

# JOBS FOR MINNESOTANS

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Jobs for Minnesotans is a coalition of business, labor and community leaders dedicated to job creation in the state of Minnesota. Led by the strength of the 55,000 members of the Minnesota Building and Construction Trades Council and the 2,300 companies of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, this coalition represents the interests of all Minnesotans who support the new jobs that will come from copper-nickel mining in northern Minnesota.

Jobs for Minnesotans advocates for the responsible development of copper-nickel mining projects (copper, nickel, platinum, palladium, cobalt and gold) through information sharing and education of statewide stakeholders. By safely developing these mineral resources, this industry will create thousands of long-lasting jobs for generations of working Minnesotans, providing a needed boost to the state's economy.

## Job Creation and Economic Impact

Home to one of the largest untapped sources of copper, nickel, platinum, palladium, cobalt and gold in the world, Minnesota is poised to become a key economic player in job creation and the new economy.

- A 2012 study by the Labovitz School of Business and Economics at the University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) found that by 2016, copper-nickel mining projects currently under consideration could support more than 1,300 long-term mining jobs.
- Construction associated with new mining projects modeled from 2012 to 2016 has the potential to create 1,000 – 2,000 jobs per year according to the UMD study.
- For each mining job, 1.8 ancillary jobs are created in other industries.

- Projects will bring educational investments and millions of dollars in tax revenues, which support government and economic services that benefit future generations of hardworking Minnesotans.
- The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources estimates that proposed copper-nickel mining projects will generate more than \$2 billion for the Minnesota Permanent School Trust Fund, providing revenue for school districts across the state.

Copper-nickel mining projects will produce these metals in an environmentally sound way and generate significant economic activity, expanding and diversifying our economy and creating thousands of jobs that can support families and sustain communities.



## Minerals for the Green Economy

Minnesota's world-class deposit represents an economic opportunity right below our feet that will benefit the state's economy for future generations. Metals like copper, nickel, platinum and palladium are essential to create a green economy that includes wind, solar and other alternative energies. These metals are used in cell phones and computers, electrical wires in homes, medical devices, catalytic converters, car batteries, solar panels and more.

Most of these minerals are mined in other countries that have less than stringent environmental regulations. It is not only important to mine these minerals in Minnesota to create thousands of new jobs, but also to supply these minerals from domestic sources.

## Strong Support for Mining

The process for proposed copper-nickel mining projects to move into construction and operation is long and extensive. Jobs for Minnesotans trusts the multiple state and federal agencies who oversee this process to protect our natural environment and taxpayer interests.

Agencies like the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will ensure Minnesota continues to be a world leader in environmental protection, implementing strict permitting and environmental review processes that keep our communities safe.

Unlike 60 years ago when copper and nickel were first discovered in Minnesota, today environmentally responsible technologies are available for the successful development of these minerals. These technologies will allow mining and a healthy environment to continue to successfully coexist. Minnesota is also a leader in financial assurance requirements that must be met before companies receive a permit to mine.

## Get Involved

Join our founders and become one of hundreds of businesses, unions, community leaders, local chambers and other supporters who have already signed up. Our efforts give you a voice and an opportunity to assure Minnesota's future prosperity. Let's work together to promote the largest potential job creator in the state of Minnesota. To learn more, go to:

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