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**Coronado National Forest
Attn: Minerals and Geology Staff Re: Hermosa-Taylor
300 W Congress St, 6th Floor
Tucson AZ 85701**

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RE: Scoping Comment on Hermosa-Taylor deposit drilling project

To Whom It May Concern -

I am writing to express my profound concern about Arizona Mining Inc's Hermosa-Taylor deposit drilling project. During my 44 years of experience in architecture (20 years as a registered architect in the State of Arizona) and engineering, I have been involved in the preparation of a number of Environmental Assessments (EA's), specifically designed to preclude the necessity of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS's). While participating in these projects, I have never had a troubled conscience as the nature of these endeavors was minimal and an EIS was, we all agreed, unnecessary.

This Hermosa-Taylor deposit drilling project, however, not only concerns me deeply but, I am convinced, far outweighs, in magnitude and multiple negative impacts, anything I was ever personally involved with and my conscience dictates that I write to urge that, at least, Arizona Mining Incorporated be required to prepare and submit an EIS. I would prefer flat denial of permission to impose this kind of project on our pristine mountain environment and surrounding communities, but I know that would be premature and am confident that an EIS would probably result in a subsequent realization, on the part of authorities having jurisdiction, that it would have too negative an impact to be permitted.

I therefore, hereby urge that the EIS requirement be imposed, to include immediate and future impacts on the Patagonia Mountains environs and surrounding areas.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a horizontal line.

Jeffrey G Latham, architect