

TWIN METALS PARTICIPATES IN ANNUAL SME CONFERENCE

The Minnesota Section of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration (SME) partnered with the University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) to hold the 86th annual SME conference and 74th annual UMD Mining Symposium April 15-17 in Duluth, Minn. SME is a professional society which serves the minerals industry and includes professionals such as: engineers, geologists, metallurgists, educators, students and researchers. This popular industry event drew nearly 600 people from Minnesota, nearby states and Canada. As the largest annual mining conference in Minnesota, SME provides a unique opportunity for the region's mineral industry to come together and share new mining practices, state-of-the-art technologies and emerging issues.

Highlights from the conference included an address from national SME President Jessica Elzea Kogel, Canadian Institute of Mining President Terence Bowles and Century Iron Mines Corporation President Sandy Chim. Speakers discussed the current landscape of mining in America, the unique

mining partnership shared by the U.S. and Canada, and the impact the Chinese economy and international politics will have on the future of the mining industry.

In addition, there were more than 60 breakout sessions on topics such as environmental protection, safe mining practices, advances in geology, community relations and new government regulations. Speakers included state agency officials, academics and mining industry experts.

Twin Metals Minnesota was well represented at the conference. Anne Williamson, Twin Metals' vice president of environment and sustainability, provided the conference an update on the progress being made in developing the Twin Metals Minnesota project, and an overview of the environmental studies and protection measures being pursued. Kevin Boerst, Twin Metals' senior geologist, outlined the geological makeup of the Twin Metals deposit, and discussed the most recent mineral resource estimates.



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