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Ursula Kramer
Director
Pima County Department of
Environmental Quality
33 North Stone Avenue
Suite 700
Tucson, AZ 85701

Re: Rosemont Copper Company Application for Class II Permit,
Rosemont Copper Project Southeastern Arizona

Dear Ms. Kramer:

On July 29, 2010, Rosemont Copper Company ("Rosemont") submitted a Class II Air Quality Permit application for the proposed Rosemont Copper Project in Southern Arizona. The Rosemont Copper Project promises to be both a significant investment and a significant source of jobs in southern Pima County, both in the near future and for decades to come. As is the norm for large, complex projects, the Rosemont Copper Project has also generated considerable public interest.

Rosemont acknowledges that the Pima County Department of Environmental Quality (PDEQ) has up to sixty days to conduct a completeness review of the pending permit application. In light of the significant investment required and the amount of public interest in this application, Rosemont respectfully requests that PDEQ not delay action on Rosemont's pending application until the regulatory deadlines. Delay is unhelpful for project scheduling and is, indeed, unfair to the interested public as well, which is interested in PDEQ's conclusions as to whether the Rosemont Copper Project will comply with applicable air quality standards and regulations. Indeed, we are concerned that delay may increase tension and foment suspicions by project opponents and proponents of backroom deals and political interference in the permitting process. Rosemont believes its project stands on its own merits and trusts that PDEQ will handle the application professionally. Both Rosemont and PDEQ will benefit from prompt permit action given the level of public interest.

Rosemont thus respectfully requests that PDEQ notify Rosemont by letter or email of any information it needs as that information is identified. Rosemont will commit to responding fully to any PDEQ information requests within five business days in most cases, to help expedite the process. Where possible, Rosemont will provide its responses by email and/or in hard copy and .pdf formats to facilitate PDEQ placing them on its website to assist in keeping the public informed. By September 27, 2010 (the sixtieth day), Rosemont requests PDEQ summarize all missing information requested (unless Rosemont has already supplied the requested

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information). This summary will be helpful to us to ensure that PDEQ gets everything that it needs to process the application in accordance with the regulations. It is Rosemont's hope that this process could be used throughout the application process to keep the permitting process as expeditious as possible so that both Rosemont's investors and the general public will know as soon as possible whether the Rosemont Copper Project complies with all applicable air quality standards and regulations.

Rosemont appreciates PDEQ's efforts relating to the air quality permit and pending application and looks forward to continued cooperation with PDEQ in ensuring that the project meets all legal requirements and is protective of human health and the environment. Please call Kathy Arnold at (520) 784-1972 if you have any questions or concerns or if you would like to discuss details on how to move the permitting process forward expeditiously.

Sincerely,

Katherine Ann Arnold, PE
Dir. of Environmental & Regulatory Affairs

Cc: Jamie Sturgess, Rosemont Copper
Eric Hiser, Jordan Bischoff Hiser
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