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Comments: South32 is committed to developing Hermosa in a way that benefits the community, minimizes impact on the environment, and creates new opportunities across the region for years to come.

* South32's Hermosa project is the only advanced mine development project to date in the United States that could produce two federally designated critical minerals - manganese and zinc - both of which are essential minerals for powering the nation's clean energy future.

* Hermosa will bring numerous benefits not only to Southern Arizona but to the entire nation, while also leading change in the industry by operating in an environmentally-responsible manner.

* Hermosa is being designed from the ground up with advanced technology and monitoring systems to deliver on the company's sustainability commitments and in response to community interests. With a total footprint of 750 acres, it's a fraction of the footprint of open-pit mines and even other underground mines, and its water use intensity is 75% less than other mines in the region.

* South32 is a responsible neighbor in Santa Cruz County and is working closely with the community to ensure our needs and concerns are addressed as the project moves forward, including for water management, sustainability, and protecting our region's unique ecosystem.