

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA--(Marketwired - Nov 17, 2015) - [PolyMet Mining Corp.](#) (TSX:POM)(NYSE MKT:PLM) today reported further advance toward completion of the NorthMet environmental review.

The NorthMet Final Environmental Impact Statement has now been published in the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board Monitor (November 9) and the Federal Register (November 13).

In a statement issued by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Commissioner Tom Landwehr stated, "the Co-lead Agencies have brought the highest level of rigor and objectivity to the NorthMet environmental review." He continued, "our responsibility is to conduct a neutral evaluation based on information from the company, our own analysis, and the comments we receive. The process has been thoughtful, independent and thorough."

Under state law, the adequacy determination must be based on three criteria: whether the FEIS analyzes the topics identified in scoping, responds to comments received on the draft EIS, and whether the DNR followed the process established in state statute and rule for preparing an environmental impact statement.

On November 16 the U.S. Forest Service published its Draft Record of Decision recommending that the proposed land exchange in which PolyMet would receive surface rights in exchange for transferring land it currently owns to the Superior National Forest. The Draft ROD recognizes that the proposed land exchange would be beneficial to the National Forest.

About PolyMet

[PolyMet Mining Corp.](#) ([www.polymetminning.com](http://www.polymetminning.com)) is a publicly-traded mine development company that owns 100 percent of Poly Met Mining, Inc., a Minnesota corporation that controls 100 percent of the NorthMet copper-nickel-precious metals ore body through a long-term lease and owns 100 percent 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.

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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, 2015 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 and six months ended July 31, 2015, for a discussion of some of the risk factors and other considerations underlying forward-looking statements.*

*The TSX has not reviewed and does not accept responsibility for the adequacy or accuracy of this release.*

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