock - Continued

As at April 30, 2011, the following director, officer, consultant and employee stock options were outstanding:

			Number of
	Exercise Price	Exercise Price	options
Expiry Date	(US\$)	(CDN\$)	outstanding
July 5, 2011 (1)	0.69	0.66	725,000
October 18, 2011	0.83	0.79	50,000
March 30, 2012	0.68	0.65	85,000
May 1, 2012	0.89	0.85	350,000
June 15, 2012	0.99	0.94	40,000
September 19, 2012	1.43	1.36	1,240,000
October 24, 2012	1.26	1.20	200,000
December 5, 2012	1.21	1.15	200,000
March 20, 2013	2.91	2.76	2,400,000
June 19, 2013	3.13	2.97	325,000
September 1, 2013	4.02	3.82	300,000
September 22, 2013	3.69	3.51	75,000
January 5, 2014	3.47	3.30	525,000
February 13, 2014	2.99	2.84	1,250,000
March 12, 2014	2.92	2.77	250,000
March 23, 2014	2.89	2.75	50,000
September 4, 2014	3.00	2.85	360,000
December 12, 2014	3.05	2.90	205,000
January 11, 2015	3.03	2.88	70,000
January 31, 2015	2.87	2.73	100,000
February 15, 2015	2.72	2.58	500,000
June 2, 2015	3.92	3.72	100,000
July 30, 2015	3.22	3.06	175,000
January 30, 2016	0.82	0.78	575,000
February 17, 2016	0.82	0.78	910,000
October 15, 2016	2.67	2.54	115,000
January 8, 2017	3.54	3.36	60,000
January 25, 2018	2.17	2.06	300,000
March 10, 2018	2.04	1.94	750,000
Weighted average exercise price and total			
number of options outstanding	2.24	2.13	12,285,000

<sup>(1)</sup> As at July 5, 2011, the holders of these options were blacked out from trading in the Company's shares. In these circumstances, PolyMet's Stock Option Plan provides for an extension of the expiry date of the options to the date which is ten business days following the end of such trading blackout period.

As at April 30, 2011 all options had vested and were exercisable, with the exception of 1,812,500, which vest upon completion of specific targets.

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### 10. Share Capital - Continued

### c) Share-Based Compensation

During the three month period ended April 30, 2011, the Company granted 750,000 options (April 30, 2010 – nil) to directors with an average exercise price of US\$2.04 per option. The fair value of these options was estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model with the following weighted average assumptions:

Risk-free interest rate	1.71%
Expected dividend yield	Nil
Expected forfeiture rate	Nil
Expected stock price volatility	75.18%
Expected option life in years	1.40

The expected forfeiture rate reflects the Company's expectations that its key staff and directors who have received incentive options will continue to work for the Company. The Company has no current plans to reduced staffing levels and anticipates that the likelihood of resignations will diminish as the permitting process proceeds.

The weighted fair value of options granted during the period was US\$0.68. Option pricing models require the input of highly subjective assumptions including the estimate of the share price volatility. Changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate, and therefore, the existing models do not necessarily provide a reliable single measure of the fair value of the Company's stock options.

During the three months ended April 30, 2011, the Company granted bonuses comprising 327,500 restricted stock for U.S. employees and consultants and restricted stock units for Canadian employees and consultants. 50% of each award to be issued upon receipt of permits and the balance to be issued upon the start of production. The restricted stock and restricted stock units had a fair value of \$668,000, which will be amortized over the vesting period.

During the three month period ended April 30, 2011, the Company recorded \$624,000 (April 30, 2010 - \$66,000) for share-based compensation in its accounts as an expense of \$536,000 (April 30, 2010 - \$10,000) and as a debit to mineral property, plant and equipment of \$88,000 (April 30, 2010 - \$56,000), with the offsetting entries going to the warrants and share-based payment reserve.

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### 10. Share Capital - Continued

### d) Warrants and Share-Based Payment Reserve

The warrants and share-based payment reserve represents accumulated share-based compensation expense and warrants issued, reduced by the fair value of the stock options and warrants exercised.

Details were as follows:

	 ree months ed April 30, 2011	Year ended January 31, 2011
Balance – Beginning of period	\$ 39,695	\$ 37,591
Current period fair value of share-based compensation	624	63
Refinancing of convertible debt (Note 9)	-	3,125
Premium on equity financing	-	875
Bonus Shares for Milestones 2 and 4 cost amortization		
(Note 15a))	337	1,593
Forfeiture of Bonus Shares for Milestone 4 (Note 15a))	-	(1,682)
Deferred income tax charge (Notes 10e) and 14c))	-	(1,390)
Fair value of stock options and warrants exercised		
during the period	(52)	(480)
Balance – End of period	\$ 40,604	\$ 39,695

### e) Share Purchase Warrants

Details of stock purchase warrant activity were as follows:

	Three months ended		Year en	ded	
	April 30, 2	2011	January 31	31, 2011	
		Weighted		Weighted	
		Average		Average	
		Exercise		Exercise	
		Price		Price	
	Warrants	(US\$)	Warrants	(US\$)	
Warrants outstanding -				_	
beginning of period	7,010,000	4.00	15,202,046	3.74	
Expired (Note 10e))	-	-	(4,942,046)	3.23	
Cancelled (Note 9)	-	-	(6,250,000)	3.00	
Exercised	-	-	-	-	
Issued (Note 9)	-	-	3,000,000	2.00	
Warrants outstanding – end of				_	
period	7,010,000	4.00	7,010,000	4.00	

On April 17, 2007, the Company issued 7,500,000 warrants in connection with a non-brokered private placement financing of 15 million units at US\$2.75 per unit, with each unit comprising one common share and one-half of one warrant. Each whole warrant was exercisable into a common share at a price of US\$4.00 at any time until October 13, 2008 subject to an early trigger if the 20-day volume weighted average price of the common shares is US\$6.00 or more. In connection with the private placement, the Company has paid finders' fees including an additional 520,000 broker warrants having the same terms as the warrants described above.

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### 10. Share Capital - Continued

#### e) Share Purchase Warrants - Continued

On October 10, 2008, the Company announced that it had received the consent from the holders of more than two-thirds of the 8,020,000 warrants issued as part of the April 2007 private placement to exchange those warrants into:

- 4,010,000 warrants, each warrant entitling the holder to purchase one share of PolyMet common stock at US\$3.00 per share at any time until the sooner of 30 calendar days after publication of the draft Environmental Impact Statement by the State of Minnesota in the state's Environmental Quality Board Monitor and October 13, 2009, and
- 4,010,000 warrants, each warrant entitling the holder to purchase one share of PolyMet common stock at US\$5.00 if exercised before the NorthMet Project has produced a cumulative total of 20,000 metric tonnes of concentrate, or US\$6.00 thereafter and prior to August 31, 2011. PolyMet can accelerate the expiration of the warrants if PolyMet's volume-weighted 20-day average stock price trades at a 50% premium to the exercise price applicable at any time.

The incremental \$544,000 increase in the fair value of the warrants due to the warrant exchange was debited to warrant amendment expense and credited to the warrants and share-based payment reserve in the year ended January 31, 2009.

In October 2009, the Company received the consent from holders of more than two-thirds of the above warrants to exchange the 4,010,000 warrants due to expire on October 13, 2009 for 4,010,000 warrants, each warrant entitling the holder to purchase one share of PolyMet common stock at US\$3.00 per share at any time until the sooner of 30 calendar days after publication of the draft Environmental Impact Statement by the State of Minnesota in the state's Environmental Quality Board Monitor and December 31, 2009. The incremental \$1,005,000 increase in the fair value of the warrants due to the warrant exchange was debited to warrant amendment expense and credited to the warrants and share-based payment reserve.

In November 2009, the Company received the consent from holders of more than two-thirds of the above warrants to exchange the 4,010,000 warrants due to expire the earlier of 30 calendar days after publication of the draft Environmental Impact Statement by the State of Minnesota in the state's Environmental Quality Board Monitor and December 31, 2009 for 4,010,000 warrants, each warrant entitling the holder to purchase one share of PolyMet common stock at US\$3.00 per share at any time until the sooner of 21 business days after publication of the final Environmental Impact Statement by the State of Minnesota in the state's Environmental Quality Board Monitor and December 31, 2010. The incremental \$3,757,000 increase in the fair value of the warrants due to the warrant exchange was debited to warrant amendment expense and credited to the warrants and share-based payment reserve.

Warrants to purchase 167,954 shares of PolyMet common stock were exercised in the year ended January 31, 2010. On December 31, 2010, the unexercised warrants, to purchase 3,842,046 shares of PolyMet common stock at US\$3.00 per share, expired. The Company recorded a deferred income tax charge as the expiration of the warrants triggered a capital gain for tax purposes which was offset by the application of tax losses carried forward resulting in a credit of \$1,219,000.

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### 10. Share Capital - Continued

#### e) Share Purchase Warrants - Continued

On October 31, 2008, the Company issued 6,250,000 warrants ("Purchase Warrants") to Glencore as partial consideration under the financing agreement described in Note 9. The warrants entitled Glencore to purchase 6.25 million common shares of PolyMet at US\$5.00 if exercised before the NorthMet project has produced a total of 20,000 metric tonnes of concentrate, or US\$6.00 thereafter. The warrants would have expired on September 30, 2011.

On November 17, 2009, the Company amended the terms such that the Purchase Warrants entitled Glencore to purchase 6,250,000 common shares of PolyMet at US\$3.00 and expire on September 30, 2011.

On November 12, 2010, the Company cancelled warrants giving Glencore the right to purchase 6,250,000 common shares of PolyMet at US\$3.00 at any time until September 30, 2011 and issued warrants giving Glencore the right to purchase 3,000,000 common shares of PolyMet at US\$2.00 at any time until December 31, 2015, in consideration of the amendments to the debenture agreements (Note 9).

On December 16, 2010 the Board of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board ("IRRRB") approved, on the commissioner's recommendation, a secured loan to PolyMet US of up to \$4 million. A legal challenge was withdrawn following passage of state legislation that clarified that the IRRRB is an economic development agency with no regulatory oversight for mine permitting activities. On April 15, 2011 the Board of the IRRRB reapproved the loan. On June 28, 2011, the loan agreement closed.

Proceeds from the loan have been used to purchase forest land, wetlands, and lakes with high natural resource and recreational value that will become available for public use and enjoyment. These properties, which the Company previously had under purchase option, were purchased for future use as part of a proposed land exchange for surface rights at the proposed NorthMet mine site currently controlled by the USFS Superior National Forest. The loan is secured by the land acquired from proceeds of the loan, carries a fixed interest rate of 5% per annum, and is repayable on June 30, 2016. Subject to regulatory approval, PolyMet also agreed to issue warrants giving the IRRRB the right to purchase up to 400,000 shares of its common stock at US\$2.50 per share at any time until the earlier of June 30, 2016 and one year after the Company receives permits.

On October 31, 2006, the Company issued 600,000 warrants to BNP Paribas Loan Services as partial consideration under the agreement described in Note 15c). These warrants had an exercise price of US\$4.00 per share and expired on October 30, 2010. The fair value of these warrants was \$1,197,000. Further, upon delivering a bona fide offer of project financing, warrants to purchase an additional 500,000 shares of the Company at a price of US\$4.00 per share at any time prior to October 30, 2010 would have vested. All of these warrants expired on October, 30 2010. The Company recorded a deferred income tax recovery as the expiration of the warrants triggered a capital gain for tax purposes which was offset by the application of tax losses carried forward resulting in a credit of \$171,000.

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### 11. Finance Income and Costs

Finance income and costs for the three months ended April 30, 2011 and 2010 were comprised of:

	April 3	0, 2011	April	30, 2010
Interest (income) expense Accretion of environmental rehabilitation provision	\$	(1) 173	\$	(1) 150
Finance income and costs	\$	172	\$	149

### 12. Supplemental Disclosure With Respect to Statements of Cash Flows

During the three months ended April 30, 2011 and 2010 the Company entered into the following non-cash investing and financing activities:

	April 3	0, 2011	April	30, 2010
Changes in trade payables and accrued liabilities related				
to investing activities	\$	(180)	\$	(315)

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### 13. Related Party Transactions

The Company conducted transactions with key management personnel, comprising of certain members of senior management, officers, directors and persons or companies related to these individuals, and paid or accrued amounts during the three months ended April 30, 2011 and 2010, as follows:

	April 3	0, 2011	April	30, 2010
Wages and other short-term benefits	\$	217	\$	220
Termination benefits		-		-
Other long-term benefits		9		6
Share-based compensation		738		-
Total	\$	964	\$	226

The amounts charged to the Company for the services provided have been determined by negotiation among the parties. These transactions were in the normal course of operations and were measured at the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related party.

Included in key management compensation were consulting fees of \$nil paid during the three months ended April 30, 2011 (April 30, 2010 - \$16,000) to Dr. Dreisinger, a director of the Company, primarily in connection with activities related to the processing / technical side of the NorthMet project and related expenses (the latter were supported by invoices and receipts). The consulting fees were based on a monthly fee of Canadian \$5,500 plus general sales tax. Throughout the term of his engagement, Dr. Dreisinger conducted in-person and telephonic meetings with Mr. William Murray, then the Company's Executive Chairman, and other members of management at which he provided both verbal and written updates on the status of test work and made recommendations for future activities. These meetings occurred approximately every two to three weeks for the past six years.

The agreement with Dr. Dreisinger was entered into at a time when the Company's current business plans were being formulated and were month to month and oral in nature. The agreement was approved by Mr. William Murray. It was discussed with the Company's board of directors who did not consider that a formal approval and written contract was necessary at that time. The Company believes that the contract was at terms at least as good as could be obtained from third parties. The agreement with Dr. Dreisinger was terminated effective January 31, 2011.

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### 14. Segmented Information

The Company is in the permitting stage of developing its mineral properties in the U.S. and provides for its financing and administrative functions at the head office located in Canada. Segmented information on a geographic basis was as follows:

April 30, 2011	Canada U.S. Conse		Canada U.S. Consolid		Consolidated	
Segment operating loss Identifiable assets	\$	955	\$	353	\$	1,319
	\$	5,125	\$	150,850	\$	155,975
April 30, 2010		Canada		U.S.		Consolidated
Segment operating loss Identifiable assets	\$	478	\$	440	\$	918
	\$	15,197	\$	133,420	\$	148,617

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### 15. Commitments and Contingencies

a) The Company has instituted a share bonus plan as part of its employment, management and consulting contracts for key directors, management and project personnel. This bonus plan adds incentive for key personnel to reach certain prescribed milestones required to reach commercial production at the NorthMet Project. As at April 30, 2011, the Company had received shareholder approval of the Bonus Shares for Milestones 1 to 4 and regulatory approval for Milestones 1, 2 and 3. Milestone 4 is subject to regulatory approval. To April 30, 2011, 5,240,000 shares have been issued for the achievement of Milestones 1, 2 and 3.

The summary of the share bonus plan is as follows:

	Bonus Shares	
Milestone 1	1,590,000	issued
Milestone 2	1,300,000	(i) issued in May 2009
Milestone 3	2,350,000	issued
Milestone 4	3,640,000	(ii) and (iii)

- (i) Milestone 2 Negotiation and completion of an off-take agreement with a senior metals producer for the purchase of nickel-hydroxide produced from the NorthMet Project, and / or an equity investment in the Company by such a producer or producers. The bonus shares allocated to Milestone 2 are valued at CDN\$0.75. This milestone was deemed to have been achieved in May 2009 and therefore the Company issued the shares to certain directors and insiders and capitalized \$714,000 to property plant and equipment.
- (ii) Milestone 4 Commencement of commercial production at the NorthMet Project at a time when the Company has not less than 50% ownership interest.
- (iii) At the Annual General Meeting of shareholders of the Company, held on June 17, 2008, the disinterested shareholders approved the bonus shares for Milestone 4. The bonus shares allocated to Milestone 4 are valued at US\$3.80, the Company's closing trading price on June 17, 2008.

During the three months ended April 30, 2011, the Company recorded \$337,000 related to Milestone 4 (April 30, 2010 – \$428,000), these amounts were capitalized to Mineral Property, Plant and Equipment. The fair value of these unissued bonus shares is being amortized, over its expected life, until the estimated date of issuance.

- b) Pursuant to the Company's Asset Purchase Agreement with Cliffs (Note 6), for as long as Cliffs owns 1% or more of the Company's issued shares, Cliffs will have the right to participate on a pro-rata basis in future cash equity financings. This agreement also includes a first right of refusal in favour of the Company should Cliffs wish to dispose of its interest.
- c) On October 13, 2008, the Company entered into a collateral pledge agreement wherein it pledged a used drill rig which it owned against amounts due to a supplier for rebuilding the drill rig. The drill rig had a book value of \$3,420,000 and, as at April 30, 2011, the Company is paying the supplier \$965,000 over time for work on the drill.

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### 15. Commitments and Contingencies - Continued

- d) On October 31, 2008, the Company entered into agreements with Glencore wherein Glencore will provide marketing services covering concentrates, metal, or intermediate products at prevailing market terms for at least the first five years of production.
- e) On April 30, 2011, the Company had outstanding commitments related to equipment, rent, consultants and the environmental review process of approximately \$3.3 million predominantly due over the next year.
- f) At April 30, 2011 the Company had non-binding commitments in 2011 and 2012 of \$1.146 million to pay options to maintain its right to acquire certain lands that it will need at permitting. These lands include land that the Company expects to exchange with the USFS for surface rights at the mine site and land for wetland credits.

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### 16. Financial Instruments and Risk Management

The carrying values of the Company's financial instruments are classified into the following categories:

	April 30, 2011	January 31, 2011
Loans and Receivables (1)	\$ 5,909	\$ 10,361
Available-for-sale	84	66
Other loans and receivables	381	318
Other financial liabilities (2)	38,067	38,600

- (1) Includes cash and equivalents.
- (2) Includes trade payables and accrued liabilities, convertible debt and long term debt.

The Company has determined the estimated fair values of its financial instruments based on appropriate valuation methodologies.

### Risks Arising from Financial Instruments and Risk Management

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including currency), credit risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk and investment risk. Reflecting the current stage of development of the Company's NorthMet Project, PolyMet's overall risk management program focuses on facilitating the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and seeks to minimize potential adverse effects on PolyMet's ability to execute its business plan.

Risk management is the responsibility of executive management. Material risks are identified and monitored and are discussed with the audit committee and the board of directors.

### **Currency Risk**

The Company incurs expenditures in Canada and in the United States. The functional and reporting currency of the Company is the United States dollar. Foreign exchange risk arises because the amount of Canadian dollar cash and equivalents, trade and other receivables, investment or trade payables and accrued liabilities will vary in United States dollar terms due to changes in exchange rates.

As the majority of the Company's expenditures are in United States dollars, the Company has kept a significant portion of its cash and equivalents in United States dollars. The Company has not hedged its exposure to currency fluctuations.

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### 16. Financial Instruments and Risk Management - Continued

As at April 30, 2011, the Company was exposed to currency risk through the following assets and liabilities denominated in Canadian dollars:

	April 30, 2011	January 31, 2011
Loans and receivables (1)	\$ 541 \$	554
Available-for-sale	84	66
Other loans and receivables	140	102
Other financial liabilities (2)	 (169)	(192)
	\$ <b>596</b> \$	530

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes cash and equivalents.

Based on the above net exposures, as at April 30, 2011, a 10% change in the Canadian / United States exchange rate would have impacted the Company's loss by \$60,000.

### **Credit Risk**

Credit risk arises on cash and equivalents held with banks and financial institutions, as well as credit exposure on outstanding trade and other receivables. The maximum exposure to credit risk is equal to the carrying value of the financial assets of \$6,290,000.

The Company's cash and equivalents are held through a large Canadian financial institution.

### **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk arises through the excess of financial obligations over available financial assets due at any point in time. The Company's objective in managing liquidity risk is to maintain sufficient readily available reserves in order to meet its liquidity requirements at any point in time. The Company achieves this by maintaining sufficient cash and equivalents. Additional information relating to liquidity risk and going concern is disclosed in Note 1.

### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk arises on cash and equivalents and long term debt and fluctuations in the related interest rates. The Company has not hedged any of its interest rate risk.

As at January 31, 2011, the Company was exposed to interest rate risk through the following assets and liabilities:

	April 30, 2011	January 31, 2011
Loans and receivables (1)	\$ 5,909	\$ 10,361
Other financial liabilities (2)	35,945	36,156

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes cash and equivalents.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes trade payables and accrued liabilities.

<sup>(2)</sup> Represents long term debt (Note 7) and convertible debt (Note 9).

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### 16. Financial Instruments and Risk Management - Continued

#### **Investment Risk**

The Company's investment in the common shares of a publicly traded Canadian mining company bears investment risk. The maximum exposure to investment risk is equal to the carrying value of the investment.

The Company's investment in the NorthMet Project (Note 6) is also at risk since the NorthMet Project is pledged in part as security to Cliffs and otherwise is pledged wholly as security to Glencore.

As at April 30, 2011, the Company was exposed to investment risk through the following assets:

	30 April 2011	31 January 2011
Available-for-sale (1)	\$ 84 \$	66

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes investment.

#### **Fair Value Measurements**

PolyMet's financial assets and liabilities are measured or disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis and classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. There are three levels of fair value hierarchy that prioritize the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value, with level 1 inputs having the highest priority. The levels and the valuation techniques used to value the Company's financial assets and liabilities are described below:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities.
   Investments in marketable securities are valued using quoted market prices in active
  - markets, obtained from securities exchanges. Accordingly, these items are included in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.
- Level 2 Quoted prices in markets that are not active, quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, or inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- Level 3 Unobservable (supported by little or no market activity) prices.

Loans and receivables are recorded at face value. Trade and other receivables are short-term in nature and represent the initial price of the good or service. Long term and convertible debt have been fair valued using assumptions with respect to interest rates relevant to similar debt taking into account the collateral involved.

The fair values of the Company's financial assets, loans and receivables, trade and other receivables, and investment approximate their carrying amounts.

The fair values of the Company's trade payables and accrued liabilities are below their carrying amounts due to the liquidity risk of the Company. Also, see Note 1. The fair value of the Company's long term debt and convertible debt approximate their carrying amounts.

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### 16. Financial Instruments and Risk Management - Continued

### **Capital Management**

Similar to other companies in the development stage, the Company is in discussions with certain parties to provide funding which will enable the Company to execute its business plan. With the completion of the DFS and taking into account the current permitting process the Company is in, PolyMet will require additional funds through Project construction. Funding for the Project could come from a number of sources and include internal cash flows (for the second stage of the construction), bank project financing and capital market financing. During the upcoming fiscal year, the Company's objective is to identify the source or sources from which it will obtain the capital required to complete the Project.

The Company has no externally imposed capital requirements. In the management of capital, the Company includes the components of shareholders' equity, convertible debt and long-term debt. The Company manages the capital structure and makes adjustments to it depending on economic conditions and the rate of anticipated expenditures. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may attempt to issue new shares, issue new debt, acquire or dispose of assets.

In order to assist in management of its capital requirements, the Company prepares expenditure budgets that are updated as necessary depending on various factors. The budgets are approved by the Company's Board of Directors.

Although the Company plans to have the resources to carry out its plans and operations through April 30, 2012 (Note 1), it does not currently have sufficient capital to meet its estimated project capital expenditure requirements and is currently in discussions to arrange sufficient capital to meet these requirements.

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#### 17. Transition to IFRS

These are the Company's first interim consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS.

The accounting policies set out in Note 2 have been applied in preparing the financial statements for the three months ended April 30, 2011, the comparative information presented in these financial statements for the three months ended April 30, 2010, the year ended January 31, 2011 and in the preparation of an opening IFRS balance sheet at February 1, 2010, the Company's date of transition.

For its opening IFRS balance sheet, the Company has adjusted amounts previously reported in financial statements prepared using Canadian GAAP. An explanation of how the transition from Canadian GAAP to IFRS has affected the Company's financial position, financial performance and cash flows is provided in the following footnotes and tables.

### a) Initial Elections Upon Adoption

Set out below are the applicable IFRS 1 exemptions and exceptions applied in the conversion from Canadian GAAP to IFRS.

### **IFRS Exemption Options**

#### **Business Combinations**

IFRS 1 provides the option to apply IFRS 3 *Business Combinations*, prospectively from the transition date or from a specific date prior to the transition date. This provides relief from full retrospective application that would require restatement of all business combinations prior to the transition date. The Company elected to apply IFRS 3 prospectively to business combinations occurring after February 1, 2010, its transition date. Business combinations occurring prior to the transition date have not been restated.

### **Borrowing Costs**

The Company has elected to apply the principles of IAS 23 *Borrowing Costs* for capitalization of borrowing costs incurred prospectively from February 1, 2010.

### Decommissioning, Restoration and Similar Liabilities

The Company has elected not to apply IFRIC 1 Changes in Existing Decommissioning, Restoration and Similar Liabilities for changes related to the environmental rehabilitation provision that occurred prior to February 1, 2010. As such, the Company calculated its environmental rehabilitation provision in accordance with IAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets at February 1, 2010. The provision was then discounted to the date the obligation first arose using a historical discount rate and added to the cost of the related asset in mineral property, plant and equipment.

### **Share-Based Compensation**

The Company has elected to apply IFRS 2 *Share-based Payment* only to equity instruments granted after November 7, 2002 that remained unvested at February 1, 2010, the date of transition to IFRS.

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### 17. Transition to IFRS - Continued

### **IFRS Mandatory Exceptions**

In accordance with the mandatory exception in IFRS 1 for estimates, the estimates used as at February 1, 2010 are consistent with the estimates as at the same date made in conformity with Canadian GAAP.

The other compulsory exceptions of IFRS 1 have not been applied as they are not relevant to the Company.

### b) Reconciliations of Canadian GAAP to IFRS

IFRS 1 requires an entity to reconcile equity, comprehensive income and cash flows for prior periods. The following tables represent the reconciliations from Canadian GAAP to IFRS for the respective periods noted for equity and total comprehensive income.

Reconciliation of equity between Canadian GAAP and IFRS as at February 1, 2010:

					Accun	nulated Other			
		Share	Co	ntributed	Comp	orehen-			
	Note	Capital		Surplus <sup>1</sup>	sive	e Loss <sup>2</sup>	Deficit	Tot	al Equity
As reported under Canadian GAAP		\$ 132,066	\$	36,979	\$	71	\$ (71,549)	\$	97,567
Change to initial fair value of convertible debt conversion factor and warrants	(i)	-		612		-	-		612
Adjustment to fair value of environmental rehabilitation provision	(ii)	-		-		-	(534)		(534)
As reported under IFRS		\$ 132,066	\$	37,591	\$	71	\$ (72,083)	\$	97,645

Reconciliation of equity between Canadian GAAP and IFRS as at April 30, 2010:

					Accu	mulated Other			
		Share	Со	ntributed		prehen-			
	Note	Capital		Surplus <sup>1</sup>	Siv	e Loss²	Deficit	Tot	al Equity_
As reported under Canadian GAAP		\$ 132,098	\$	37,457	\$	49	\$ (72,408)	\$	97,196
Change to initial fair value of convertible debt conversion factor and warrants	(i)	-		612		-	-		612
Adjustment to fair value of environmental rehabilitation provision	(ii)	-		-		-	(534)		(534)
Change in accretion of environmental rehabilitation provision	(ii)	-		-		-	(59)		(59)
As reported under IFRS		\$ 132,098	\$	38,069	\$	49	\$ (73,001)	\$	97,215

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### 17. Transition to IFRS - Continued

Reconciliation of equity between Canadian GAAP and IFRS as at January 31, 2011:

					Accumulate Oth				
		Share	Со	ntributed	Comprehe				
	Note	Capital		Surplus <sup>1</sup>	sive Los	$s^2$	Deficit	To	tal Equity
As reported under Canadian GAAP		\$ 142,373	\$	39,083	\$	(6)	\$ (78,832)	\$	102,618
Change to initial fair value of convertible debt conversion factor and warrants	(i)	-		612		-	-		612
Adjustment to fair value of environmental rehabilitation provision	(ii)	-		-		-	(534)		(534)
Change in loss on refinancing of convertible debt	(i)	-		-		-	(184)		(184)
Change in accretion of environmental rehabilitation provision	(ii)						(217)		(217)
As reported under IFRS		\$ 142,373	\$	39,695	\$	(6)	\$ (79,767)	\$	102,295

<sup>1</sup> Contributed surplus was reclassified to warrants and share-based payment equity reserve under IFRS

Reconciliation of total comprehensive loss between Canadian GAAP and IFRS for the three months ended April 30, 2010 and the year ended January 31, 2011:

		Three months		
		ended April 30,		ar ended nuary 31,
	Note	2010	Jai	2011
Total comprehensive loss - under Canadian GAAP		\$ 837	\$	7,360
Change in loss on refinancing of convertible debt	(i)	-		184
Change in accretion of environmental rehabilitation provision	(ii)	59		217
Total comprehensive loss – as reported under IFRS		\$ 896	\$	7,761

### c) Explanations of Reconciliations of Canadian GAAP to IFRS

The transition from Canadian GAAP to IFRS has had no effect on the net cash flows reported by the Company. The changes made to the statements of consolidated earnings and consolidated balance sheets have resulted in reclassification of various amounts on the statements of cash flows, however as there have been no changes to the net cash flows, no reconciliations have been prepared.

#### i) Convertible Debt - Glencore Financing

Under IFRS, the value attributable to the conversion factor of convertible debt is the residual of the overall instrument's fair value, after the fair value of the debt is determined. As was permitted under Canadian GAAP for the Glencore financing, the Company had allocated values to the debt, the conversion factor and warrants on a fair value pro-rata basis.

Accumulated other comprehensive loss was reclassified to available for sale revaluation equity reserve under IFRS

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#### 17. Transition to IFRS - Continued

The transition to IFRS resulted in a decrease in the initial fair value of debt of \$612,000, resulting in a fair value of \$23,380,170 and an increase in the fair value of the conversion factor and fair value of warrants of \$612,000.

Interest and accretion associated with the debt is capitalized to mineral property, plant and equipment. The change in the initial fair value of the debt resulted in an increase capitalized interest and accretion costs of \$225,000 at February 1, 2010 and \$426,000 at January 31, 2011

The convertible debt was renegotiated in November 2010, resulting in a loss on extinguishment of the existing debt. Under IFRS, the loss on refinancing of convertible debt was \$3,831,000, an increase of \$184,000 as calculated under Canadian GAAP. The components of the loss on refinancing of convertible debt are disclosed in Note 9.

### ii) Environmental Rehabilitation Provision

The Company elected to apply the IFRS 1 optional exemption for its decommissioning liabilities. The fair value of the environmental rehabilitation provision was calculated as at February 1, 2010 and then discounted to the date the obligation first arose using a historical discount rate and added to the cost of the related asset in mineral property, plant and equipment.

The transition from Canadian GAAP to IFRS resulted in an environmental rehabilitation provision of \$13,699,000 as at February 1, 2010, an increase of \$10,353,000, and a provision of \$15,719,000 as at January 31, 2011, an increase of \$11,907,000. The change in accretion of the environmental rehabilitation provision resulted in a \$534,000 increase to deficit as at the transition date, February 1, 2010. Accretion for the provision under IFRS was \$150,000 for the three months ended April 30, 2010, an increase of \$59,000, and was \$600,000 for the year ended January 31, 2011, an increase of \$217,000. The transition from Canadian GAAP to IFRS resulted in an asset as part of mineral property, plant and equipment associated with environmental rehabilitation of \$11,600,000 as at February 1, 2010, an increase of \$9,819,000, and an asset of \$13,021,000 as at January 31, 2011, an increase of \$11,156,000. As the associated assets are not in use, amortization of these assets has not been recorded to April 30, 2011.

The most significant factor in the measurement difference of the environmental rehabilitation provision under IFRS and asset retirement obligation under Canadian GAAP was the applied discount rate. Under IFRS, a liability specific risk-free rate was used to discount future cash flows, whereas Canadian GAAP required a credit-adjusted risk-free rate. IFRS also requires changes in the liability to be recorded each period based on changes in discount rates, in addition to changes in estimated timing or amount of future cash flows.

### iii) Assets Held for Sale

As a result of the transition to IFRS, non-current assets held for sale have been reclassified to current assets from their classification as non-current assets under Canadian GAAP.

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#### General

The following information, prepared as at July 5, 2011, should be read in conjunction with the condensed interim consolidated financial statements of PolyMet Mining Corp. (the "Company" or "PolyMet") for the three months ended April 30, 2011 and related notes attached thereto, which are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). All amounts are expressed in United States dollars unless otherwise indicated.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company, consisting of four independent directors, has reviewed this document pursuant to its mandate and charter.

#### Forward Looking Statements

This Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") contains certain forward-looking statements concerning anticipated developments in PolyMet's operations in the future. These forward-looking statements appear in a number of different places in this MD&A and can frequently, but not always, be identified by words such as "expects", "anticipates", "believes", "intends", "estimates", "potential", "possible", "projects", "plans" and similar expressions, or statements that events, conditions or results "will", "may", "could" or "should" occur or be achieved or their negatives or other comparable words. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause PolyMet's actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include statements regarding the outlook for the Company's future operations, plans and timing for PolyMet's exploration and development programs, statements about future market conditions, supply and demand conditions, forecasts of future costs and expenditures, the outcome of legal proceedings, and other expectations, intentions and plans that are not historical fact. The Company's actual results may differ materially from those in the forwardlooking statements due to risks facing PolyMet or due to actual facts differing from the assumptions underlying the Company's predictions. Some of these risks and assumptions include: general economic and business conditions, including changes in interest rates; prices of natural resources, costs associated with mineral exploration and development, and other economic conditions; natural phenomena; actions by governments and authorities including changes in government regulation; uncertainties associated with legal proceedings; changes in the resource market; future decisions by management in response to changing conditions; future decisions by management in response to changing conditions; the Company's ability to execute prospective business plans, and misjudgments in the course of preparing forward-looking statements.

The Company advises you that these cautionary remarks expressly qualify in their entirety all forward-looking statements attributable to PolyMet or persons acting on its behalf. The Company expressly disclaims any obligation to update publicly, or otherwise, these statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise except to the extent required by law. Readers should carefully review the cautionary statements and risk factors contained in this and all other documents that the Company files from time to time with regulatory authorities.

Cautionary note to U.S. investors: the terms "measured and indicated mineral resource", "mineral resource", and "inferred mineral resource" used in this Management Discussion and Analysis are Canadian geological and mining terms as defined in accordance with National Instrument 43-101, Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101") under the guidelines set out in the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (the "CIM") Standards on Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves. U.S. investors are advised that while such terms are recognized and required under Canadian regulations, the SEC does not recognize these terms. Mineral Resources do not have demonstrated economic viability. It cannot be assumed that all or any part of a Mineral Resource will ever be upgraded to Mineral Reserves. Under Canadian rules, estimates of inferred mineral resources may not form the basis of or be included in feasibility or other studies. U.S. investors are cautioned not to assume that any part of an inferred mineral resource exists, or is economically or legally mineable.

Specific reference is made to PolyMet's most recent Form 20-F/Annual Information Form on file with the SEC and Canadian securities authorities for a discussion of some of the factors underlying forward-looking statements.

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### Description of Business and Summary of Recent Events

PolyMet is a Toronto Stock Exchange and NYSE Amex listed Issuer engaged in the exploration and development, when warranted, of natural resource properties. The Company's primary mineral property and principal focus is the commercial development of its NorthMet Project, a polymetallic project in northeastern Minnesota, USA which hosts copper, nickel, cobalt and platinum group metal mineralization.

#### **Asset Acquisitions**

On November 15, 2005 the Company, through its Minnesota subsidiary (Poly Met Mining, Inc.), completed the early exercise of PolyMet's option with Cliffs Natural Resources, Inc. (formerly Cleveland Cliffs, Inc.) (NYSE:CLF) ("Cliffs") to acquire the Erie Plant, which is located 10 kilometers (6 miles) west of PolyMet's NorthMet deposit. The plant was operated by Cliffs for many years and was acquired by Cliffs in early 2001 from LTV Steel Mining Company after that company's bankruptcy at which time the plant was placed on care-and-maintenance with a view to a potential restart. With minor modification, the crushing and milling circuits can be used for the NorthMet ore. The plant assets now owned by PolyMet include crushing and milling equipment, comprehensive spare parts, plant site buildings, real estate, tailings impoundments and mine workshops, as well as access to extensive mining infrastructure including roads, rail, water, and power. A new hydrometallurgical plant is planned to be installed adjacent to the existing mill on surplus land.

PolyMet plans to refurbish and reactivate the crushing, concentrating and tailings facilities at the Erie Plant to produce concentrates containing copper, nickel, cobalt and precious metals. The concentrates are planned to be sold prior to completion of construction and commissioning of the new hydrometallurgical metal recovery processing facilities. Once completed, the new hydrometallurgical plant will produce copper metal, nickel-cobalt hydroxide and a precious metals precipitate.

On December 20, 2006 the Company acquired from Cliffs, property and associated rights sufficient to provide it with a railroad connection linking the mine development site and the Erie Plant. This transaction also included 120 railcars, locomotive fueling and maintenance facilities, water rights and pipelines, large administrative offices on site and an additional 6,000 acres of land to the east and west of and contiguous to its existing tailing facilities.

PolyMet has indemnified Cliffs for ongoing reclamation and remediation associated with the property under both transactions.

In April 2010, Cliffs entered into a consent decree with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency ("MPCA") relating to alleged violations on the Cliffs Erie Property. This consent decree required submission of Field Study Plan Outlines and Short Term Mitigation Plans, which have been approved by the MPCA. As part of its prior transactions with Cliffs, PolyMet has agreed to indemnify Cliffs for certain on-going site environmental liabilities.

### Feasibility Study, Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves

With publication of the Definitive Feasibility Study ("DFS") in September 2006, summarized in a Technical Report under National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101"), PolyMet established SEC-standard mineral reserves. Proven and probable mineral reserves were estimated at 181.7 million short tons grading 0.31% copper, 0.09% nickel and 0.01 ounces per ton ("opt") of precious metals. In September 2007, PolyMet reported an expansion in these proven and

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probable mineral reserves to 274.7 million short tons grading 0.28% copper, 0.08% nickel and 0.01 opt of precious metals (palladium, platinum and gold).

These reserves are based on copper at \$1.25 per pound, nickel at \$5.60 per pound, and precious metal prices of \$210, \$800, and \$400 per ounce respectively for palladium, platinum and gold.

The reserves lie within measured and indicated mineral resources that were expanded to 638.2 million tons grading 0.27% copper, 0.08% nickel and 0.01 opt of precious metals (palladium, platinum and gold). In addition, inferred mineral resources total 251.6 million tons grading 0.28% copper, 0.08% nickel and 0.01 opt of precious metals.

#### DFS Update

On May 20, 2008 PolyMet reported revised plans and cost estimates for construction and operating costs. The revised plans include:

- the sale of concentrate during the construction and commissioning of new metallurgical facilities resulting in a shorter pre-production construction period (12-15 months) and reduced capital costs prior to first revenues (\$312 million versus \$380 million);
- the new metallurgical facilities to be constructed during initial production and sales of concentrate. PolyMet anticipates that much of the additional \$290 million of capital costs (for total project capital of \$602 million) will be funded from cash flow from initial operations;
- mine plans (based on copper at \$1.25 per pound) reflect the increase in reserves and decrease in stripping ratio reported on 26 September 2007, the use of 240-ton trucks, and owner versus contract mine operations, and
- \$77 million of mining equipment, which was assumed to be provided by a mining contractor in the DFS has been incorporated as an operating lease in updated operating costs.

#### Proiect Improvements

On February 2, 2011 the Company announced that it had simplified the proposed metallurgical process and now plans to build the project in two phases:

- Phase I: produce and market concentrates containing copper, nickel, cobalt and precious metals, and
- Phase II: process the nickel concentrate through a single autoclave, resulting in production and sale of high grade copper concentrate, value added nickel-cobalt hydroxide, and precious metals precipitate products.

Previous plans included a second autoclave and a copper solvent extraction/electro-winning ("SX-EW") circuit to produce copper metal along with value added nickel-cobalt hydroxide and precious metals precipitate products. The changes reflect continued metallurgical process and other project improvements as well as improved environmental controls that are being incorporated into the environmental review process. The advantages, compared with the earlier plan, include a better return on capital investment, reduced financial risk, lower energy consumption, and reduced waste disposal and emissions at site. Approximately \$127 million of the total \$602 million capital costs estimated in the May 2008 DFS Update will not be incurred in this revised plan.

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#### **Environmental Review**

In October 2005, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources ("MDNR") published its Environmental Assessment Worksheet Decision Document establishing the MDNR as the lead state agency and the US Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") as the lead federal agency (together the "Lead Agencies") for preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") for the project. In 2006 these Lead Agencies selected an independent environmental contractor ("the EIS Contractor") to prepare the EIS. The EIS Contractor is Environmental Resources Management, a leading global provider of environmental, health and safety, risk, and social consulting services. The EIS Contractor team included members with expertise and experience in mining sulfidic ores. Several other government agencies (including the US Forest Service, the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa and the Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa) joined the EIS preparation team as Cooperating Agencies which brought their special expertise to the process.

Under state and federal guidelines and regulations, a Draft EIS identifies the environmental impact of a proposed project as well as evaluating alternatives and ways to mitigate potential impacts. PolyMet was involved in the process of alternative/mitigation development and had input into the technical and economical feasibility of potential alternatives and mitigations. The EIS Contractor prepared a series of preliminary versions of the Draft EIS that were reviewed and commented on by the Lead Agencies, other governmental agencies, and PolyMet.

In October 2009, the Lead Agencies published the PolyMet Draft EIS with formal notification of publication in the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board ("EQB") Monitor and the Federal Register on November 2 and November 6, 2009, respectively. The formal notification of publication started a 90-day period for public review and comment, which ended on 3 February 2010. During this period, the lead Agencies held two public meetings — one in the town of Aurora, MN near the project location and one in Blaine, MN in the metropolitan Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

The Lead Agencies received more than 3,700 submissions containing approximately 22,000 separate comments, including an extensive comment letter from the US Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") in its role as reviewer of projects that could impact the environment.

On June 25, 2010 the Lead Agencies announced that they intend to complete the EIS process by preparing a Supplemental Draft EIS that incorporates the proposed US Forest Service ("USFS") land exchange and expands government agency cooperation. The USFS joined the USACE as a federal co-lead agency through the completion of the EIS process. In addition, the EPA will join the effort as a cooperating agency. The MDNR remains the state co-lead agency.

On October 13, 2010 the USACE and the USFS published a Notice of Intent to complete the Supplemental Draft EIS, which will:

- Supplement and supersede the Draft EIS and respond to concerns identified by the EPA and other comments on the Draft EIS.
- Incorporate potential effects from the proposed land exchange between the USFS Superior National Forest and PolyMet.

Public review of the scope of the land exchange ended on November 29, 2010.

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The Notice of Intent stated that the proposed land exchange would eliminate conflicts between the United States and private mineral ownership and consolidate land ownership to improve Superior National Forest management effectiveness and public access to federal lands. The proposed exchange is in accordance with Forest Service Strategic Plan Goals to provide and sustain long-term socioeconomic benefits to the American people, conserve open space, and sustain and enhance outdoor recreation activities.

The NorthMet mine site encompasses approximately 2,840 of the 6,650 acres of land proposed for exchange to private ownership; the remaining federal property would improve intermingled and inefficient ownership patterns and eliminate conflicts if minerals development were to expand in the future.

The lands that would be received by the Superior National Forest consist of forest and wetland habitat as well as lake frontage. These lands would enhance public recreation opportunities and complement existing federal ownership by eliminating or reducing private holdings surrounded by Superior National Forest land.

Once the Supplemental Draft EIS is completed, it will be made available for public review prior to preparation of the final EIS. Completion of the final EIS and a subsequent Adequacy Decision by the DNR and Record of Decision by the federal agencies are necessary before the land exchange can occur and various permits required to construct and operate the project can be issued.

Prior to receipt of the permits, the Company intends to secure construction financing that would be available upon receipt of key permits, with construction slated to start upon availability of construction finance.

Construction of NorthMet is expected to be made up of four major components:

- 1. Implementation of environmental safeguards;
- 2. Construction of the mine and reactivation of some existing mine infrastructure;
- 3. Refurbishment of the existing Erie Plant facilities and construction of new flotation facilities, and
- 4. Construction of a new hydrometallurgical plant.

#### **Key Developments**

On March 10, 2011 PolyMet appointed Alan R. (Al) Hodnik and Michael M. (Mike) Sill to its Board of Directors.

In March 2011, PolyMet entered into an agreement with the State of Minnesota's Department of Natural Resources committing it to an additional \$2,818,000 through April 1, 2012 for continued work on the SDEIS.

On April 15, 2011 PolyMet reported that the Lead Agencies anticipate that the Supplemental Draft EIS will be finalized for publication and public comment period will commence during the fall of 2011. The detailed project, which includes the simplified metallurgical process and reduction in capital costs that the Company announced on February 2, 2011, will be modeled to predict environmental impacts of the project. The third party contractor hired by the lead agencies will then prepare a preliminary Supplemental Draft EIS, which will be reviewed by the lead agencies, cooperating agencies (including the EPA and tribal governments) and PolyMet.

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On April 15, 2011 the Board of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board ("IRRRB") reapproved a secured loan to Poly Met Mining, Inc. of up to \$4 million. The loan was originally approved on December 16, 2010 but did not proceed until a legal challenge as to whether the IRRRB was authorized to make such a loan was withdrawn following passage of state legislation that clarified that the IRRRB is an economic development agency with no regulatory oversight for mine permitting activities.

The loan was approved by the Governor of State of Minnesota on May 3, 2011 and closed on June 28, 2011. The loan is secured by land acquired from proceeds of the loan, carries a fixed interest rate of 5% per annum, and will be repayable on June 30, 2016. PolyMet issued warrants giving the IRRRB the right to purchase up to 400,000 shares of its common stock at US\$2.50 per share at any time until the earlier of June 30, 2016 and one year after permits are received.

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### Results of Operations

# For the three months ended April 30, 2011 (the "2012 first quarter") compared to the three months ended April 30, 2010 (the "2011 first quarter")

This is the first quarter in which the Company is reporting under International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). All of the balances set out in this and following sections, including the Summary of Quarterly results, conform to IFRS standards.

#### a) Loss for the Period:

During the three months ended April 30, 2011, the Company incurred a loss of \$1,319,000 (\$0.01) loss per share) compared to a loss of \$918,000 (\$0.01 loss per share) in the fiscal 2011 first quarter. The increase in the net loss for the period was primarily attributable to an increase in stock-based compensation to \$536,000 in the current year period from \$10,000 in the prior year period and professional fees of \$205,000 (prior year period - \$33,000) due to increased corporate activities, partially offset by a decrease in exploration expense to \$nil in the 2012 first quarter (2011 first quarter - \$193,000) and a decrease in office and corporate wages to \$184,000 (prior year period - \$361,000).

### b) Cash Flows:

Cash used in operating activities in the three months ended April 30, 2011 was \$1,101,000 compared to cash used in the three months ended April 30, 2010 of \$833,000. The variance in cash is primarily due to changes in non-cash working capital balances and the above noted professional fees, office and corporate wages and exploration expense variances.

Cash used in financing activities for the three months ended April 30, 2011 was \$437,000 (prior year period - \$484,000). The 2012 first quarter activity was primarily due to the scheduled repayment of \$500,000 of debt (prior year period - \$500,000) and the issuance of share capital on the exercise of stock options for \$67,000 (prior year period - \$16,000).

Cash used in investing activities for the three months ended April 30, 2011 was \$2.914 million compared with \$4.775 million in the three months ended April 30, 2010, with the decrease being primarily the result of no drilling activity in the current year period and lower engineering and project costs as the Company has scaled back work not required for permitting over the last year.

Total cash for the three months ended April 30, 2011 decreased by \$4.452 million for a balance of \$5.909 million compared to the three months ended April 30, 2011 where cash decreased \$6.092 million to a balance of \$15.190 million.

### c) Capital Expenditures:

During the three months ended April 30, 2011 the Company capitalized \$3.439 million (2010 - \$5.352 million) of costs primarily directly related to site activity, the draft EIS and permitting.

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#### Summary of Quarterly Results

(All figures in Thousands of U.S. dollars except Loss per share)

Three Months	Apr 30	Jan. 31	Oct. 31	July 31	Apr 30	Jan 31	Oct. 31	July 31
Ended	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	2010	2009	2009
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General and								
Administrative	(1,183)	(748)	(281)	(2,468)	(851)	(6,069)	(779)	(988)
Other Income								
(Expenses)	(136)	(3,206)	18	(81)	(67)	(138)	(108)	(96)
Net Loss	(1,319)	(3,954)	(263)	(2,549)	(918)	(6,207)	(887)	(1,084)
Loss per share	(0.01)	(0.03)	(0.00)	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.04)	(0.01)	(0.01)

Significant items to report for the quarterly results are as follows:

A non-cash loss of \$3.831 million on refinancing of convertible debt in the quarter ended January 31, 2011. There were no similar losses recorded in other quarters.

A recovery of previously expensed stock based compensation costs of \$212,000 due to the forfeiture of unvested stock options was recorded in the quarter ended October 31, 2010. There were no similar stock based compensation recoveries recorded in the other quarters.

The Company recorded deferred income tax recoveries as the expiration of warrants triggered a capital gain for tax purposes which was offset by the application of tax losses carried forward resulting in a credit of \$1,219,000 and \$171,000 in the quarters ended January 31, 2011, and October 31, 2010, respectively. There were no similar tax recoveries recorded in the other quarters.

A financing cost write-off of \$1.830 million was recorded in the quarter ended July 31, 2010. There were no similar financing cost write-offs recorded in the other quarters.

A loss on asset held for sale of \$520,000 was recorded in the quarter ended January 31, 2011.

Exploration expense of \$193,000 was recorded in the quarter ended April 30, 2010. There were no exploration expenses recorded in the other quarters.

Warrant amendment expenses of \$3.915 million and \$1.005 million were recorded in the quarters ended January 31, 2010 and October 31, 2009 respectively. There were no warrant amendment expenses recorded in the other quarters.

The net loss included stock based compensation expense (recovery) for the quarters ended:

- 1. April 30, 2011 \$536,000
- 2. January 31, 2011 \$50,000
- 3. October 31, 2010 \$(203,000)
- 4. July 31, 2010 \$24,000
- 5. April 30, 2010 \$10,000
- 6. January 31, 2010 \$33,000
- 7. October 31, 2009 \$97,000
- 8. July 31, 2009 \$332,000

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### Financing Activities

During the three months ended April 30, 2011 the Company issued 95,000 shares (prior year period – 25,000) upon exercise of options for proceeds of \$67,000 (prior year period - \$16,000). During the quarter ended April 30, 2011, PolyMet also issued 75,000 shares (prior year period – nil) as partial payment for options to purchase land.

On November 12, 2010, the Company announced that it had entered into a definitive agreement with Glencore to sell in a private placement 15 million common shares at US\$2.00 per share for gross proceeds of US\$30 million, before deducting estimated offering expenses. Completion of the sale of these shares and funding are expected to occur in the following three tranches subject, in each case, to certain closing conditions:

- Tranche 1 of US\$10 million (closed on January 17, 2011);
- Tranche 2 of US\$10 million will close on the earlier of (i) the date of the Company's funding requirement as set forth in the Company's three year operating budget to be approved by Glencore (the "Budget"), and (ii) October 17, 2011; and
- Tranche 3 of US\$10 million is expected to close on the earlier of a) within ten business days following receipt by PolyMet of key permits, in a form reasonably acceptable to Glencore, that will enable the start of construction of the Project, and b) October 15, 2012.

Glencore has a right of first refusal to provide all material financings, subject to regulatory approval, if it owns 10% or more of the issued and outstanding shares of PolyMet and, if it owns more than 5% of the issued and outstanding shares of PolyMet, Glencore has the right to participate in any equity-related financing to maintain its partially diluted ownership interest (19.6% as of April 30, 2011).

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#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

As at April 30, 2011 the Company had working capital of \$693,000 compared with working capital of \$4.199 million at January 31, 2011 consisting primarily of cash of \$5.909 million (January 31, 2011 - \$10.361 million), prepaid expenses of \$929,000 (January 31, 2011 - \$636,000), asset held for sale of \$3.420 million (January 31, 2011 - \$3.420 million); accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$2.122 million (January 31, 2011 - \$2.444 million), the current portion of the notes to Cliffs of \$6.500 million (January 31, 2011 - \$6.750 million) and the current portion of asset retirement obligations of \$1.408 million (January 31, 2011 - \$1.408 million). The Company expects to pay the remaining balance of \$1.521 million (January 31, 2011 - \$1.775 million) long term notes to Cliffs and the convertible debt principal balance of \$25 million plus capitalized interest from working capital, additional financing and funds from operations once commercial production has commenced. The Company's cash is primarily held in deposits and bearer deposits of a major Canadian bank and does not include any exposure to asset-backed commercial paper.

At April 30, 2011 the Company had non-binding commitments in 2011 and 2012 of \$1.146 million to pay options to maintain its right to acquire certain lands that it will need at permitting. These lands include land that the Company expects to exchange with the USFS for surface rights at the mine site and land for wetland credits.

As at April 30, 2011 the Company, in addition to its obligation to Cliffs and Glencore as described herein, has obligations to issue shares under the Company's Bonus Share Plan. The Company has received shareholder approval for the Bonus Shares of Milestones 1-4 and regulatory approval for Milestones 1, 2 and 3. Milestone 4 is subject to regulatory approval. To January 31, 2011, 5,240,000 shares have been issued for the achievement of Milestones 1, 2 and 3. The bonus shares allocated for Milestones 1 through 3 are valued using the Company's closing trading price on May 28, 2004 of CDN\$0.75 per share, the date of the approval of the bonus plan by the disinterested shareholders. The bonus shares allocated for Milestone 4 are valued using the Company's closing trading price on June 17, 2008 of US\$3.80 per share, the date of the approval of the bonus plan by the disinterested shareholders. As at July 4, 2011, the Company has outstanding firm commitments of approximately \$2.700 million, the majority of which relates to the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Study process.

In May 2009, the Company determined that Milestone 2 of its Bonus Share Plan, the negotiation and completion of an off-take agreement with a senior metals producer for the purchase of nickel-hydroxide produced from the NorthMet Project, and / or an equity investment in the Company by such a producer or producers, had been achieved. As a result, the Company issued the related 1,300,000 common shares to certain directors and insiders.

While these consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the Company will continue as a going concern, which assumes that the Company will be able to meet its commitments, continue operations, realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business for the foreseeable future, there are conditions that cast significant doubt on the validity of that assumption. The Company has incurred losses since inception and has an accumulated deficit of \$81.086 million at April 30, 2011.

The Company will need to raise sufficient funds to meet its current obligations as well as fund ongoing development, capital expenditures and administration expenses, in accordance with the Company's spending plans.

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On November 12, 2010, the Company announced that it had entered into a definitive agreement with Glencore AG ("Glencore") to sell in a private placement 15 million common shares at \$2.00 per share for gross proceeds of \$30 million, before deducting estimated offering expenses. Completion of the sale of these shares and funding are expected to occur in the following three tranches subject, in each case, to certain closing conditions:

- Tranche 1 of \$10 million closed on January 17, 2011;
- Tranche 2 of \$10 million will close on the earlier of (i) the date of the Company's funding requirement as set forth in the Company's three year operating budget approved by Glencore (the "Budget"), and (ii) October 17, 2011, and
- Tranche 3 of \$10 million will close on the earlier of (i) the date of the Company's funding requirement as set forth in the Budget, (ii) the tenth Business Day following receipt by the Company of key permits, in forms reasonably acceptable to Glencore, that enable the Company to begin construction of the Project, and (iii) October 15, 2012.

In order to meet all of its obligations for the period to April 30, 2012, including paying off the current portion of its long-term debt, PolyMet Mining Corp. will have to receive both of the remaining equity tranches, or obtain alternative financing. Management is in the latter stage of discussions with Glencore with respect to the budget, which will enable the Company to access the second \$10 million tranche of the equity funding in a timely manner. Management believes that it will also reach agreement with Glencore on timing of funding of the third \$10 million tranche of equity funding and that the combination of the two will enable PolyMet to meet its obligations. However, these agreements with Glencore cannot be assured.

Management believes that, based upon the underlying value of the NorthMet Project, it will be able to obtain the necessary financing from Glencore or other sources to meet PolyMet Mining Corp.'s requirements on an ongoing basis; however, there can be no assurance that the necessary financing will be obtained. Factors that could affect the availability of financing include the state of international debt and equity markets, investor perceptions and expectations and the global metals markets.

PolyMet's financial statements do not reflect any adjustments to the carrying values of assets and liabilities, reported expenses, and balance sheet classifications that would be necessary should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern, and these adjustments could be material.

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### Shareholder Rights Plan

Effective May 25, 2007, the Company adopted an updated Shareholder Rights Plan ("Rights Plan"), which was approved by the Company's shareholders on June 27, 2007 and modified by the Company's shareholders on June 17, 2008. Under the Rights Plan, the Company has issued one right for no consideration in respect of each outstanding common share of the Company to all holders of record of common shares on December 4, 2003. All common shares subsequently issued by the Company during the term of the Rights Plan will have one right represented for each common share held by the shareholder of the Company. The term of the Rights Plan is 10 years, unless the rights are earlier redeemed or exchanged. The Rights issued under the Rights Plan become exercisable only if a party acquires 20% or more of the Company's common shares without complying with the Rights Plan or without the approval of the Board of Directors of the Company.

Each Right entitles the registered holder thereof to purchase from the Company on the occurrence of certain events, one common share of the Company at the price of CDN\$50 per share, subject to adjustment (the "Exercise Price"). However, if a Flip-in Event (as defined in the Rights Plan) occurs, each Right would then entitle the registered holder to receive, upon payment of the Exercise Price, that number of common shares that have a market value at the date of that occurrence equal to twice the Exercise Price. The Rights are not exercisable until the Separation Time as defined in the Rights Plan.

### Off Balance-Sheet Arrangements

The Company does not utilize off-balance sheet arrangements.

### **Related Party Transactions**

During the three months ended April 30, 2011, the Company paid \$nil (April 30, 2010 - \$16,000) to Dr. Dreisinger, a Director of PolyMet, for consulting fees primarily in connection with activities related to the processing / technical side of the NorthMet project and related expenses (the latter were supported by invoices and receipts). The consulting fees were based on a monthly fee of Canadian \$5,500 plus general sales tax. Throughout the term of his engagement, Dr. Dreisinger conducted in-person and telephonic meetings with Mr. William Murray, then the Company's Executive Chairman, and other members of management at which he provided both verbal and written updates on the status of test work and made recommendations for future activities. These meetings occurred approximately every two to three weeks for the past five years.

The agreement with Dr. Dreisinger was entered into at a time when the Company's current business plans were being formulated and it was month to month and oral in nature. The agreement was approved by Mr. William Murray. It was discussed with the Company's board of directors who did not consider that a formal approval and written contract was necessary at that time. The Company believes that the contract was at terms at least as good as could be obtained from third parties. The agreement with Dr. Dreisinger was terminated effective January 31, 2011.

### **Proposed Transactions**

There are no proposed transactions that will materially affect the performance of the Company.

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#### Subsequent Events

On December 16, 2010 the Board of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board ("IRRRB") approved, on the commissioner's recommendation, a secured loan to PolyMet US of up to \$4 million. A legal challenge was withdrawn following passage of state legislation that clarified that the IRRRB is an economic development agency with no regulatory oversight for mine permitting activities. On April 15, 2011 the Board of the IRRRB reapproved the loan. On June 28, 2011, the loan agreement closed.

Proceeds from the loan have been used to purchase forest land, wetlands, and lakes with high natural resource and recreational value that will become available for public use and enjoyment. These properties, which the Company previously had under purchase option, were purchased for future use as part of a proposed land exchange for surface rights at the proposed NorthMet mine site currently controlled by the USFS Superior National Forest. The loan is secured by the land acquired from proceeds of the loan, carries a fixed interest rate of 5% per annum, and is repayable on June 30, 2016. Subject to regulatory approval, PolyMet also agreed to issue warrants giving the IRRRB the right to purchase up to 400,000 shares of its common stock at US\$2.50 per share at any time until the earlier of June 30, 2016 and one year after the Company receives permits.

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### International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS")

The Canadian Accounting Standards Board required all public companies to adopt IFRS for interim and annual financial statements relating to fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2011. The Company's first filing under IFRS is the filing for the three months ended April 30, 2011 which contains IFRS compliant financial statements on a comparative basis. Although IFRS uses a conceptual framework similar to Canadian GAAP, there are some significant differences in accounting policies.

#### IFRS Transition

The Company developed a conversion implementation plan that included scoping and planning; design, build, and implement; and a review phase. The Company has completed the scoping, planning; design, build, and implement phases. The review phase will continue in future periods.

The following summarizes the Company's progress and expectations with respect to its IFRS transition plan:

Initial scoping and analysis of key areas for which changes to accounting policies may be required	Completed
Detailed evaluation of potential changes required to accounting policies, information systems and business processes, including the application of IFRS 1 "First-time adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards".	Completed
Final determination of accounting policies and the quantitative impact of adopting IFRS on key line items in the Company's financial statements.	Completed in conjunction with the April 30, 2011 financial statements
Resolution of the accounting policy change implications on information technology, internal controls and contractual arrangements.	Completed in conjunction with the April 30, 2011 financial statements

The Company's staff and advisers involved in the preparation of financial statements have been appropriately trained on the relevant aspects of IFRS affecting the Company and the changes to accounting policies. The Board of Directors and Audit Committee have been regularly updated on the progress of the IFRS conversion plan, and are aware of the key aspects of IFRS affecting the Company.

Note 17 to the April 30, 2011 condensed interim financial statements includes additional detail on the key Canadian GAAP to IFRS differences, accounting policy decisions and IFRS, First-Time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards, optional exemptions for significant or potentially significant areas that have had an impact on the Company's financial statements on transition to IFRS or may have an impact in future periods.

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### Impact of Adopting IFRS on the Company's Financial Statements

The adoption of IFRS resulted in some changes to the Company's accounting policies that are applied in the recognition, measurement and disclosure of balances and transactions in its financial statements.

The following provides a summary of the Company's evaluation of changes to accounting policies in key areas based on the current standards and guidance within IFRS. This is not intended to be a complete list of areas where the adoption of IFRS will require a change in accounting policies, but to highlight the areas that the Company has identified as a change in its significant accounting policies. The International Accounting Standards Board has a number of ongoing projects, the outcome of which may have an effect on the changes required to the Company's accounting policies on adoption of IFRS. At the present time however, the Company is not aware of any significant expected changes that would affect the summary provided below.

### i) Convertible Debt - Glencore Financing

Under IFRS, the value attributable to the conversion factor of convertible debt is the residual of the overall instrument's fair value, after the fair value of the debt is determined. As was permitted under Canadian GAAP for the Glencore financing, the Company had allocated values to the debt, the conversion factor and warrants on a fair value pro-rata basis.

The transition to IFRS resulted in a decrease in the initial fair value of debt of \$612,000, resulting in a fair value of \$23,380,170 and an increase in the fair value of the conversion factor and fair value of warrants of \$612,000.

Interest and accretion associated with the debt is capitalized to mineral property, plant and equipment. The change in the initial fair value of the debt resulted in an increase capitalized interest and accretion costs of \$225,000 at February 1, 2010 and \$426,000 at January 31, 2011.

The convertible debt was renegotiated in November 2010, resulting in a loss on extinguishment of the existing debt. Under IFRS, the loss on refinancing of convertible debt was \$3,831,000, an increase of \$184,000 as calculated under Canadian GAAP.

## ii) Environmental Rehabilitation Provision

The Company elected to apply the IFRS 1 optional exemption for its decommissioning liabilities. The fair value of the environmental rehabilitation provision was calculated as at February 1, 2010 and then discounted to the date the obligation first arose using a historical discount rate and added to the cost of the related asset in mineral property, plant and equipment.

The transition from Canadian GAAP to IFRS resulted in an environmental rehabilitation provision of \$13,699,000 as at February 1, 2010, an increase of \$10,353,000, and a provision of \$15,719,000 as at January 31, 2011, an increase of \$11,907,000. The change in accretion of the environmental rehabilitation provision resulted in a \$534,000 increase to deficit as at the transition date, February 1, 2010. Accretion for the provision under IFRS was \$150,000 for the three months ended April 30, 2010, an increase of \$59,000, and was \$600,000 for the year ended January 31, 2011, an increase of \$217,000. The transition from Canadian GAAP to IFRS resulted in an asset as part of mineral property, plant and equipment associated with environmental rehabilitation of

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\$11,600,000 as at February 1, 2010, an increase of \$9,819,000, and an asset of \$13,021,000 as at January 31, 2011, an increase of \$11,156,000. As the associated assets are not in use, amortization of these assets has not been recorded to April 30, 2011.

The most significant factor in the measurement difference of the environmental rehabilitation provision under IFRS and asset retirement obligation under Canadian GAAP was the applied discount rate. Under IFRS, a liability specific risk-free rate was used to discount future cash flows, whereas Canadian GAAP required a credit-adjusted risk-free rate. IFRS also requires changes in the liability to be recorded each period based on changes in discount rates, in addition to changes in estimated timing or amount of future cash flows.

### iii) Assets Held for Sale

As a result of the transition to IFRS, non-current assets held for sale have been reclassified to current assets from their classification as non-current assets under Canadian GAAP.

### Changes in Accounting Policy and Disclosures

The Internal Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") has issued the following standards which have not yet been adopted by the Company: IFRS 9, Financial instruments - Classification and Measurement, IFRS 10, Consolidated Financial Statements, IFRS 11, Joint Arrangements IFRS 12, Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities, IAS 27, Separate Financial Statements, IFRS 13, Fair Value Measurement and amended IAS 28, Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures. Each of the new standards is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013 with early adoption permitted. The Company has not yet begun the process of assessing the impact that the new and amended standards will have on its consolidated financial statements or whether to early adopt any of the new requirements.

The following is a brief summary of these new standards:

### IFRS 9 - Financial instruments - classification and measurement

This is the first part of a new standard on classification and measurement of financial assets that will replace IAS 39, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*. IFRS 9 has two measurement categories: amortized cost and fair value. All equity instruments are measured at fair value. A debt instrument is at amortized cost only if the entity is holding it to collect contractual cash flows and the cash flows represent principal and interest. Otherwise it is at fair value through profit or loss. Requirements for financial liabilities were added to IFRS 9 in October 2010. Most of the requirements for financial liabilities were carried forward unchanged from IAS 39. However, some changes were made to the fair value option for financial liabilities to address the issue of own credit risk.

#### IFRS 10 - Consolidation

IFRS 10 requires an entity to consolidate an investee when it is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. Under existing IFRS, consolidation is required when an entity has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as

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to obtain benefits from its activities. IFRS 10 replaces SIC-12 Consolidation—Special Purpose Entities and parts of IAS 27 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements.

### **IFRS 11 - Joint Arrangements**

IFRS 11 requires a venturer to classify its interest in a joint arrangement as a joint venture or joint operation. Joint ventures will be accounted for using the equity method of accounting whereas for a joint operation the venturer will recognize its share of the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of the joint operation. Under existing IFRS, entities have the choice to proportionately consolidate or equity account for interests in joint ventures. IFRS 11 supersedes IAS 31, Interests in Joint Ventures, and SIC-13, Jointly Controlled Entities—Non-monetary Contributions by Venturers.

#### IFRS 12 - Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities

IFRS 12 establishes disclosure requirements for interests in other entities, such as joint arrangements, associates, special purpose vehicles and off balance sheet vehicles. The standard carries forward existing disclosures and also introduces significant additional disclosure requirements that address the nature of, and risks associated with, an entity's interests in other entities.

#### IFRS 13 - Fair Value Measurement

IFRS 13 is a comprehensive standard for fair value measurement and disclosure requirements for use across all IFRS standards. The new standard clarifies that fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset, or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants, at the measurement date. It also establishes disclosures about fair value measurement. Under existing IFRS, guidance on measuring and disclosing fair value is dispersed among the specific standards requiring fair value measurements and in many cases does not reflect a clear measurement basis or consistent disclosures.

### **Amendments to Other Standards**

In addition, there have been amendments to existing standards, including IAS 27, Separate Financial Statements, and IAS 28, Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures. IAS 27 addresses accounting for subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities and associates in non-consolidated financial statements. IAS 28 has been amended to include joint ventures in its scope and to address the changes in IFRS 10-13.

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## Other MD&A Requirements

## **Outstanding Share Data**

Authorized Capital: Unlimited common shares without par value.

Issued and outstanding: As at July 1, 2011, 155,045,791 common shares were issued and outstanding.

Outstanding options, warrants and convertible securities as at July 1, 2011:

Type of Security	Number	Exercise Price (US\$)	Expiry Date
Common share warrants	4,010,000	(Note 1)	August 31, 2011
Stock options	725,000	0.68	July 5, 2011 (Note 4)
Stock options	50,000	0.82	October 18, 2011
Stock options	75,000	0.67	March 30, 2012
Stock options	350,000	0.88	May 1, 2012
Stock options	40,000	0.97	June 15, 2012
Stock options	1,240,000	1.41	September 19, 2012
Stock options	200,000	1.24	October 24, 2012
Stock options	150,000	1.19 2.86	December 5, 2012
Stock options Stock options	2,400,000 325,000	3.07	March 20, 2013 June 19, 2013
Stock options	300,000	3.95	September 1, 2013
Stock options	75,000	3.63	September 22, 2013
Stock options	525,000	3.41	January 5, 2014
Stock options	1,250,000	2.99	February 13, 2014
Stock options	250,000	2.92	March 12, 2014
Stock options	50,000	2.89	March 23, 2014
Stock options	360,000	3.00	September 4, 2014
Stock options	205,000	3.05	December 12, 2014
Stock options	70,000	3.03	January 11, 2015
Stock options	100,000	2.87	January 31, 2015
Stock options	500,000	2.72	February 15, 2015
Stock options	100,000	3.92	June 2, 2015
Stock options	175,000	3.22	July 30, 2015
Common share warrants	3,000,000	(Note 2) 2.00	December 31, 2015
Stock options	575,000	0.82	January 30, 2016
Common share warrants	400,000	2.50	(Note 3)
Stock options	910,000	0.82	February 17, 2016
Stock options	115,000	2.67	October 15, 2016
Stock options	60,000	3.54	January 8, 2017
Stock options	300,000	2.17	January 25, 2018
Stock options	750,000	2.04	March 10, 2018

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- Note 1: Each warrant entitles the holder to purchase one share of PolyMet common stock at US\$5.00 if exercised before the NorthMet Project has produced a cumulative total of 20,000 metric tonnes of concentrate, or US\$6.00 thereafter and prior to August 31, 2011. PolyMet can accelerate the expiration of the warrants if PolyMet's volume-weighted 20-day average stock price trades at a 50% premium to the exercise price applicable at any time.
- Note 2: Each warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share of PolyMet at US\$2.00 and expires on December 31, 2015.
- Note 3: Each warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share of PolyMet at US\$2.50 and expires on the earlier of June 20, 2016 and one year after the Company receives its permits for the NorthMet Project.
- Note 4: As at July 5, 2011, the holders of these options were blacked out from trading in the Company's shares. In these circumstances, PolyMet's Stock Option Plan provides for an extension of the expiry date of the options to the date which is ten business days following the end of such trading blackout period.

At the Annual and Special Meeting of the shareholders of PolyMet on 24 June 2009, the disinterested shareholders of the Company approved an extension of the expiry date by two years of all stock options outstanding as at June 24, 2009.

Effective May 25, 2007, the Company adopted a new Omnibus Share Compensation Plan ("Stock Option Plan"), which was approved by the Company's shareholders' on June 27, 2007. The Stock Option Plan covers the Company's employees, directors, officers and consultants. The options are granted for varying terms ranging from two to five years. The maximum number of common shares under the stock option plan shall not exceed (i) 10% of the outstanding common shares of the Company at the time of granting of the options and (ii) 18,592,888 common shares of the Company, of which 3,967,500 common shares are reserved for issuance as awards other than options.

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#### Risks and Uncertainties

An investment in the Company's common shares is highly speculative and subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. Only those persons who can bear the risk of the entire loss of their investment should participate. An investor should carefully consider the risks described in PolyMet's Form 20-F/Annual Information Form for the year ended January 31, 2011 on file with the SEC and Canadian securities regulators and other information filed with the Canadian and United States securities regulators before investing in the Company's common shares. The risks described in PolyMet's Form 20-F/Annual Information Form are not the only ones faced. Additional risks that the Company currently believes are immaterial may become important factors that affect the Company's business. If any of the risks described in PolyMet's Form 20-F/Annual Information Form for the year ended January 31, 2011 occur, the Company's business, operating results and financial condition could be seriously harmed and investors could lose all of their investment.

### Management's Responsibility for Financial Statements

The information provided in this report including the financial statements, is the responsibility of management. In the preparation of these statements, estimates are sometimes necessary to make a determination of future values for certain assets or liabilities. Management believes such estimates have been based on careful judgments and have been properly reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

Management maintains a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurances that the Company's assets are safeguarded and to facilitate the preparation of relevant and timely information.

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#### Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal controls over financial reporting. Any system of internal control over financial reporting, no matter how well designed, has inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

During the quarter ended October 31, 2010 the Company experienced difficulties moving to a new accounting and financial reporting system. These difficulties were primarily in the input and review of transactions and in particular concerned the accurate recording of foreign exchange and intercompany transactions. Termination of an outsource accounting service provider and use of non-accounting personnel to undertake accounting duties exacerbated the problems.

Management undertook a rigorous process to ensure that all transactions were recorded completely and accurately in the accounting records. As a result of these difficulties and this review process, the Company was unable to meet its filing deadline to provide consolidated financial statements, management's discussion and analysis and CEO and CFO certifications for its quarter ended October 31, 2010.

Management recognized the need to implement changes to the Company's internal control over financial reporting relating to the input and review of all transactions, including foreign exchange and intercompany transactions. Since filing the third quarter interim financials, Management has been implementing changes to the Company's internal control over financial reporting including strengthening the segregation of duties, reallocating responsibilities, strengthening the financial reporting team, and is in the final stage of engaging independent advise in connection with complex accounting issues and tax.

Implementation of the changes was not sufficiently complete during preparation of year-end financial statements and, as a consequence, the Company was unable to meet its filing deadline to provide consolidated financial statements, management's discussion and analysis and CEO and CFO certifications for its year ended January 31, 2011.

Management believes that the full implementation of the changes described ensures timely provision of financial information to the Company's shareholders in future, in accordance with the filing deadlines established by regulators.

Aside from the completion of the implementation of the changes noted above and the retention of a consultant to assist with the transition from Canadian GAAP to IFRS, there have been no other changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the three month period ended April 30, 2011 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to material affect, its internal control over financial reporting.

#### Additional Information

Additional information related to the Company is available for view on SEDAR and EDGAR, respectively, at <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and at <a href="www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a>, and at the Company's website <a href="www.polymetmining.com">www.polymetmining.com</a>.

## Form 52-109F2 Certification of Interim Filings Full Certificate

- I, Douglas Newby, Chief Financial Officer of PolyMet Mining Corp., certify the following:
- 1. **Review:** I have reviewed the interim financial report and interim MD&A (together, the "interim filings") of PolyMet Mining Corp. (the "issuer") for the interim period ended April 30, 2011.
- 2. **No misrepresentations:** Based on my knowledge, having exercised reasonable diligence, the interim filings do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated or that is necessary to make a statement not misleading in light of the circumstances under which it was made, with respect to the period covered by the interim filings.
- 3. **Fair presentation:** Based on my knowledge, having exercised reasonable diligence, the interim financial report together with the other financial information included in the interim filings fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, financial performance and cash flows of the issuer, as of the date of and for the periods presented in the interim filings.
- 4. **Responsibility:** The issuer's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (DC&P) and internal control over financial reporting (ICFR), as those terms are defined in National Instrument 52-109 Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings, for the issuer.
- 5. **Design:** Subject to the limitations, if any, described in paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3, the issuer's other certifying officer(s) and I have, as at the end of the period covered by the interim filings
  - (a) designed DC&P, or caused it to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance that
    - (i) material information relating to the issuer is made known to us by others, particularly during the period in which the interim filings are being prepared; and
    - (ii) information required to be disclosed by the issuer in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed or submitted by it under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in securities legislation; and
  - (b) designed ICFR, or caused it to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with the issuer's GAAP.
- 5.1 *Control framework:* The control framework the issuer's other certifying officer(s) and I used to design the issuer's ICFR is Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") framework.
- 5.2 N/A
- 5.3 N/A

Reporting changes in ICFR: The issuer has disclosed in its interim MD&A any change in the 6. issuer's ICFR that occurred during the period beginning on February 1, 2011 and ended on April 30, 2011 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the issuer's ICFR.

Date: July 6, 2011

"Douglas Newby" (signed)
Douglas Newby

Chief Financial Officer

## Form 52-109F2 Certification of Interim Filings Full Certificate

I, Joseph Scipioni, President and Chief Executive Officer of PolyMet Mining Corp., certify the following:

- 1. **Review:** I have reviewed the interim financial report and interim MD&A (together, the "interim filings") of PolyMet Mining Corp. (the "issuer") for the interim period ended April 30, 2011.
- 2. **No misrepresentations:** Based on my knowledge, having exercised reasonable diligence, the interim filings do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated or that is necessary to make a statement not misleading in light of the circumstances under which it was made, with respect to the period covered by the interim filings.
- 3. **Fair presentation:** Based on my knowledge, having exercised reasonable diligence, the interim financial report together with the other financial information included in the interim filings fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, financial performance and cash flows of the issuer, as of the date of and for the periods presented in the interim filings.
- 4. **Responsibility:** The issuer's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (DC&P) and internal control over financial reporting (ICFR), as those terms are defined in National Instrument 52-109 Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings, for the issuer.
- 5. **Design:** Subject to the limitations, if any, described in paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3, the issuer's other certifying officer(s) and I have, as at the end of the period covered by the interim filings
  - (a) designed DC&P, or caused it to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance that
    - (i) material information relating to the issuer is made known to us by others, particularly during the period in which the interim filings are being prepared; and
    - (ii) information required to be disclosed by the issuer in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed or submitted by it under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in securities legislation; and
  - (b) designed ICFR, or caused it to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with the issuer's GAAP.
- 5.1 *Control framework:* The control framework the issuer's other certifying officer(s) and I used to design the issuer's ICFR is Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") framework.
- 5.2 N/A
- 5.3 N/A

Reporting changes in ICFR: The issuer has disclosed in its interim MD&A any change in the 6. issuer's ICFR that occurred during the period beginning on February 1, 2011 and ended on April 30, 2011 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the issuer's ICFR.

Date: July 6, 2011

"Joseph Scipioni" (signed)
Joseph Scipioni

President and Chief Executive Officer