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The 2017 Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME) Minnesota Conference is the leading conference for regional collaboration and growth in the mining industry, specifically in the iron ore industry. In a global marketplace, minerals as products may travel around the world before they arrive at their destination. As a society, we are becoming more concerned about how products are manufactured and are asking that those products be created in a sustainable environment. In order to ensure that minerals are brought into the global marketplace in a responsible manner, we need to support local mines that emphasize safe working practices, fair labor conditions, and environmental stewardship while providing a quality product.

The 90th Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Section of SME is the top performing regional minerals conference in the Midwest. The conference, hosted annually in Duluth, MN, offers an extensive technical program, 150 exhibits, and promises to be the leading conference of 2017 for the regional iron ore industry. The program highlights include:

- **Opening Plenary, Patrick Huston**, Project Director, Minnesota Department of Transportation – District 1 (Duluth, MN)
- **Ethics Course, Kelsey Johnson**, President, Minnesota Iron Mining Association
- **Professional Networking Luncheon, Barbara A. Filas**, 2005 SME President; Partner, Filas Engineering & Environmental Services
- **Closing Plenary, Lourenco Goncalves**, Chairman, President, Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.

Technical session topics include:

- Environmental – Air Quality
- Environmental – Technology
- Mining & Exploration
- Mineral Processing
- Environmental – Social License, Policy
- Industrial Minerals & Aggregates

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