

[PolyMet Mining Corp.](#) (“PolyMet” or the “Company”) TSX: POM; NYSE AMERICAN: PLM – reports that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources today released six draft water appropriation permits for public review and comment. These are the first of several major permits required to build and operate the NorthMet copper-nickel-precious metals project in northeastern Minnesota.

The individual water appropriation permits are needed to use or withdraw water from a surface or groundwater source for the project. The draft permits are subject to a 30-day public review and comment period, commencing today.

PolyMet submitted all of its major permit applications in 2016; the water appropriation permits are the first of the major draft permits to be released for public review and comment. Other permit applications currently under review by the DNR and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency include two Dam Safety permit applications, which completed local units of government and tribal review in June, and the Permit to Mine application.

“These six draft permits represent another big step forward for PolyMet. We anticipate the state will release the remaining draft permits for public review later this summer and fall,” said Jon Cherry, president and CEO.

The draft water appropriations permits, associated consolidated water appropriation permit application and other permit applications and their status are posted on www.polymet.mn.gov. The website also provides information about the permitting process conducted by the DNR and MPCA.

About PolyMet

[PolyMet Mining Corp.](#) (www.polymetmining.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 Iron Range in northeastern Minnesota. Poly Met Mining, Inc. has completed its Definitive Feasibility Study. The NorthMet Final EIS was published in November 2015, preparing the way for decisions on permit applications. The NorthMet Project is expected to require approximately two million hours of construction labor, create approximately 360 long-term jobs directly, and generate a level of activity that will have a significant multiplier effect in the local economy.

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Specific reference is made to risk factors and other considerations underlying forward-looking statements discussed in PolyMet’s most recent Annual Report on Form 40-F for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2017 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, 2017.

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