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Minntac Wins Taconite Challenge Award From the United Way of Northeastern Minnesota

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Mountain Iron, Minn. –The United Way of Northeastern Minnesota presented the “Taconite Challenge Award” to the Minntac mining operation at the nonprofit’s annual campaign celebration dinner last night. The traveling trophy is given annually to the mining facility with the highest employee participation in the United Way’s giving campaign. Minntac, the single largest iron ore pelletizing operation in the United States, is operated by United States Steel Corporation with union members from United Steelworkers Local 1938 and 9115.

“The 1,900 people who work for Minnesota Ore Operations are proud to live and work in northeastern Minnesota, so supporting the community is second nature to many of them,” said John Rebrovich, assistant to the director of United Steelworkers District 11 and co-chair of the Iron Ore Alliance. “The United Way of Northeastern Minnesota does great work for our community and that’s why U. S. Steel and the United Steelworkers have supported them for more than 35 years.”

In winning this award, Minntac narrowly beat second-place Keetac – U. S. Steel’s other mining operation in Minnesota – by less than two percentage points. Combined, the two U. S. Steel Minnesota Ore Operations facilities total giving to United Way in 2013 along with the U. S. Steel Foundation corporate gift was more than \$375,000.

“We are so fortunate to live in a community where businesses truly embrace the spirit of giving,” said Shelly Valentini, executive director of United Way of Northeastern Minnesota. “This funding supports the work of 45 local nonprofits that are dedicated to improving education, helping people achieve financial stability, promoting healthy lives, and strengthening families.”

About the Iron Ore Alliance

The Iron Ore Alliance is a joint initiative of United States Steel Corporation and the United Steelworkers to help educate Minnesotans about the importance of U. S. Steel’s iron ore business.

U. S. Steel's Minnesota Ore Operations, with its Minntac and Keetac facilities located in northeastern Minnesota, is the state's largest iron ore producer, and is a critical part of U. S. Steel's North American operations. Minntac, located in Mountain Iron, is the single largest iron ore pelletizing operation in the United States. For more information, please visit www.ironorealliance.com.

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