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Subject: RE: PolyMet Meeting On Wednesday.

Dennis-

We look forward to meeting with you tomorrow. We'll meet in the Wisconsin Room, which is on the north side of the 12th floor of the Metcalfe building (77 W. Jackson). Once you are on 12, there are signs that will guide you to the right place. Kevin Pierard and Barbara Wester will be joining Linda and me (and you and Brad, obviously).

Thanks.

-Rett

From: Donohue, Dennis [mailto:DDonohue@wnj.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2018 9:03 AM
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Rett and Linda:

Thanks for agreeing to meet with us tomorrow regarding the PolyMet Northmet project. As you know, Region 5 EPA has played a key role in the federal environmental review of the project as well as the processing of certain state permits, particularly with respect to water issues. We are getting close to decisions on these permits as well as the federal wetlands permit and finalization of the federal land exchange for the project. In light of these developments and in light of Linda's new role as Acting Director of Region 5's Water Division, we thought it appropriate to provide you with another update on key issues from PolyMet's perspective. Brad Moore and I intend to touch on the following topics, which we should be able to cover in an hour (perhaps less):

1. NorthMet Project Overview (Rett, I know you have some familiarity with this but we thought it might be helpful for Linda).
2. Permitting status (when decisions anticipated and potential legal challenges).
3. Project water treatment/management
   --Combined treatment of mine dewatering water and tailings to 10 ppm sulfate target
   --No direct connection between tailings basin seepage and surface waters
4. Key issues related to water permitting (again, Rett is familiar but we thought this discussion would be helpful for Linda).
   --401(a)(2) "may affect" determination for 404 wetlands permit.
   --Minnesota sulfate standard/need for sulfate WQBEL
   --WQBELS for other parameters
   --Regulation of groundwater seepage from tailings basins

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow. Let us know if there is a specific floor you would like us to report to or meet you on.