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**RE:** Decision to terminate the Mesabi Mining Environmental Impact Statement

Pursuant to Minnesota Rules part 4410.6200 subpart 5, Mesabi Mining LLC has voluntarily terminated the Mesabi Mining Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process that began in 2008 and had a Final Scoping Decision Document issued on December 9, 2008. The project has encountered evolving regulatory criteria and project adjustments such that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has determined EIS scoping would need to be redone. Discussions between DNR and the company have determined that the most logical next step is to terminate the current EIS project at this time. The company can choose to start a new EIS process for the project at a later date.

The DNR is notifying individuals and agencies that participated in the environmental review process about the termination. Questions or inquiries regarding the decision to terminate the preparation of the EIS can be directed to Randall Doneen (651) 259-5156.

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