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Dear Joe,

As world leaders gathered last week in Belfast at the G8 Summit, mining was at the [top of the agenda, reinforcing the importance of minerals procurement in a global economy.](#)

The purpose of the discussion was to promote greater transparency within the mining industry. As long-term investors, mining companies contribute to job creation, poverty alleviation and economic development in the countries where they operate. Transparency is an important first step in encouraging more effective use and management of all natural resources.

Countries around the globe should look to the United States as a sound, environmentally responsible place for mining investment. Yet, despite our stable government and wealth of resources, a duplicative permitting process sends economic opportunities overseas. Reforming the permitting process will help to meet growing minerals needs and re-establish our nation as a major contender for mining investment dollars.

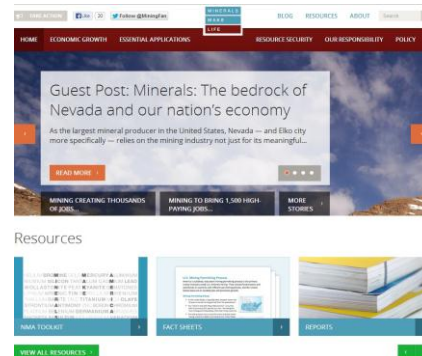
I hope that mining's priority on the agenda of our world's most powerful leaders will help spur a global dialogue to address the issues related to minerals mining - a critical pillar of our global and national economy.

Please visit NMA's [Minerals Make Life blog on our new website for continued updates on our efforts.](#)

Regards,

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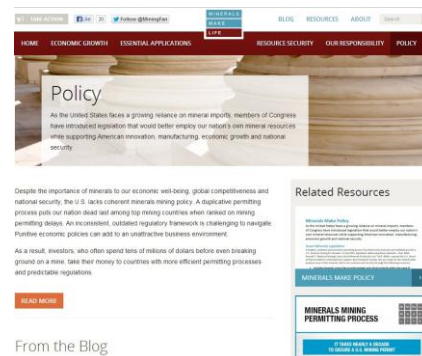
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