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Coronado National Forest  
300 West Congress St.  
Tucson, AZ 85701

Attn: Mr. Walt Keyes, Road Manager

Re: Rosemont Copper Project\_Draft Environmental Impact Statement\_Proposed SR 83  
Improvements\_Primary Access Road

Dear Mr. Keyes,

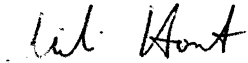
Rosemont Copper submitted an encroachment permit application to ADOT Tucson District on December 23, 2011 requesting access to SR 83 at approximately mile post 46.8. On July 9, 2012, Rosemont Copper submitted to ADOT information that updates the encroachment permit application including design drawings that are substantially complete. ADOT confirmed with the United States Forest Service (USFS) on July 19, 2012 that it had also received the updates.

Upon USFS final approval of the Mine Plan of Operations, ADOT will issue the encroachment permit to Rosemont Copper that will allow construction of the access to begin. Rosemont Copper will be responsible for one-hundred percent of the design cost and one-hundred percent of the construction cost.

Construction is anticipated to require approximately 120 working days. Traffic control will entail intermittent lane closures utilizing flagging and pilot car operations during the daytime. Public will be kept informed of any travel restrictions via local media outlets. Upon completion, future maintenance of the roadway improvements will be the responsibility of ADOT.

Please include this letter in the final environmental impact statement for the Rosemont Copper Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mick Hont". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping tail.

Mick Hont, P.E.

Acting Tucson District Engineer (Operations)

cc: Mr. Brent Cain, ADOT Deputy State Engineer (Urban Operations)  
Mr. Bill Harmon, ADOT Safford District Engineer  
Mr. Scott Beck, ADOT Southern Regional Traffic Engineer