

# Minnesota DNR Announces Publication Date for PolyMet Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement

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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA--(Marketwired - Aug 23, 2013) - **PolyMet Mining Corp.** (TSX:POM)(NYSE MKT:PLM) ("**PolyMet**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to report that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources ("DNR") has announced that the 1,800 page NorthMet supplemental draft Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") will be available for public review on November 22, 2013 when it will be published in the Federal Register. It will then be published in the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board Monitor on November 25, 2013. The DNR news release has been posted at: <http://news.dnr.state.mn.us/>

The NorthMet Project, located in the Mesabi Iron Range mining district in northeastern Minnesota, comprises reutilizing the Erie Plant and developing a new open pit mine to extract copper, nickel, and platinum group metals from the NorthMet ore body located six miles east of the Erie Plant.

In response to the DNR announcement, Jon Cherry, President and CEO of PolyMet stated, "PolyMet has worked diligently over the past three-and-a-half years to improve the project design, and to complete the analysis and technical studies for the NorthMet Project as requested by the government agencies. PolyMet will continue to be supportive of the process, which is in the best interest of the community and protecting Minnesota's environment."

## About PolyMet

[PolyMet Mining Corp.](http://www.polymetmining.com) ([www.polymetmining.com](http://www.polymetmining.com)) is a publicly-traded mine development company that owns 100% of Poly Met Mining, Inc., a Minnesota corporation that controls 100% of the NorthMet copper-nickel-precious metals ore body through a long-term lease and owns 100% of the Erie Plant, a large processing facility located approximately six miles from the ore body in the established mining district of the Mesabi Range in northeastern Minnesota. Poly Met Mining, Inc. has completed its Definitive Feasibility Study and is seeking environmental and operating permits to enable it to commence production. The NorthMet project is expected to require approximately two million hours of construction labor, creating approximately 360 long-term jobs, a level of activity that will have a significant multiplier effect in the local economy.

## POLYMET MINING CORP.

Jon Cherry, CEO

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*PolyMet's forward-looking statements are based on the beliefs, expectations and opinions of management on the date the statements are made, and PolyMet does not assume any obligation to update forward-looking statements if circumstances or management's beliefs, expectations and opinions should*

change.

*Specific reference is made to PolyMet's most recent Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2013 and in our other filings with Canadian securities authorities and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including our Report on Form 6-K providing information with respect to our operations for the three months ended April 30, 2013 for a discussion of some of the risk factors and other considerations underlying forward-looking statements.*

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