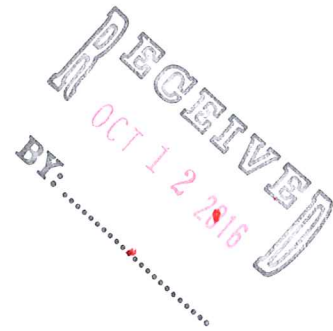


October 7, 2016

Celeste Kinsey, District Ranger, Sierra Vista Ranger District
Coronado National Forest
ATTN: Minerals & Geology Staff
300 W. Congress St. 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 my business – Plaza de Patagonia 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.

Plaza de Patagonia anticipates and welcomes the increase that the Hermosa-Taylor Drilling Project will bring to our business if the project is approved. Revenues of Plaza de Patagonia have increased substantially as a result of business from AMI's work force.

AMI also is strongly committed to the local community in Santa Cruz County through active support of many local organizations including the schools, festival events, our annual town cleanup and youth activities. AMI has proven to be a good neighbor and I welcome them in our community.

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. Plaza de Patagonia fully supports the Hermosa-Taylor Deposit Drilling Project, and encourages you to approve the project as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. D. Wells". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Plaza de Patagonia, Box 1258, Patagonia Az. 85624

