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Attn: Rick Goshen

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RE: San Antonio Exploration Drilling Project Public Scoping

Dear Mr. Goshen:

I am writing to you on behalf of Arizona Mining and Industry Get Our Support (AMIGOS), a trade association of hundreds of mostly small and mid-sized businesses that depend on mining projects to keep thousands of people employed in Arizona.

AMIGOS has reviewed the Coronado's plan and finds it to be complete, of an appropriately-scaled size of analysis, and adequate in addressing the Forest's obligation to protect the environment, archeological sites, and the public. We fully support this proposal.

It is important to note that mining has time-and-time-again proven to be a significant economic engine to the areas where there are mines. Exploration is the first step in that process and project, but history is a very good indicator that even in the early stages of exploration the mining companies contribute to a better economic environment.

The public needs to recognize that mined materials are part of our everyday life. We cannot get through a day without them. Medicine, solar, tech, transportation and more depend on a steady supply of minerals. Now more than ever, the United States has witnessed the importance of a robust supply chain. Minerals are the first link in that chain.

The other benefit of domestic cultivation of minerals is to assure robust environmental and labor protections. Stopping mineral exploration in the United States does not change the demand for mined materials, but rather sends the production to other countries with fewer safeguards.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

AMIGOS

Sydney Hay

President