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U.S. Forest Service
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C.

RE: Sunnyside Exploration Drilling Project

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is to express support for the Sunnyside Exploration Drilling project. We have reviewed the documents prepared for this project and would like the Forest Service to know that on behalf of the Nogales-Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce, we fully support the Forest Service's draft Environmental Analysis for the project.

The continuation of mining and mineral exploration activities in Southern Arizona is imperative to economic development, including job creation and tax revenue for communities such as Patagonia, Nogales and other rural towns. As a rapidly growing area, we recognize that no modern city, home, factory, computer, car, medical facility, or green energy facility can be built without mined materials. The events of 2020 have highlighted the importance of having a robust supply chain and minerals are the building blocks of that chain.

We need a steady supply of domestically cultivated minerals to run our country and maintain an adequate supply chain.

Again, I encourage the Forest Service to issue a prompt and favorable decision on the Sunnyside drilling project.

Sincerely,

Olivia Ainza-Kramer
President/CEO

Cc: Board of Directors
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