

## Partnership Meeting LXX

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 (9:00 AM – 12:30 PM)

Mining & Reclamation Classroom, Chisholm

Northeastern Minnesota’s mining industry and the communities that have grown out of natural resource development are facing changing landscapes, issues and opportunities. Impacted by global and national factors, existing Iron Range mines and proposed resource-based projects are embracing new challenges to remain globally competitive and operate with a social license to mine. Communities facing land use issues and seeking to provide residents with a high-quality of life are advancing new business, community and recreational projects by cooperatively solving land use issues. LVP, by convening stakeholders in timely discussions, seeks to collaboratively address the needs of communities, mining operations, resource management, land retention, reclamation, environmental permitting, local revenue generation and land reuse.

The focus of this meeting is on several major topics including updates on two non-ferrous mining projects including PolyMet’s NorthMet project which has received approvals for several significant permits and Twin Metals Minnesota can now move ahead to renew their leases and continue exploration and mine planning given action taken by the USFS to rescind the land withdrawal and moratorium on mining in the Superior National Forest; we will have an introduction to AngloGold Ashanti Minnesota and their state leases and efforts underway to explore for gold and other precious minerals; and we’ll have an update on the Hibbing Mine View Project and the major progress and commitment of additional grant funds to support this historic project. Finally, we will hear progress reports from regional groups and work groups on several timely items of interest including Minescape Projects, new grant programs being offered by IRRR, sub-committee work on the draft 2019-2024 LVP Strategic Plan, and updates to the Mesabi Large Scale Projects Map. We will wrap up this meeting with an optional tour of Corescan Mobile Lab a pilot project located at the Drill Core Library at the Hibbing MDNR offices. This new innovative technology was introduced at our last meeting and is a great opportunity for interested members to see firsthand.

### PROPOSED AGENDA

<b>9:00</b>	<b>Laurentian Partnership Debriefing</b>	<b>Randy Lasky</b> , Facilitator
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participant introductions and expectations</li> <li>• Opening comments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Meeting LXIX results and next steps (Oct-18)</li> <li>• Overview of the meeting objective and agenda</li> </ul>
<b>9:15</b>	<b>PRESENTATION: PolyMet Mining – NorthMet Project Update</b>	<b>Brad Moore</b> Executive Vice President, Environmental and Governmental Affairs, PolyMet
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status of permits and legal issues</li> <li>• Land exchange</li> <li>• Legislative issues or needs</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul>	<b>LaTisha Gietzen</b> Director of Public and Community Affairs, PolyMet
<b>10:00</b>	<b>PRESENTATION: AngloGold Ashanti Minnesota – Mineral Leasing and Exploration Initiative</b>	<b>Jonathan Gorman</b> Manager Reclamation & Regulatory Affairs, AngloGold
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to company</li> <li>• Overview of their exploration efforts in Minnesota and status of the project</li> <li>• Interest in other strategic minerals beyond gold</li> <li>• Share perspective on global market situation for gold</li> </ul>	
<b>10:30</b>	<b>PRESENTATION: Twin Metals Mining Project Update</b>	<b>Dean Debeltz</b> , Director of Operations and Safety, Twin Metals Minnesota
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current status of project and recent developments</li> <li>• What should we expect to see in 2019?</li> <li>• Timing of future project major milestones?</li> <li>• Challenges and concerns?</li> </ul>	
<b>11:00</b>	<b>PRESENTATION: Hibbing Mine View Project Update</b>	<b>Pete Hyduke</b> Director of City Services City of Hibbing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview and status</li> <li>• IRRR Project Grants</li> <li>• Work remaining and timeline.</li> </ul>	

11:15	Break	
11:25	<b>Partnership Priorities: Regional Group Action Progress Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>What's happening in regional areas across the Iron Range?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Western Mesabi Mine Planning Board (WMMPB) <b>Doug Learmont</b>, Coordinator</li> <li>○ East Range Joint Powers Board (ERJPB) <b>Elissa Hansen</b>, President of Northspan Group and Consultant, ERJPB</li> <li>○ Quad Cities <b>Melissa Cox</b>, President of Quad Cities Area Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>○ Central Iron Range Initiative (CIRI) <b>John Fedo or Pete Kero or Rick Crum</b>, CIRI Members</li> <li>○ Cuyuna Range Area <b>Michael Burton and Kevin Egan</b>, Cuyuna Range</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
11:45	<b>Partnership Priorities: Work Group Action Progress Reports</b> <b>Targeting PRIORITY PROJECTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minescape Grants Update – new awards and proposed projects, status of FY 2019 funds <b>Jim Plummer</b>, IRRR</li> <li>• New Mine Pit Shoreland Grants Program Update</li> <li>• FY 2020 Minescape budget and funding to LVP Strategic Plan</li> </ul>	
11:55	<b>Delivering TOOLS AND RESOURCES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mesabi large-scale map update <b>Tim Pastika</b>, MDNR</li> </ul>	
12:00	<b>Other Business Updates and Future Topics</b> <b>Facilitator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Future Topics/Presentations Recommendations (Spring 2019)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cleveland - Cliffs Update on Hibbtac, Northshore Mining and other interests</li> <li>○ 2019 Legislative Session Outcomes and Debrief – IMA, RAMS, Mining Resources, Counties and other</li> <li>○ Multiple Transportation Topics by Key Service Providers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Range Regional Airport</li> <li>– Duluth Superior Port Authority</li> <li>– Rail service by CN and BNSF and Captive Rail Project Update</li> <li>– MN DOT District Iron Range Projects Update</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ 2018-2019 Talent Forecast – a regional study overview, outcomes and recommendations by Area Partnership for Economic Expansion (APEX)</li> <li>○ Community mining focused/related project presentation – to be determined</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Other Future Topics/Presentations Recommendations (Fall 2019)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Regional Trails Development and Coordination (Postponed based on the status and timing of construction projects and plans being developed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Panel discussion format</li> <li>– Focus on minerals impact and sustainability</li> <li>– Trail planning ties to local and regional comprehensive plans and mine development plans</li> <li>– Coordination of trails development and grant support – Range-wide</li> <li>– Iron Range Tourism Bureau involved</li> <li>– ARDC update on St Louis/Koochiching County Trails Planning project introduced in spring 2018</li> <li>– Projects demonstrations</li> <li>– Funding vehicles available</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Panel Discussion by Area Mining Company Representatives on Iron Range Mining</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
12:10	<b>What's Next?</b> <b>Facilitator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting Schedule</li> <li>• Meeting date and agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Coordinating Committee</b> – TBD/April <b>Representative from each work group and each sub-regional group</b></li> <li>○ <b>Laurentian Vision Partnership</b> – TBD May/June 2019</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wrap up announcements and conclusions</li> </ul>	
12:15	<b>Adjourn Meeting to Optional Tour</b>	
12:30	<b>Optional Tour of the Corescan Mobile Lab Facility –</b> <b>Located at DNR Lands and Minerals office:</b> <b>1525 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East, Hibbing, MN</b> <b>10 minute drive (See Handout for directions)</b>	