

## **BFL Construction Company, Inc.**

## expectIntegrity

700 E. Broadway, Suite 200 \* Tucson, Arizona 85719-5753 \* (520) 882-4800 \* Fax (520) 882-7685 \* bitconstruction.com MEGIT WES

License #070263

September 27, 2016

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

Tucson AZ 85701

Re: Arizona Minerals, Inc. (AMI), Hermosa – Taylor Deposit Drilling Project

Dear District Ranger Kinsey,

I am writing on behalf of BFL Construction Co., Inc. 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.

The Hermosa-Taylor drilling project is very minor and will negatively impact very little while providing a boost to the local economy in terms of jobs and spending. We sincerely hope that the Forest Service will take into consideration these important socio-economic effects, and AMI's significant efforts to avoid and minimize resource impacts, when evaluating this project, and the Forest Service will not delay something this minor with an excessive review period.

Sincerely.

President & CEO



## BFL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. Consulting & Construction

License #070263 700 East Broadway Blvd • Suite 200 • Tucson, AZ 85719







Ֆլլարիանդիկանդիկանիկանիկանություն

Celeste Kinsey, District Ranger, Sierra Vista Ranger District Coronado National Forest ATTN: Minerals & Geology Staff 300 W. Congress St Floor 6 Tucson AZ 85701-1371



BY: .....