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BY:

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ATTN: Minerals & Geology Staff
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SUBJECT: Arizona Minerals, Inc. (AMI), Hermosa-Taylor Deposit Drilling Project

Dear District Ranger Kinsey,

I am writing on behalf of CAID Industries, Inc. in response to your scoping notice on the limited exploratory drilling project proposed by Arizona Minerals, Inc. ("AMI") in Santa Cruz County, Arizona, in the Sierra Vista Ranger District of the Coronado National Forest. The project is important to our local and regional economies.

My firm employees 300 people and the vast majority of my employees' jobs depend on our work as a support company for mining. AMI currently employs more than 160 people (either directly or through contracting work) and the proposed exploratory drilling project will increase that work force by another 25-30 contracted workers. These jobs employ both skilled and unskilled laborers in the Patagonia, Nogales, Sonoita, Sierra Vista and Tucson areas, and the daily presence of a work force this size translates into significant local spending that is a tremendous boost to the economy in Santa Cruz County.

CAID anticipates and welcomes the increase that the Hermosa-Taylor Drilling Project will bring to our business if the project is approved. We have seen firsthand the local benefit of the resulting increase in local purchasing power and need for services resulting from the AMI work. CAID revenues have increased substantially as a result of business from AMI's work force.

In addition, AMI has put together a very environmentally responsible plan that will impose minimal impacts on resources. Its Operation and Maintenance Plan minimizes the number of drill pads and maximizes the use of previously disturbed areas; avoids drilling during the breeding season of protected species in the general area even though the project is not located in any known habitat; commits to completing high quality reclamation; and completes all of the work (including reclamation) in less than a year.

CAID hopes that when the Forest Service evaluates this project, it will consider AMI's significant efforts to avoid and minimize resource impacts with its exploration plan and the positive socio-economic effects that will result from allowing this project to move forward expeditiously. This is a small, straightforward, and low-impact project that should not require lengthy evaluation.

Sincerely,

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