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**MTB Managing Birch Lake Project in Minnesota**

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, Colo. – MTB Project Management Professionals Inc. has been retained by Franconia Minerals Corporation (US) Inc. of Minneapolis (Franconia USA) to provide comprehensive management services for its Birch Lake underground mine project in northeastern Minnesota. Franconia USA is a subsidiary of Franconia Minerals Corporation of Spokane, Washington. The Birch Lake property contains substantial deposits of platinum-group metals, as well as cobalt and base metals like copper and nickel.

MTB is an international project and construction management company that specializes in development of mining projects. For Franconia, MTB is managing all the day-to-day operations of the exploration and information development activities, including drilling, sampling, assaying, and laboratory oversight. In addition, MTB is managing development of scoping and prefeasibility studies to better define project details and determine the economic viability of proceeding with a comprehensive feasibility study. In this role, MTB is managing the activities of engineering and specialty companies that will develop the project information.

Another critical role for MTB is the development and management of a comprehensive environmental information and community outreach program to inform the public about details of the project. The cornerstone of this effort is an informational video produced jointly by MTB and Prism Productions of Denver. In addition to the video, MTB is managing all aspects of the outreach program, including local community relations, creating information repositories, and organizing and chairing public forums.

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## **MTB MANAGING BIRCH LAKE PROJECT – 2-2-2-2-2**

MTB has significant experience in designing and implementing community involvement and government relations programs for mining, environmental and other projects, including management of a high-profile program for an extremely sensitive environmental remediation project in the Chicago area.

MTB is a leading international supplier of project and construction management services to the mining, environmental remediation, and industrial/commercial construction industries. The company also offers important ancillary services, such as mitigation and resolution of construction claims, financial analysis and due diligence, feasibility study preparation and review, logistics management, and other related services.

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