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# Iron Ore Alliance

An alliance between the United Steelworkers and U. S. Steel



## About the Iron Ore Alliance

- The Iron Ore Alliance is a joint initiative of the United Steelworkers and United States Steel Corporation (U. S. Steel) to help educate Minnesotans about the state's modern iron mining industry and the value it brings.
- U. S. Steel's Minnesota Ore Operations, consisting of Minntac and Keetac in northeastern Minnesota, produces iron ore pellets. Iron ore is the key ingredient in blast furnace-based steel making. Iron mined in Minnesota is used to create steel for products people use every day – from buildings, aircraft and cars to household appliances, like toasters, washing machines and so much more. Minntac is the state's largest single mining operation.

## Employment

- U. S. Steel's Minnesota Ore Operations directly employs more than 1,800 people.
- Iron mining jobs are high-quality, well-paying jobs with an average salary of \$90,000 annually.
- Our iron ore operations also create thousands of other jobs that help our communities and other companies.
- Every U. S. Steel mining job in Minnesota creates an additional 1.8 jobs in other sectors of the economy.
- The men and women of U. S. Steel and the United Steelworks work safely and efficiently to responsibly mine iron ore, carrying on a century-long tradition for our modern world.

## Other priorities

- In addition to advocating for jobs and economic growth, the Iron Ore Alliance supports the work done by U. S. Steel and the United Steelworkers to protect the environment and invest in our Minnesota operations.
  - Mining occurs in some of Minnesota's most valued and pristine environmental areas, and the people who work in this industry and call the Iron Range home want to keep it that way.
  - Our mining operations utilize technology that requires specialized education and training, so we work with a number of colleges and universities to ensure that students gain the skills and knowledge required to work in our industry.
  - We have installed innovative technologies to boost water recycling and reduce discharges and emissions, making us an environmental leader in the taconite industry.
  - More than 10,000 of Keetac's 26,000 acres are enrolled in a sustainable forest management program for large private landowners in Minnesota.
  - Our wind energy partnership with Minnesota Power delivers energy from northeastern Minnesota's first commercial wind center, which is located on U. S. Steel property.
- We need state policies that will help U. S. Steel's iron ore operations grow and improve. People all over the world rely on steel products made from Minnesota iron. Minnesota workers, families, communities and the economy depend on the jobs, tax revenues, spending and charitable giving generated by our iron ore mines.

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