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**STATE ASSEMBLY MINING MORATORIUM BILL
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We, the undersigned residents of West Central Wisconsin attending the River Country RC&D Metallic Mining Conference, encourage our State Assembly Representatives to allow the Metallic Mining Moratorium Bill to come to the floor this session to allow a free vote on this most important issue for our communities.

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We, the undersigned residents of West Central Wisconsin attending the WHTL Farm Show, encourage our State Legislators to Pass the Metallic Mining Moratorium Bill.

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April 25, 1997

Representative Marc C. Duff
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*Signatures
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Dear Mr. Duff,

I am a senior technical writer for P&H Mining Equipment. Earlier this year, I collected these signatures from my fellow employees. I am a salaried employee, and even felt so strongly about our need to be heard on the mining issue that I attended a Sunday morning meeting of our Steelworkers Local 1114 so that they could also sign on to this document. There are several hundred employees and family members, many who were able to sign this document and others who were not able, who also feel very strongly about this issue and would like our opinions to be heard.

The timing was such that the Senate vote was taken before we could get these signatures forwarded to them. I understand that you chair the Environment Committee that is now addressing this issue. We are very concerned that the proposed legislation sends a horrible message to our important customers worldwide and will hurt our opportunities to do business effectively from Wisconsin. Beyond that, we just do not feel that this legislation is necessary or even provides any additional environmental assurances. It is merely a legislative tactic to target an industry that can already meet our tough requirements.

Please review the merits of this legislation carefully. We are all environmentalists in this state. Today's modern mining technologies will safeguard our environment while strengthening our economy and providing the minerals that are so vital to all of us. I certainly hope that those on the committee have all had an opportunity to visit a modern mine. Even our local reporter for the Milwaukee Journal returned with a different perspective on the industry after visiting the Henderson mine recently.

Please remember that there are thousands of people who support mining in this state...we just aren't the radical types and have a difficult time getting our message through over all the anti-mining hype!

Sincerely,

Tina Verhalen

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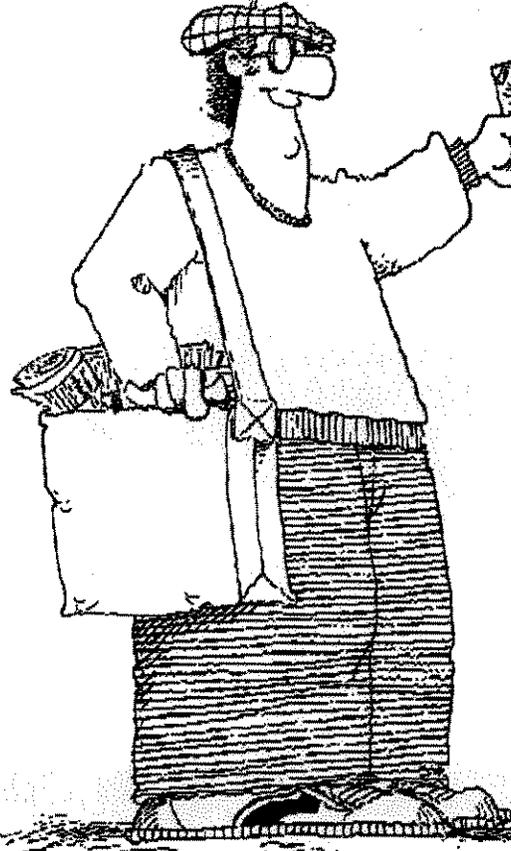
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Moratorium Hearing Monday, May 12th

Press Availability scheduled for Assembly Hearing

Ladysmith, WI, May 7 — The Environment Committee of the Wisconsin Assembly will hold the first public hearings on the proposed Metallic Sulfide Mining Moratorium on Monday, May 12, 2:30 PM at the Rusk County Public Library, in Ladysmith.

W.A.T.E.R. has arranged a press availability of key moratorium supporters at 2:00 PM, one-half hour before the hearing begins, at the Rusk County Library. Speakers will include: Ken Fish, Menominee Mining Impact Committee; Roscoe Churchill, Rusk County Citizen Action Group; Walt Bresette, Anishinaabe Nijiji; and Melanie Kirscher, ECCOLA.

The Moratorium passed the Senate by an overwhelming 29-3 vote in late 1996, and is now under consideration for a vote in the Assembly. The bill calls for a moratorium on metallic sulfide mining in the state until mining interest can demonstrate a single metallic sulfide mine that has been successfully closed and reclaimed with out contamination of ground or surface waters.

A DNR white paper issued in 1995 concluded that the DNR was unable to find a successfully reclaimed metallic sulfide mine anywhere in the world.

"Yes but," the mining interests say, "asking for proof that even a single metallic sulfide mine can be safely closed and reclaimed amounts to a virtual ban on mining."

Attached are a series of "yes but" materials that outline the issues to be raised in Monday's hearing. Each committee member has been faxed a copy of "yes but."

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Sulfuric acid is forever

The sulfide waste of proposed metallic sulfide mining operations turns into sulfuric acid when it comes into contact with air or water. If we mine sulfides and build enormous tailings dumps, we must have a way to prevent this from happening.

The crushed rock will have these properties for thousands of years. If acid mine drainage ever begins, the chemical reaction cannot be stopped. So, if we mine sulfides and build these tailings dumps, we either need a permanent way to keep out air or water, or we have to admit that we're poisoning the State's waters for future generations.

The geo-membranes being proposed as waste dump liners may work, for a few years, before they begin to leak. Former Crandon Mine President Jerry Goodrich said the liner will dissolve in 140 years. Of course, no one can know for certain, since it's never been tried in real world conditions.

Municipal garbage, unlike sulfide mine wastes, decomposes in much less than 140 years. And no county landfill will ever hold the volume proposed at Exxon's Wolf River/Crandon mine the Oneida County Landfill would have to operate for 860 years to reach the volume of Crandon's proposed waste dump.

“YES BUT,” say the mining interests, “the liner is guaranteed for at least fifty years by its manufacturer!”

It ain't over 'til it's over!

If you're a shareholder in one or more of the many multinational mining corporations that now own or hold leases on more than 300,000 acres of Wisconsin, for you the mining process is over when the operation no longer contributes to corporate profits.

If you're a location executive with one of these multinationals, for you the process is over when the company assigns you to a new location in some other part of the country or the world.

But if you're a citizen of Wisconsin, hoping to see your grandchildren grow up here, the mining process isn't over until the mine is fully reclaimed.

Five years ago, residents of the Ladysmith area opposed the operation of Kennecott's Flambeau Mine on the grounds that the sulfuric waste rock would eventually have to be placed back into the open pit, and protected forever from air and water.

Now the mine is closing, but it has yet to be reclaimed, and the concerns remain the same. What happens after the mining company no longer operates a 24-hour-a-day water treatment facility? What happens after the waste rock is put back in the unlined pit? Fortunately, the Flambeau Mine did no milling of the waste rock at the mine site. Milled waste tailings, such as those proposed to be stored Exxon's Wolf River/Crandon mine waste dump, are much more dangerous, because so much more surface can be exposed to air or water. Like grinding coffee beans... the finer the particle the stronger the brew. That's why there are 52 Superfund clean-up sites in the U.S., trying to contain the damage from acid mine drainage.

"YES BUT," say the mining interests, "not a single sulfide mine has produced acid drainage in Wisconsin, yet."

Wisconsin's water is at risk

No metallic sulfide mine has ever been successfully closed and reclaimed, any where in the world. At present there are some operating and recently closed mines that make promises to clean-up and prevent the kind of acid drainage that has always occurred in the past, and is responsible for more than 50 EPA superfund sites.

None of these mines is able to meet the ten-year non-pollution criteria proposed in the Mining Moratorium bill.

Maybe some of these mines somewhere, in Montana, Colorado, or California, will be successfully reclaimed. Maybe after the closing of Flambeau Mine's water treatment facility—which now runs 24 hours a day — there will be no degradation or contamination. We'll have to wait and see.

The next proposed mine, at Crandon, is huge in comparison to Flambeau. Unlike Flambeau Mine, the mine proposed by Exxon will process tailings on site. The Exxon hazardous tailings dump will cover the area of 350 football fields and rise 90 feet high. And we'll have to wait and see if an operation comparable to that one can be reclaimed.

If the new technologies being proposed, and expensively promoted, will indeed work, the Mining Moratorium bill will not prevent the prudent, safe exploitation of Wisconsin's copper, zinc, or gold. The Moratorium bill is good public policy, because it acknowledges the truth: that we have to wait until there's evidence to know if and how these technologies will work.

“Yes but,” the mining interests say, “you can trust us, we promise it will work.”

It's only an experiment

No metallic sulfide mine has ever been successfully closed and reclaimed, any where in the world. At present there are some operating mines that make promises to clean-up and prevent the kind of acid drainage that has always occurred in the past. Acid drainage is responsible for more than 50 EPA superfund sites.

The Flambeau mine remains a gaping hole just 140 feet from the Flambeau River. Its waste water treatment plant runs 24 hours a day. What will happen after the waste rock is put back in the pit, and the treatment plant shuts down is only a guess... an experiment.

When the DNR granted the variances and permit for the Flambeau mine they didn't know that a metallic sulfide mine had never been successfully closed and reclaimed.

Will the Flambeau mine reclamation experiment work... Let's hope so. Let's hope it doesn't end up being added to the long list of mine reclamation failures. The mining companies are trying to prove they can develop an environmentally safe metallic sulfide mine. The next proposed mine, Exxon's Wolf River/Crandon project is huge in comparison to Flambeau. Unlike Ladysmith the Exxon mine will process tailings on site. The Exxon hazardous tailings dump will cover the area of 350 football fields and rise 90 feet high. They want to use the experimental Flambeau system in reclamation.

"Yes but," say the mining companies, "the Flambeau mine has run trouble free so far... let's assume the experiment will work and take the much bigger risk on the Wolf River."

October 10, 1997

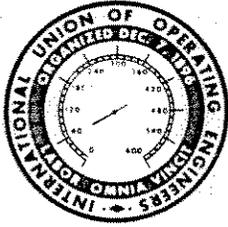
Committee Members,

As Chairman of the Town of Crandon in Forest County I want you to know that I am opposed to the Mining Moratorium Bill. I feel that the DNR and the Army Corp of Engineers should be allowed to do their job. I also feel that Wisconsin's laws on mining are sufficient enough to govern mining.

Thank You,

*Rick Huber
Chairman, Town of Crandon
Forest County*

Richard J. Huber



International Union of Operating Engineers

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DALE A. MILLER
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October 8, 1997

Dale Alberts
Assistant Public Affairs Manager
Crandon Mining Company
16N. Carroll Street, Ste. 530
Madison, WI 53703-2716

Dear Mr. Alberts:

Whereas, the Members of the International Union of Operating Engineers in the state of Wisconsin, like all citizens in this state, recognize our inherent need and responsibility to protect the environment; and

Whereas, the Operating Engineers understand our environment is threatened by air and water pollution, acid rain, toxic waste and other contaminating conditions that have been caused in part by human factors ranging from ignorance and poor planning to blatant insensitivity and greed; and

Whereas, the Operating Engineers are on the front lines developing and implementing technologies designed to prevent damage to the environment, mitigate damage caused to the environment, or reclaim areas of environmental degradation, while ensuring worker safety and health; and

Whereas, the Operating Engineers support the enactment of laws and regulations that establish strict and verifiable environmental standards and procedures that individuals, businesses and industries must adhere to; and

Whereas, the Operating Engineers recognize the state's mining permitting process, a process grounded in the work of private citizens, government leaders, industry representatives, and environmental advocates, as a strict, verifiable and fair process, that takes over three years to complete; and

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Whereas, the Operating Engineers know that to receive a permit to mine in Wisconsin a company must prove that it will comply with all pertinent federal and state regulations; safeguard unique or valuable lands and habitats; protect public health, safety and welfare; have a net positive economic impact; comply with local zoning laws; and include suitable plans for reclamation; and

Whereas, the Operating Engineers believe SB 3, the Mining Moratorium bill, sets arbitrary standards that undermine the integrity of the mining permit process in this state; and

Whereas, the Operating Engineers believe it is only fair to the hundreds of working families who stand to gain from the employment opportunities which result from safe and responsible mining in Wisconsin, to allow the mining permitting process to continue.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Operating Engineers' Local #139, oppose SB 3, the Mining Moratorium Bill.

Sincerely,



Dale A. Miller

Business Manager

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October 13, 1997

Representative Marc Duff
Chairman of the Assembly Committee on the Environment
P.O. Box 8952
Room 306N
Madison, Wisconsin 53708

Dear Representative Duff:

I am writing you to ask that you vote **against** the moratorium bill (SB3) on metallic mining in Wisconsin.

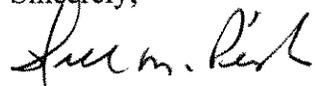
As a property owner in Forest county within 7 miles of the Crandon Mine Site (Roberts Lake), I believe that with today's technology that the Crandon Mining project can be completed in an environmentally sound manner. This has been demonstrated at Flambeau Mining Company. The Wisconsin DNR has the skills to evaluate this project as to its environmental soundness without this legislation.

The technologies and regulations which exist for mining should protect the environment in the same way as it is protected from other industries such as pulp and paper, foundries, etc. Hopefully the Wisconsin state senators have enough confidence in the laws that they have passed to protect the environment. A moratorium against any industry is bad policy. Who will be next? Pulp and paper, foundries, forestry's?

My review of the proposed plans indicated that the environment will be amply protected and will help an economically depressed country.

Please vote **against** this legislation!

Sincerely,



William M. Perpich
2829 Pioneer Drive
Ashwaubenon, WI 54313
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October 14, 1997

Representative Marc Duff
Chairman of the Assembly Committee on the Environment
PO Box 8952, Room 306N
Madison, Wisconsin 53708

Dear Representative Duff:

My name is James Botz. I live in Green Bay, Wisconsin where I have resided for 20 years. I am employed by STS Consultants, Ltd, Consulting Engineers. We employ 170 people in Wisconsin with offices in Milwaukee, Green Bay, Oshkosh, Schofield, and Rhinelander. My firm generates 80% of our sales from industrial and manufacturing clients through out the midwest. We work extensively for the mining industry. For example, had the opportunity to be involved with the opening, operation and closure of the Jackson Co. Iron Company in Black River Falls, WI. Therefore I know, first hand that mining can work in Wisconsin. That is why I oppose the Mining Moratorium Bill, SB3.

Let us take a short trip back in time to the late 1940s to understand how far the public and industry have come together. It was a time when there was little if any wastewater treatment. Residential and industrial discharges went directly into our rivers and lakes. Landfills or dumps, as they were known, were simply low lying areas filled with everything imaginable. Mining companies did little to restore the terrain they disrupted.

We have come a long way in upgrading our way of life and protecting our environment. Today we have state-of-the-art wastewater treatment plants, our refuse is landfilled in engineered-lined cells, and mining companies are reclaiming their disturbed areas to near original condition. Today, we have the technology available to protect the environment. Our States current environmental laws ensure that this happens.

Where would we be today if 100 years ago mining had been banned in the United States. More importantly, where will our future generations be if mining is banned? We must have mining in the United States to be competitive in the global economy. If the ores are located in Wisconsin, we should feel blessed with this natural resource and use it to the best of our ability to benefit Wisconsin, our current residents, and our future generations.

Sincerely,


James J. Botz, P.E.
Principal

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October 13, 1997

Representative Marc Duff
Chairman, Assembly Committee on the Environment
Room 306 North
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, Wisconsin 53708

Re: Opposition to Mining Moratorium Bill SB3

Dear Representative Duff:

I am writing this letter to express my opposition to the proposed mining moratorium Bill SB3. I am opposing the bill, because it has arbitrarily singled-out an industry segment and does not allow a fair and consistent review of the industry operations.

I have over 20 years of professional engineering experience. The first 10 years of my career, I was directly employed by the iron ore mining industry in northern Minnesota. For the past 10 years, I have practiced as a consulting engineer in the state of Wisconsin and have worked with the mining and quarrying operations throughout the Midwest. My experience has given me the opportunity to witness mining impacts both on an environmental and social/economic setting.

There can be little question that the influx of the mining industry, or any industrial for that matter, can be a significant boost to an area's economy. The additional tax money generated, as well as the payroll, capital, and operating expenditures made by a mining operation, add significantly to an area's economic well-being. Many large public work projects, such as high schools, auditoriums, community centers, etc., have been built through either tax-related funding or donations from the mining industries throughout northern Minnesota and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The real purpose of scrutinizing the permitting process for mining in the state of Wisconsin should be to ensure that environmental impacts are minimized or eliminated. As a resident of northern Wisconsin, I wholeheartedly support this scrutiny. However, I cannot support legislation, which has as its sole purpose to deny an industry the opportunity to conduct business because of emotional charges. I believe the bill, as proposed, does not fairly or consistently apply Wisconsin's already stringent environmental regulations to the mining industry. Technology advances constantly. The mining industry is a leader in utilizing proven technologies to improve their processes and waste handling.

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Chairman, Assembly Committee on the Environment

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In summary, I oppose the mining moratorium Bill SB3 on the grounds that it does not consistently apply the Wisconsin's environmental regulations to the mining industry. If indeed the Assembly Committee on the Environment wishes to move ahead with this moratorium, then do they also have the courage to propose such a moratorium on all other industries in the state of Wisconsin?

Sincerely,

Terrance A. Peterson

1592 Carol Lane

Green Bay, Wisconsin 54313

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SB3

WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WAS INTENDED THAT MINING BE BANNED, GIVEN THE DEBATE THAT OCCURRED IN THE SENATE. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THIS INTERPRETATION IS NOT LIKELY TO BE ACCEPTED BY A REVIEWING COURT. THE BETTER INTERPRETATION IS THAT THE CLAUSE APPLIES TO CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE "ORE BODY" IS INCAPABLE OF COMPLETING THE PROCESS OF NEUTRALIZING THE ACID PRODUCED. THEREFORE, AS WE WOULD INTERPRET THE ENGROSSED VERSION OF SB 3, ANY SULFIDE MINE IN WHICH THE ORE BODY ITSELF IS NOT CAPABLE OF NEUTRALIZING ACID MINE DRAINAGE WOULD QUALIFY FOR USE AS AN EXAMPLE BY A MINING APPLICANT. BUT THIS IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM BECAUSE THE HOST ROCK IN WHICH THE ORE BODY LIES IS A FAR MORE IMPORTANT FACTOR IN DETERMINING IF THERE IS THE POTENTIAL FOR A MINE TO GENERATE LEVELS OF ACID THAT MAY IMPACT SURFACE OR GROUND WATERS.

FOR EXAMPLE SOME OF THE LEAD MINES IN SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN COULD QUALIFY BECAUSE THE ORE BODIES WHERE THE LEAD IS FOUND ARE SULFIDE ORE BODIES THAT ARE NOT, IN THEMSELVES, CAPABLE OF COMPLETING THE PROCESS OF NEUTRALIZING ACID. HOWEVER, THESE ORE BODIES EXIST IN A LIMESTONE HOST ROCK WHICH SERVES TO NEUTRALIZE ANY ACID THAT MAY BE GENERATED. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT IT WOULD BE RELATIVELY EASY TO DOCUMENT ONE OR MORE SOUTHWESTERN WISCONSIN LEAD MINES AS HAVING NO PROBLEMS WITH ACID MINE DRAINAGE, OR ACID CONTAMINATION FROM WASTE ROCK PILES OR MINE TAILINGS AREAS AND COULD THEREFORE WOULD QUALIFY TO BE USED AS AN EXAMPLE BY A MINING COMPANY. OBVIOUSLY THESE MINES WOULD NOT BE AN APPROPRIATE COMPARISON TO ANY MINE PROPOSED IN AN AREA WHERE THE ORE BODY AND HOST ROCK, TOGETHER, WOULD NOT NEUTRALIZE ALL THE ACID THAT WOULD BE GENERATED. YET IT APPEARS TO US THAT WISCONSIN LEAD MINES WOULD MEET THE TEST OF ENGROSSED SB 3.

AN OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONCERN FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE IS WITH THE TERM "POLLUTION" AS USED IN THE ENGROSSED VERSION OF SB 3. IN ORDER FOR AN EXISTING MINE TO MEET THE TEST OF THE PROPOSED LAW, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE OPERATED AND/OR CLOSED FOR 10 YEARS WITHOUT POLLUTION OF GROUND OR SURFACE WATER FROM ACID DRAINAGE. "POLLUTION" MEANS DEGRADATION THAT RESULTS IN ANY VIOLATION OF ANY ENVIRONMENTAL LAW. THERE ARE NO OTHER QUALIFIERS IN THE BILL. WE HAVE STRUGGLED WITH HOW WE WOULD IMPLEMENT THIS PROVISION, IF ENACTED, AND HAVE COME TO SEVERAL CONCLUSIONS ON A NUMBER OF RELEVANT QUESTIONS.

FIRST - WHAT IS A VIOLATION? I AM AWARE THAT THE SENATE DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE, AND DECLINED TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE THAT WOULD LIMIT VIOLATIONS TO CASES THAT WERE ADJUDICATED IN COURT. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT PRECEDENT, FAIRNESS AND REASON WOULD REQUIRE, SHORT OF ADJUDICATION IN COURT, THAT AN ALLEGED VIOLATION WOULD HAVE TO BE FORMALLY DETERMINED BY THE AGENCY THAT HAS JURISDICTION OVER THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS TO WHICH THE MINE IS SUBJECT. WE ALSO BELIEVE THIS MEANS THE AGENCY WITH JURISDICTION HAS MADE A FINAL DETERMINATION THAT COULD BE ADMINISTRATIVELY CHALLENGED OR JUDICIALLY APPEALED BY ANY PARTY. OTHERWISE, ANY ALLEGATION THAT A VIOLATION OCCURRED, TRUE OR NOT, COULD DISQUALIFY THE SUBJECT MINE FROM CONSIDERATION AS AN EXAMPLE UNDER THIS BILL.

THE PROCESS WE USE IN WISCONSIN TO ENFORCE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, FOR EXAMPLE, ALLOWS THE DEPARTMENT TO SEND A "NOTICE OF VIOLATION" TO AN INDIVIDUAL OR A COMPANY WHEN WE BELIEVE THERE IS A VIOLATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW. THIS IS NOT AN APPEALABLE DECISION. LATER IN THE PROCESS, AFTER CONSIDERING ALL THE FACTS, WE MAY ISSUE AN ORDER, OR REFER THE CASE TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. THIS IS A FINAL DETERMINATION BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND IT IS APPEALABLE. THE DETERMINATION MAY NOT BE ADJUDICATED OR APPEALED, BUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO EXISTS. WHILE DIFFERENT STATES OR PROVINCES MAY HAVE VARIATIONS OF THIS



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May 15, 1997

The Honorable Marc C. Duff
Chairperson, Assembly Committee on Environment
Wisconsin Assembly
Room 128, State Capitol
P.O. Box 8952
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Dear Representative Duff:

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On behalf of Crandon Mining Company, I would like to thank you and members of the Assembly Committee on Environment for the opportunity to discuss S. B. 3 at the May 12 hearing in Ladysmith.

During this hearing, Representative Spencer Black made reference to a 1995 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) document that mentions the Henderson Mine in Colorado. We would like to request a copy of this USEPA document. We believe the statements regarding the Henderson Mine made by Representative Black pertain to an historic mine rather than the modern Henderson Mine. We would like an opportunity to review the USEPA document to verify this. Following our review of the document in question, we will respond in writing to the Committee.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Dale Alberts

Recently, there has been much debate over metallic mining in Wisconsin. Opponents of the metallic mining industry have used misinformation to state mining cannot be accomplished in an environmentally sound manner here. The fact is, if a mining operation cannot prove the environment will be protected, it will not be permitted by the DNR.

Even so, certain members of the legislature still have proposed a ban on this industry-- singling out metallic mining.

A ban on mining undoubtedly goes against the intent of the Wisconsin Legislature. The laws are clear. The Wisconsin Legislature specifically authorized mining in the state provided it's accomplished in an environmentally sound manner. In Wisconsin environmental protection has always been a priority, should always be a priority and will always be a priority.

Wisconsin has long been regarded as having one of the most comprehensive and effective environmental regulatory programs in the country. For industry that has often meant having to comply with standards that exceed national norms or those in place in other states. This certainly holds true for mining.

In order for a mine to be granted a permit under current Wisconsin law, it must prove that the environment, public health, safety and welfare will be protected. These requirements include protecting groundwater, surface water, wetlands, air, unique land and endangered species. Furthermore Wisconsin law requires a tailings management plan, a feasibility report, a plan of operation and several other reports and studies.

The basic premise of mining opponents seems to be you can't trust the scientists, engineers, and regulatory agencies to ensure the environment will be protected, and therefore a complete ban on a particular form of industrial activity is warranted. This can only be described as environmental extremism.

Who will be next if we begin to move down this path? Will it be the paper industry that draws heavily on Wisconsin's water resources or the timber industry

that necessarily disturbs land in Northern Wisconsin. All industrial activity must comply with current laws and regulations which are based on protecting the environment through scientific methods.

The approach that has been taken with the mining industry is in sharp contrast to the historic approach taken in Wisconsin where the application and enforcement of a comprehensive regulatory program has fostered both a strong economy and clean environment.

Prentiss, Mike

From: Duff, Marc
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 1997 9:52 AM
To: Rep.Duff
Subject: FW: Letter for Senator Zien from Apesan

From: Seitz, Robert
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 1997 9:52:05 AM
To: Baas, Steve; Levanetz, Kathryn; Duff, Marc; Larson, David; Hanson, Peter; Skewes, Bill; 'jhansen@wmc.org'
Subject: FW: Letter for Senator Zien from Apesan
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From: SEAGLEBU@MAIL.STATE.WI.US(SMTP:SEAGLEBU@MAIL.STATE.WI.US)
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 1997 9:38 AM
To: EMX -OAS (052)ADDRESSING, OPEN -EMX
Cc: Seitz, Robert
Subject: RE: Letter for Senator Zien from Apesan

STW:
TO SMTPNAME=dfowler@mail.wiscnet.net
TO SMTPNAME=mccombs@mail.wiscnet.net
STW:

Dear Ms. McCombs and Ms. Fowler:

I am writing regarding Mr. Seitz' concerns that the attached e-mail messages represent lobbying activity as defined by Wisconsin Statutes. There seems to be no question that the communications advocate a particular viewpoint and urge a particular action, the question is whether the individuals sending the messages are being paid as part of their on-the-job duties to write/send them. I invite you to contact me either by e-mail (seaglebu@mail.state.wi.us) or by phone (608) 266-8175 to clarify the situation and put the matter to rest. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Scott Eagleburger
Wisconsin Ethics Board
Lobby Program Coordinator

From: Robert.Seitz
To: 'seaglebu@mail.state.wi.us'
Subject: FW: Letter for Senator Zien from Apesan
Date: Friday, April 25, 1997 2:39PM

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>**From:** Deb Fowler[SMTP:dfowler@mail.wiscnet.net]
>**Sent:** Monday, April 21, 1997 10:55 AM
>**To:** Seitz, Robert
>**Subject:** Letter for Senator Zien from Apesanahkwat,
Chairman, Menominee
>Nation

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>April 17, 1997
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>Apesanahkwat, Chairman
>Menominee Nation
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>Senator David. A. Zien
>Room 4 South, State Capitol
>P.O. Box 7882
>Madison, WI 53707-7882
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>Dear Senator Zien,
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>The Menominee Nation is a sovereign entity within the State of Wisconsin.
>Our people are citizen voters of Wisconsin. I represent the Menominee
>Nation
>and we take exception to the allegations of "potentially illegal lobbying
>practices" made by Robert Seitz, a member of your staff, in response to an
>email sent on April 16, 1997 from the Menominee Nation Treaty Rights &
>Mining Impacts office (see enclosed copy of email message & Mr. Seitz's
>response).
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>Under the U.S. Constitution and the Constitution of Wisconsin, citizens
>have
>the right to contact public officials. The email addresses of your staff
>are
>published on Wisconsin's Badger web page for State Senators. The April 16
>email to Mr. Seitz contained information about the Wolf River being
>designated by American Rivers as the Fifth most Endangered River in North
>America and a proclamation made by the Menominee Legislature naming April
>16
>"Protect the Wolf River Day." Therefore if you construe this to be in
>violation of the law, you have a duty and responsibility to report this
>activity to whomever authority is appropriate and we strongly encourage you
>to do so.
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>However, the Menominee Nation takes the position that dissemination of
>information does not qualify as lobbying. We shall challenge the idea that
>we as citizens are forbidden to contact public officials and to send those
>officials whatever information we deem appropriate to represent our
>position
>on what we believe to be serious health, safety, and economic risks to the
>Menominee people. You as an elected official would certainly be remiss to
>your oath of office if you do not listen to the public's concerns, because
>your duty is to listen to the public.
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>We realize the email message we received may not represent the policy of
>your office, but only the position of your staff member. If this is so we
>apologize, but your immediate attention to this letter is necessary before
>we decide to take this issue to the media.
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>I would like to set up a meeting with you to further discuss our concerns.
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>Sincerely,
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>Apesanahkwat, Chairman
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>>From: "Seitz, Robert" <Robert.Seitz@legis.state.wi.us>
>>To: "Alice I. McCombs" <mcombs@mail.wiscnet.net>
>>Subject: RE: Wolf River Named One of Most Endangered Rivers in
NorthAmerica
>>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 1997 11:35:17 -0500
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>>Ms. McCombs,
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>> Please remove my e-mail address from your mailing list. I could not
>>find your name listed as a registered lobbyist in the state of Wisconsin
>>and, as Wisconsin statute limits the number of contacts an unregistered
>>individual may have attempting to influence policy, I do not want to be
>>any part of your potentially illegal lobbying practices. Any further
>>communication with this office on your behalf will require me to ask the
>>state Ethics Board to investigate your lobbying practices. Please note
>>the state statutes that follow:
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>>13.62(10)
>>(10) "Lobbying" means the practice of attempting to influence
>>legislative or administrative action by oral or written communication
>>with any elective state official, agency official or legislative
>>employee, and includes time spent in preparation for such communication
>>and appearances at public hearings or meetings or service on a committee
>>in which such preparation or communication occurs.
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>>13.62(10g)
>>(10g) "Lobbying communication" means an oral or written communication
>>with any agency official, elective state official or legislative employe
>>that attempts to influence legislative or administrative action, unless
>>exempted under s. 13.621.
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>>13.62(10r)
>>(10r) "Lobbying expenditure" means an expenditure related to the
>>performance of lobbying, whether received in the form of an advance or
>>subsequent reimbursement. The term includes an expenditure for
>>conducting research or for providing or using information, statistics,
>>studies or analyses in communicating with an official that would not
>>have been incurred but for lobbying.
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>>13.62(11)
>>(11) "Lobbyist" means an individual who is employed by a principal, or
>>contracts for or receives economic consideration, other than
>>reimbursement for actual expenses, from a principal and whose duties
>>include lobbying on behalf of the principal. If an individual's duties
>>on behalf of a principal are not limited exclusively to lobbying, the
>>individual is a lobbyist only if he or she makes lobbying communications
>>on each of at least 5 days within a reporting period.
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>>>From: Alice I. McCombs[SMTP:mcombs@mail.wiscnet.net]
>>>Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 1997 9:59 AM
>>>To: Sen.Panzer; Huffman, Garrett; Orella, Elizabeth; Ottman, Tad;
>>>Sen.Plache; Anderson, John; Stromme, Denise; Woker, Kristine; Sen.Potter;
>>>Hillmer, Carla; Rusk, Paul; Wexler, James; Sen.Risser; Ashley, Cindy;
>>>Bridgeman, Sarah; Travis, Leslie; Winters, Kristi; Sen.Rosenzweig; Auron,
>>>Jodi; Bauman, Teresa; Drake, Tom; Sen.Rude; Dies, Laurie; Machtan, Ken;
>>>Quick, Michelle; Sen.Schultz; Engels, Tom; Jackson, Thomas; OBrien, John;

>>>Sen.Shibilski; Kursevski, Dan; Nuutinen, Aaron; Paskey, Martha;
Sen.Weeden;
>>>DiMiceli, Greg; Grawe, Benjamin; Roberts, Dianna; Sen.Welch; Boario,
Mary;
>>>Clausen, Shayne; Lee, Misha; Wakefield, Les; Bills, Nancy; Judge, Rich;
>>>Reineking, Carol; Wagener, Linda; Sen.Wirch; Erickson, Pat; Peterson,
>>>Mahrie;
>>>Rozman, Beth; Hanson, Peter; Larson, David; Seitz, Robert;
>>>Brian.Rieselmann@legis.state.wi.us; Maureen.Onsager@legis.state.wi.us;
>>>Ron.Hermes@legis.state.wi.us; uswlsbef@ibmmail.com;
>>>Wineke.Sen.Wineke@legis.state.wi.us; Gerald.Julius@legis.state.wi.us
>>>Subject: Wolf River Named One of Most Endangered Rivers in
NorthAmerica
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>>>April 16, 1997
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>>>Wolf River Named
>>>One of Most Endangered Rivers
>>>in North America
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>>>National group's report says proposed Exxon Mine is dangerous threat to
the
>>>river
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>>>(Keshena, WI) The Wolf River today was named the 5th Most Endangered
River
>>>in North America by American Rivers, the nation's leading river
>>>conservation
>>>organization. Conservation, environmental and tribal leaders hope this
>>>national warning will prompt the Wisconsin Assembly to vote on a bill
that
>>>would protect the Wolf from unproven mining practices. The legislation,
>>>known as the Mining Moratorium Bill, passed the Wisconsin State Senate
with
>>>overwhelming support earlier this year.
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>>>The list of the 10 Most Endangered Rivers, published annually by American
>>>Rivers, highlights rivers that face the continent's worst environmental
>>>abuse. The Wolf, a National Wild and Scenic River and state-designated
>>>Outstanding Resource Water, is endangered because of a proposed metallic
>>>sulfide mine in its headwaters area in Wisconsin's Northwoods.
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>>>"This listing brings more national attention to the plight of the Wolf
>>>River, Wisconsin's most threatened natural resource," said Sara Johnson,
>>>Executive Director of the River Alliance of Wisconsin, a state-wide,
>>>non-profit river conservation organization. "The experts at American
Rivers
>>>have seen the devastating effects of sulfide mining in places like
>>>Colorado,
>>>New Mexico and elsewhere and are sounding this alarm to urge the
Wisconsin
>>>State Assembly to prevent a similar disaster from destroying the Wolf
>>>River.
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>>>Texas-based Exxon Coal and Minerals and Canadian-based Rio Algom, both
>>>multi-national corporations with notorious polluting records, have
proposed
>>>to mine a zinc and copper sulfide deposit near Crandon. Mine waste from
the
>>>project would cover an area the size of 350 football fields and would

stand

>>>90 feet high, making the waste heap the largest toxic waste dump in
>>>Wisconsin history. Sulfuric acid and heavy metal drainage from the waste
>>>dump would threaten the Wolf River, as well as other natural resources,
the

>>>tourism economy and tribal cultures associated with the river.

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>>>The Mining Moratorium Bill (AB 70, sponsored by Rep. Spencer Black)

>>>requires the state Department of Natural Resources to refrain from
issuing

>>>permits to metallic sulfide mines until companies can point to a similar

>>>project that has operated for 10 years and been closed for 10 years
without

>>>polluting ground or surface waters. Such an example has yet to be found.

>>>The

>>>State Senate recently passed the bill 29 to 3.

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>>>"Not one mine similar to that proposed by Exxon has ever operated and
been

>>>reclaimed without polluting ground or surface water," said Johnson.

"That's

>>>like someone wrecking a car every single time they drive, and now they
want

>>>the keys to your car," said Johnson. "Exxon's asking to take a test drive

>>>by

>>>mining near the Wolf with unproven technology. But sulfide mining has

>>>wrecked too many rivers and Exxon has wrecked too many cars -- the
citizens

>>>are unwilling to turn over the keys."

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>>>The report notes that the Wolf is one of the most pristine rivers in the
>>>country, and a primary destination for Midwestern river-based recreation.

>>>By

>>>harming the Wolf River, the mine threatens to depress the important
tourism

>>>and recreation-based economy of the area, as well as harm tribal
cultures.

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>>>"Tens of thousands of people spend millions of dollars each year enjoying
a

>>>unique outdoor experience on the upper Wolf River, one of the midwest's
few

>>>remaining large, free-flowing, whitewater, trout rivers. It attracts and

>>>supports the local tourism industry," said Herb Buettner, owner of the
Wild

>>>Wolf Inn, a business that depends on the pristine Wolf River. "The
citizens

>>>insist that the state must fulfill its trust responsibilities for the
Wolf

>>>River. The Wolf River has done much for my life and I feel obligated to

>>>protect it for future generations."

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>>>"Exxon's Wolf River mine would poison our water, kill our fish, destroy
our

>>>forests and ruin our tourist industry," said Apesanahkwat, Chairman of
the

>>>Menominee Nation, "It would desecrate and destroy our cultural properties

>>>and our burial sites. We can stop this insanity. We can pass a
common-sense

>>>law that makes Exxon prove they can mine responsibly. Listening to their

>>>lies and false promises is over. We will not be Exxon's experiment for
>>>unproven mine technology. We will deal with sulfide mining companies with
>>>an
>>>Iron fist."
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>>>This national listing is the latest in a groundswell of opposition to
this
>>>mine. Never before have so many people come forward to protect a natural
>>>Wisconsin treasure:
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>>>* More than 35,000 people across this country have sent letters to the
Army
>>>Corps of Engineers asking them to stop the Exxon mine.
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>>>* Thousands of people across our state have attended dozens of hearings
and
>>>rallies to voice their concern.
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>>>* Sixty-seven community, environmental and conservation organizations
>>>representing hundreds of thousands of citizens in Wisconsin - the largest
>>>alliance of groups ever formed in this state to protect a water resource
-
>>>have joined together to fight this mine.
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>>>* And last month, the Wisconsin State Senate in a nearly unanimous vote
of
>>>29-3, passed the common-sense Mining Moratorium Bill.
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>>>The Mining Moratorium Bill is now in the Environment Committee of the
>>>Assembly. Despite tremendous public and legislative support, the
committee
>>>has yet to schedule public hearings or a vote. "This designation today of
>>>the Wolf as a nationally endangered waterway sends a message loud and
clear
>>>down river to the members of the Wisconsin State Assembly in Madison --
>>>Pass
>>>the Mining Moratorium Bill! Anything short of a vote makes a mockery of
our
>>>representative form of government," Johnson concluded.
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>>>The River Alliance held press conferences on April 16 at four locations:
>>>Keshena, Madison, Milwaukee & Eau Claire. For more information visit the
>>>River Alliance Web page at <http://www.igc.org/wisrivers>.
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>>>A Proclamation
>>>Protect the Wolf River Day, the 16th Day of April
>>>Mahwaew Sepew Day
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>>>WHEREAS, for untold centuries the Menominee People have preserved this
land
>>>for future generations and our history dates back for at least 8000
years.
>>>We are the oldest indigenous peoples of Northeastern Wisconsin. The
Treaty
>>>Era of the 1800s, as the Menominee Nation entered into Treaties with the
>>>United States Government the Menominee saw their original 9 1/2 million
>>>acres of land reduced by 98% to 234,000 acres with the last treaty signed
>>>in

>>>1856. Ironically the treaty signed in 1848, the same year Wisconsin became
>>>a
>>>state, the U.S. Government attempted to take all of the Menominee land;
>>>and
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>>>WHEREAS, what flows through the center of the Menominee Reservation, is the
>>>Wolf River, the lifeblood of the Menominee people. The Wolf River was
>>>designated: a Wild and Scenic River in 1968; designated an Outstanding
>>>Resource Water by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and
>>>designated by American Rivers as one of the nation's twenty most
>>>threatened
>>>rivers in 1995; and
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>>>WHEREAS, Exxon's Wolf River mine would destroy the Menominee People's
>>>air,
>>>water, fish, wildlife, forests, and tourism industry and would desecrate
>>>and
>>>destroy traditional cultural properties and burial sites; and
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>>>WHEREAS, our elders have always taught us that we must protect our land
>>>from
>>>the beast of greed and exploitation and, when necessary, deal with the
>>>forces of evil with an Iron Fist; and
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>>>WHEREAS, the Menominee Tribal Legislature hereby authorizes the Chairman
>>>of
>>>the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin to issue a special proclamation
>>>in
>>>honor of this national, state, and tribally recognized natural resource,
>>>and
>>>also to remind the Menominee People that, as stewards of the land and its
>>>natural resources, we have a sacred obligation to protect the Wolf River
>>>from the harmful effects of pollution;
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>>>NOW, THEREFORE, I, APESANAHKWAT, Chairman of the Menominee Indian Tribe
>>>of
>>>Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the sixteenth day of April as "Mahwaew
>>>Sepew
>>>Day," or "Protect the Wolf River Day," and encourage all residents of the
>>>Menominee Indian Reservation to observe this day through appropriate
>>>public
>>>ceremonies and private prayers. I would also like to call on churches,
>>>schools, businesses, and local media to support observance of this
>>>special
>>>day with suitable commemorative expressions and prayer.
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>>>In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great
>>>Seal
>>>of the Menominee Nation to be affixed. Done at the Village of Keshena, on
>>>the Menominee Indian Reservation, this 7th day of April, in the Year of
>>>Our
>>>Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Seven.
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>>>Apesanahkwat, Chairman
>>>Menominee Nation
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>>>The only way to mine metallic sulfides safely in Wisconsin
>>>....Is not to mine them at all!

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>>>Menominee Nation Treaty Rights & Mining Impacts Office

>>>P.O. Box 910

>>>Keshena, WI 54135

>>>Ph: 715-799-5620 / FAX: 715-799-5692

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OCTOBER 13, 1997

TO: Assembly Environment Committee

I am a resident of the Town of Nashville, in Forest County. I have a small business and am raising my family there. I live less than 6 miles from the proposed Crandon mine site. I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to the proposed Mining Moratorium Bill. I feel it will be an economic death sentence for my community, while providing no further environmental protection for our state. The already stringent mining laws we have here in Wisconsin, provide all the environmental protection we need.

I have faith in the DNR and the Army Corps of Engineers. I feel that any project of this type should stand on its merits. If it is determined that mining, using today's science and technology, can be done, and done in an environmentally responsible manner, why wait 20 years? What makes the legislature think they know more than the Department of Natural Resources? This bill is nothing more than doomsday environmentalist rhetoric, authored by someone with political aspirations, preying upon the consciences of the people of this state.

I remind this committee to look at our own state flag. Remember the history of our great state, and what we stand for. We need to be positive and continue with our forward thinking. Now is not the time to bury our heads in the sand, as this bill would have us do. We have strict mining laws. We need to let the permitting process go forward. Let the experts decide, not the politicians. If you pass this bill you may as well get rid of our DNR, because you are telling them you do not trust them to do their job.

We need the mine in Forest County, we need it to support our basic infrastructure of law enforcement, fire protection, and rescue squad coverage. We have a very limited tax base and the demands are greater everyday on those of us who pay those taxes. This mine is not just about bringing economic prosperity to Forest County, it will benefit the whole state. And if it can be done in an environmentally responsible manner let's do it. If it can't then the mining company will have to pack up and move out. KILL THE MINING MORATORIUM BILL and let the permitting process go forward.



TODD F. LUNDIN
Northwoods Chapter
People For Wisconsin

Representative Marc Duff
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Representative Duff,

As a royalty interest owner I am writing to you to express my opposition to the Mining Moratorium Bill which will come before the Full Assembly for vote this month. The mining deserves a chance to proceed as any other business in what we know as free enterprise. I have confidence the DNR will direct the project resulting in no harm to the environment. Have we forgotten the great mining industries that were a part of our nations growth? ... The Gold Rush, Iron Ore in the Southern States, etc...these states continue to be pleasurable scenic, productive states. People are flocking to Colorado, which also has a history of mining.

If oil would have been discovered in this area would these questions and opposition be present?

Much opposition to the mining is from the Indian nation, with their fear of the rivers. The fear of losing lakes and fish does not seem to be of as important an issue with their fishing rights.

Please vote to allow the mining to proceed to give Northern Wisconsin the growth it deserves and needs.

Sincerely,

John A. Prodoehl
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DUDLEY W. PIERCE

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REP. MARC DUFF,
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MADISON, WI 53708

RE: MINING MORATORIUM

DEAR REP. DUFF,

I WRITE TO VOICE MY OPPOSITION TO THE MINING MORATORIUM BILL SOON TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE ASSEMBLY. I AM A ROYALTY HOLDER, AS ARE MANY OTHER WISCONSIN CITIZENS, AND I FIND IT APPALING THAT MY RIGHT TO REALIZE BENEFIT FROM MY PROPERTY CAN BE DENIED ME. THE PROPOSED MORATORIUM WOULD SURELY CONSTITUTE A "TAKING" BY WISCONSIN FOR WHICH OUR CONSTITUTION REQUIRES COMPENSATION. FEDERAL COURTS HAVE HELD THAT LEGISLATION LIKE THE MORATORIUM BILL DO IN FACT CONSTITUTE A COMPENSABLE "TAKING" EVEN THOUGH MINING MIGHT PROCEED AT SOME UNDETERMINED TIME IN THE FUTURE. TEMPORARY TAKINGS GIVE RISE TO COMPENSABLE CLAIMS.

IT IS IRRESPONSIBLE FOR THE LEGISLATURE TO ENGAGE IN SUCH A "TAKING" WITHOUT, AT THE SAMETIME, PROVIDING THE FUNDS TO COMPENSATE THOSE WHO HAVE RELIED ON THE TOUGHEST MINING LAWS IN THE NATION REMAINING IN EFFECT. IF CRANDON MINING CAN SATISFY THESE LAWS AND THE DNR, THEN WE SHOULD HAVE THE BENEFITS WE EXPECTED WHEN THE PERMITTING PROCESS WAS BEGUN! GREAT EXPENSE HAS BEEN INCURRED IN COMPLYING WITH THE LAW, IT IS UNBELIEVABLE THAT THE RULES CAN NOW BE CHANGED, ESPECIALLY WITHOUT REGARD TO "JUST COMPENSATION." LET THE DNR DO THE JOB YOU GAVE IT UNDER THE RULES YOU SET.

SINCERELY,

Dudley Pierce

Robert J. & Debra Lindner
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January 16, 1998

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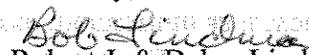
We, the undersigned owners of the royalty rights in the Crandon orebody, together with the other royalty right holders who number in the hundreds, encourage you to vote against the proposed mining moratorium (SB3).

Like many other residents of the State of Wisconsin, we are protective of the environment and insist that it be preserved for future generations. The mining moratorium bill does nothing to enhance the environmental protection that is currently embodied in the rules and regulations that are enforced by the Department of Natural Resources and it, therefore, should be rejected.

There are many issues entwined within this proposed moratorium. I'm sure that after all the hearings that were held on this bill that you are aware of the arguments both for and against the bill. The purpose of this letter, which is being sent to each legislator, is to highlight a special issue regarding the proposed moratorium as it would apply to our interest in the Crandon orebody. We believe that such legislation would constitute a "taking" of our rights to receive income from our substantial investment in the royalty rights. Our attorneys have advised us that such legislation would require "just compensation". This issue obviously is an issue that will have to be pursued if SB3 becomes law. A person who makes an investment has the right to expect the investment to gain or lose based on business decisions. We have purchased these royalty rights based on the belief that the orebody would be developed if it meets the stringent rules and regulations of the State of Wisconsin. This we bargained for in good faith and believe is fair. We do not believe our rights should be legislated away in an atmosphere rife with misunderstanding and misinformation about the mining industry.

We ask that you consider this issue in your deliberations about SB3.

Sincerely,


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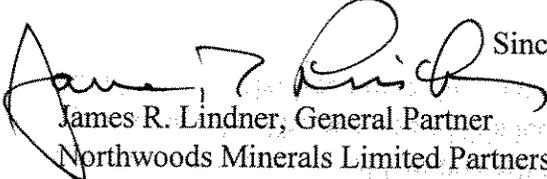
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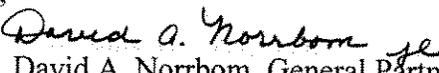
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