

## RESOURCES FOR FACTS ABOUT STRATEGIC METALS MINING

Minnesota, a mining state with a proud mining heritage, stands at the threshold of an unprecedented economic opportunity that will fuel job creation, economic growth and public revenues for generations. For more than one hundred years, Minnesota has been a world leader in supplying iron ore and taconite to steel mills across the globe. However, Minnesota is also home to more than 4 billion tons of “ore” containing copper, nickel, platinum, palladium, gold and other “strategic metals” critical to our nation’s economy. Modern mining practices and environmental technologies, coupled with long-term demand in the computer technology, communications and clean energy sectors, has made the vision of mining Minnesota’s “strategic metals” an emerging reality. As Minnesota contemplates this important step into its economic future, Twin Metals encourages all citizens to understand the facts about strategic metals mining and the tremendous opportunity facing the state. To learn more, please visit the resources below:

- **Minnesota Department of Natural Resources** – [http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lands\\_minerals/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lands_minerals/index.html) – provides information on the state’s mineral resources.
- **Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board** – <http://mn.gov/irrrb/miningtimber/> – promotes mining in Minnesota and economic diversity in northern Minnesota.
- **University of Minnesota-Duluth Natural Resources Research Institute** – <http://www.nrri.umn.edu/cartd/min/default.htm> – conducts research projects that support economic development of Minnesota’s natural resources in an environmentally sound manner.
- **Mining Minnesota** – [www.miningminnesota.com](http://www.miningminnesota.com) – provides information on strategic metals mining, environmental responsibility and mining’s economic potential for Minnesota.
- **National Mining Association (NMA)** – [www.nma.org](http://www.nma.org) – offers information on modern mining, statistics, policy issues and more about the nation’s mining industry.
- **Minerals Make Life** - [www.mineralsmakelife.org](http://www.mineralsmakelife.org) – offers information about domestic minerals mining and its importance to the economy, innovation for the future and national security.

