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Re: EPA Comment Letter on PolyMet's NPDES Permit Application

Dear Mr. Pierard and Ms. Foss:

On November 3, 2016, the MPCA shared the referenced letter with PolyMet wherein U.S. EPA made requests for additional information regarding the company's NPDES permit application. We appreciate that the request for additional information is an expected part of the permit application review process. With a permit application of nearly 2,000 pages, we are pleased that the EPA only has four pages of specific comments and requests for additional information.

We acknowledge receipt of the EPA comments on our NPDES permit application and reiterate our commitment to the permitting process. We will work closely with the MPCA and the EPA to provide the additional requested information in a timely and constructive manner such that the various technical, policy and legal matters can be thoroughly addressed to develop a draft permit for public comment. We appreciate the effort and time spent by both agencies reviewing our permit application.

We understand the responsibility PolyMet has to ensure Minnesota's first copper-nickel mining project is done right and take that responsibility very seriously. We look forward to working with both agencies over the next several months as we proceed through the permitting process. I will be contacting you directly to work through the remaining topics.

Sincerely,

Brad Moore
Executive VP for Environmental and Govt. Affairs
Poly Met Mining, Inc.