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Comments: I am writing these to express my opinion about the Hermosa Project. This mining project has a big impact in a lot of aspects in the region, mainly economical.

The economical impact of this project is very important for a region as Patagonia and the Santa Cruz county, this because this area is mainly focused on agricultural activities with low rates of employment and low salaries. A mine like Hermosa, will bring hundreds of good pay jobs for many years and will contribute to improve the life quality of the area directly and indirectly.

I have been working for South32 for a few months, I have noticed the efforts that the company is doing to improve the life conditions of the people, with policies that it is not common to see in these days. South32 has role values that prioritize the safety and health of the people, as well as the environmental protection. Every decision is always considering water/air/ground protection, as well as protection of the biodiversity.

We can deny that a mining project has impact in the areas where they are located, but South32 is doing a good work to reduce in a big way this impact. A new mining concept for our region is in progress and will be an example of the new way to the things. South32 is committed to reduce the mining impact taking steps into a decarbonization and going forward to a green energy path.