

## MINING MINNESOTA PROVIDES REASONS FOR GOVERNOR DAYTON TO SAY YES TO COPPER-NICKEL MINING

Last week, Mining Minnesota, the copper-nickel mining association, announced it had sent a letter to Governor Dayton addressing the four questions an activist group had posed to the Governor before copper-nickel mining projects move forward. The letter was accompanied by five fact sheets which provided further detail about how one of the world's largest undeveloped resources of copper and nickel can be environmentally responsibly mined while also creating economic opportunity for northeastern Minnesota and the state.

“Copper-nickel mining presents a tremendous opportunity for all of Minnesota – billions of dollars in economic impact, billions of dollars in taxes that will benefit our communities and schools, and thousands of great-paying jobs. And that’s only the beginning.

“The letter and supporting fact sheets highlight reasons Minnesota should support mining projects. They provide information about how the Minnesota DNR, along with multiple state and federal regulators, will ensure that copper-nickel mining projects will move forward only when they demonstrate they will comply with all comprehensive environmental standards – assuring clean and safe water, air and land,” said Frank Ongaro, executive director of Mining Minnesota.

The resounding responses of “YES” to the four questions are addressed in Frank Ongaro’s letter and the accompanying fact sheets which can be read in their entirety here: <http://miningminnesota.com/uploads/Governor.pdf>.

