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Comments: To whom it may concern,

Please find my endorsement in support of the Hermosa Critical Minerals Project #65668. In the first place I like the idea of having a domestic mineral supply here in the continentals USA. This is especially beneficial as the move to electric powered vehicles gets traction. We now have the raw materials to produce them within the country. Zinc and manganese are key minerals we are blessed to have on our real estate.

The economic benefit is huge for the county too. The mine has already spent over \$30 million dollars in cleaning up the old abandon mines and tailings. The entire financial impact is estimated to be over \$2 Billion dollars. Jobs in Nogales will also have a tremendous economic benefit.

There are road enhancements under planning that will bypass the local community traffic too.

The physical size of this mine is a very small footprint of which it only occupies 750 acres. From where I'm from in Texas that's not as big as some swimming pools. More than half of that acreage was already involved by mining conducted there 75 years ago.

One of the other advantages is the low water consumption that the mine will require. All in all, this appears to be a Win/Win proposition for the county, state, and the nation. I stand in support of this development.