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Sirius Minerals PLC's open offer, part of a previously announced capital raising of about US\$425 million, was oversubscribed.

The company said May 21 that it received acceptances for 100% of the 218,048,057 shares on offer.

Sirius had announced the raising, along with a US\$400 million convertible note issue, as part of plans to raise US\$3.8 billion to fund second-stage development of the Woodsmith potash project in the U.K.

JP Morgan Chase Bank NA London branch had agreed to provide a revolving credit facility of up to US\$2.5 billion for the project.

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SIRIUS Minerals today said there was "strong equity market support" for fundraising to build a giant Yorkshire mine.

Sirius Minerals' giant polyhalite Woodsmith Mine, near Whitby, is a £3.2bn capital investment project which is expected to generate £100bn for the UK economy over the next 50 years. Apart from creating 1,000, long-term, skilled jobs, the project is also set to support 1,500 jobs in the supply chain.

Sirius Minerals Plc announced on April 30 2019 the details of a placing and open offer to raise gross proceeds of around £327 million, in connection with its Stage 2 Financing requirements.

In a statement, Sirius said: "The open offer closed for acceptances at 11 a.m. on May 20 2019 in accordance with its terms and was oversubscribed."

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The company's Polyhalite product, POLY4, can be used to achieve balanced fertilisation around the world. Sirius Minerals' shares are traded on the London Stock Exchange. Its shares are also traded in the United States on the OTCQX through a sponsored ADR facility.

Sirius Minerals has also made payments totalling £5m towards protecting the environment and enhancing skills. The contributions to North York Moors National Park Authority, North Yorkshire County Council and Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council form part of Sirius Minerals' planning permission for its new mine and underground mineral transport system to Teesside.