


UNITED TACONITE
FACT SHEET

United Taconite (UTAC) Mine is located in Eveleth, MN. The taconite is transported approximately 10 miles by rail to its processing facility in Forbes, MN. The mine began operating in 1965 as EVTAC Mining Company until 2003 when it was idled. Subsequently, Cleveland-Cliffs and Laiwu Steel Group jointly purchased the mine assets in Dec. 2003. By 2008, Cliffs acquired ownership interest and now wholly owns and operates United Taconite. In 2017, Cliffs completed a \$75 million investment of capital for operational upgrades and new infrastructure for the production of a newly developed Mustang superflux iron ore pellet.


Operational Statistics

- **Type of Ore:** Magnetite
- **2017 Pellet Production:** 4.8 million gross tons
- **Annual Rated Capacity:** 5.4 million gross tons


Annual Economic Impact

- **Workforce:** Approximately 500 employees
- **Payroll** (including benefits): \$67 million
- **Local services & supplies purchased:** \$195 million
- **Minnesota, local & taconite taxes:** \$10 million
- **Total Economic Impact:** \$272 million