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Comments: Hello,

The purpose of this letter is to show my support for the South 32 - Hermosa Mining Project. The development of this project is vital to Santa Cruz County's economic development and the rest of Arizona, as well. The key minerals produced, Zinc and Magnesium are important to the growth and security of our state and country. These minerals are important not only for our move toward green energy but also in our daily use of technology. The mine's unique method of operation reduces the need for excessive water usage - dry stack tailing and underground stope/paste-backfill. This is important in an area where every drop of water is substantial. Although the area has been mined for centuries, South 32 will be a good steward of the land. The cleanup of existing tailings and continued environmental awareness in a pristine area will afford them the right to develop this site. I look forward to the future of this operation and ask for your support in making it one we all can be proud of.

Thank you,

Steve Lacey, MME, PG