PETITION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET
FOR OCTOBER 2012 STATE METALLIC MINERALS LEASE SALE

WHEREAS State Metallic Minerals Leases up for auction in October 2012 may have the potential for significant environmental effects on natural resources such as groundwater near existing drinking water wells, designated trout streams, popular fishing lakes, wetlands, and areas of high biological diversity, including areas immediately adjacent to Tettegouche State Park; and

WHEREAS State minerals leasing has the potential for *immediate* economic harm to private property rights and property values due to the risk of condemnation for mineral prospecting and copper-sulfide mining; and

WHEREAS the State of Minnesota is proceeding with plans for an extensive copper-sulfide mining district without evaluating potential cumulative harms to natural resources, private wells and private property values from prospecting and mining activities; and

WHEREAS existing rules provide no opportunity for public process and assessment of environmental harm at the time when prospecting plans are approved by the State,

THEREFORE, the undersigned persons request that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources provide an Environmental Assessment Worksheet for its proposed October 2012 Minerals Lease Sale.

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