R.A. Miller, R.G.



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Celeste Kinsey, District Ranger, Sierra Vista Ranger District Coronado National Forest ATTN: Minerals & Geology Staff 300 W. Congress St. 6th Floor Tucson, AZ 85701



BY:

Re:

Arizona Minerals, Inc. (AMI), Hermosa-Taylor Deposit Drilling Project

Dear District Ranger Kinsey,

I am writing on behalf of myself, Rebecca A Miller, owner of R A Miller R G, to express support for Arizona Minerals, Inc. ("AMI") and its proposed exploratory drilling project in Santa Cruz County, Arizona, in the Sierra Vista Ranger District of the Coronado National Forest. The project is a valuable enhancement to our local community and our state's economy.

AMI's exploratory drilling project allows AMI to assess the value of its mineral rights and contribute to Arizona's economy while protecting and preserving our local environment. AMI currently employs about 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 Tucson area, 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.

R A Miller R G 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. Potential future revenues of R A Miller R G could increase substantially as a result of business from AMI's work force.

AMI's Operation and Maintenance Plan is designed to:

- ✓ minimize impact on the environment by limiting the number of drill pads, drilling multiple exploration holes from the same drill pad, and maximizing the use of previously disturbed areas;
- ✓ avoid drilling during the breeding season of protected species in the general vicinity, even though the project is not located in known habitat for those species;

- employ high quality reclamation when the work is done to fully restore any the small area affected by the project; and
- ✓ complete all construction, drilling, and reclamation work in less than a year.

In addition, AMI also is strongly committed to the local community in Santa Cruz County through active support of many local organizations. As a local business, R A Miller R G has seen AMI's dedicated support of Arizona Geological Society, which has a positive impact on the local community through protecting professional registration for geologists in the State of Arizona. AMI's contributions help make this work possible.

The Hermosa-Taylor Deposit Drilling Project should be approved to allow Arizona Minerals, Inc. to assess the value of its mineral rights in an environmentally responsible way that brings economic benefits to the local community and the state of Arizona. R A Miller R G fully supports the Hermosa-Taylor Deposit Drilling Project, and encourages you to approve the project as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

Rebecca A Miller, R G

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