

Glencore Senior Executive Peter Freyberg Named to PolyMet Board

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[PolyMet Mining Corp.](#) (“PolyMet” or the “company”) TSX: POM; NYSE American: PLM – today announced the appointment of Glencore senior executive Peter C. Freyberg to the board of directors.

Mr. Freyberg, a 40-year mining veteran, currently serves as the head of industrial assets for Glencore. His is one of three Glencore seats on the board.

“We are delighted to have the deep, global level of mining experience Mr. Freyberg brings to the board,” said Ian Forrest, chairman. “Mr. Freyberg’s operating background and leadership capabilities for both project and operations will be of considerable benefit as we advance the NorthMet Project through financing and into construction and operations.”

Mr. Freyberg’s career has centered on mining operations and projects, working first at Anglo American Corporation in South Africa, followed by leadership positions at Rio Tinto operations in Indonesia, Australia and South America. He joined the Glencore coal assets business in 2000 and transferred to Xstrata in 2002 when Glencore sold its coal assets to Xstrata. He became Chief Executive of Xstrata Coal in 2008 and rejoined Glencore in 2013 when Glencore merged with Xstrata. He was appointed to his current position earlier this year. Mr. Freyberg holds a degree in mining engineering from the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.

“I am very pleased to be joining the board of PolyMet,” said Mr. Freyberg. “I have watched the continued progress of the NorthMet project for some time and look forward to working with the board as PolyMet moves forward to construct and operate the first copper-nickel mine in Minnesota.”

The company also announced today that Mike Ciricillo will step down from the board effective immediately. Mr. Ciricillo had served on the board since July 2017. “We are grateful for the insightful guidance which Mr. Ciricillo’s operational experience contributed to the board during two years of exceptional progress for the company,” said Forrest.

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 former LTV Steel Mining Company processing facility, located approximately seven rail 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 and received all permits necessary to construct and operate the NorthMet Project. NorthMet 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 December 31, 2018, and in our other filings with Canadian securities authorities and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Annual Report on Form 40-F also contains the company's mineral resource and other data as required under National Instrument 43-101.

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