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July 11, 2016

Jason Boyle
State Dam Safety Engineer
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155-3864

RE: Poly Met Mining, Inc.'s Dam Safety Permit Application for the NorthMet Project

Dear Mr. Boyle:

Please find enclosed Poly Met Mining, Inc.'s (PolyMet) application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) for a Dam Safety Permit Application (Application) for its NorthMet Project's Flotation Tailings Basin. This Application contains the five primary permit application content sections required by Minnesota Rules, part 6115.0410:

- General Permit Application
- Preliminary Design Report
- Final Design Report
- Plans and Specifications
- Permit Standards

This Application is based primarily on the extensive data collection and technical analyses conducted as part of the development of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the NorthMet Project and Land Exchange. When necessary for the dam safety permitting process, the Application expands upon such information.

Based on PolyMet's review of the applicable laws and content of this Application, PolyMet believes that this Application is complete and satisfies all federal and state requirements relating to the content of a dam safety application. PolyMet recognizes that MDNR may request additional information during the course of its review.

Thank you in advance for your efforts to review PolyMet's Application. If any questions or concerns arise during MDNR's review of the Application, please do not hesitate to contact me at 651-389-4108 or jsaran@polymetmining.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Saran", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Jennifer Saran
Director of Environmental Permitting and Compliance