

UMD STUDY SHOWCASES MINING'S IMPORTANCE TO MINNESOTA'S ECONOMY

The University of Minnesota-Duluth's Labovitz School of Business and Economics recently released a report highlighting the current and future economic impacts of Minnesota's mining industry.* The UMD report confirms that mining is one of Minnesota's strongest and most vital industries today, with opportunity for significant future economic growth and job creation.

KEY FINDINGS FROM THE STUDY INCLUDE:

- The combined economic impact of iron ore mining and the development of strategic metals mining (copper, nickel, platinum, palladium and others) was more than \$3.2 billion statewide in 2010.
- Exploration and development activities for proposed strategic metals mining operations contributed more than \$210 million to the state's economy in 2010, supporting more than 500 jobs.



- Mining is among the largest contributors to the economy of northeast Minnesota, accounting for 30 percent of the Gross Regional Product (GRP) in 2010.
- The statewide impact of mining has the potential to more than double if all projects currently in various stages of development move forward, supporting more than 27,000 jobs in Minnesota and producing \$7.7 billion for the state's economy.



- By 2016, proposed strategic metals projects have the potential to contribute \$200 million to the state's economy and to support more than 1,300 jobs.
- Construction associated with new strategic metals mining projects, modeled from 2012-2016, has the potential to contribute \$1.7 billion to the state's economy and create 1,000-2,000 jobs per year.
- Every mining job supports 1.8 additional jobs in the economy.

*"The Economic Impact of Ferrous and Non-Ferrous Mining on the State of Minnesota and the Arrowhead Region, including Douglas County, Wisconsin," Labovitz School of Business and Economics, University of Minnesota Duluth, November 2012.

A full version of the report can be read here: <https://lsbe.d.umn.edu/uploads/FINAL%20Mining%202012%20Report.pdf>