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Re: In the Matter of the NorthMet Project Permit to Mine Application, OAH-60-2004-37824

Dear Designee Wilson:

In your November 25, 2024 letter staying these proceedings, you instructed our client, NewRange Copper Nickel (formerly Poly Met Mining, Inc.) to submit a status update on July 14, 2025.

To comply with that instruction, NewRange states it is continuing with the previously announced studies regarding possible refinements to the project and permit to mine. While NewRange has made significant progress, these studies are not yet concluded. NewRange anticipates completing the studies and proposing any resulting project changes later this year. There is a high likelihood that some project changes will be proposed, but it has not been determined whether that will include changes to the tailings basin, or to what extent any changes to the tailings basin would implicate the issues in the contested case. Some of the proposed project changes being studied would likely require supplemental environmental review.

Because the current stay expires August 14, 2025, NewRange will provide a further update before that date.

Sincerely,

/s Jay C. Johnson

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