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Attn: Mr. Walt Keyes, Road Manager

Re: Rosemont Copper Project_Draft Environmental Impact Statement_Proposed SR 83
Improvements_Mile Post 58.5 – 47.1

Dear Mr. Keyes,

For the safety and benefit of the traveling public and adjoining users, ADOT and Rosemont Copper have agreed to participate in the design, construction, and maintenance of roadway improvements on State Route 83. Roadway improvements will consist of three-inch asphalt concrete overlay, guardrail reconstruction, pavement markings, and shoulder build-up from approximately mile post 47.1 (aka primary access road project terminus) north to mile post 58.5, and the addition of bus pullouts at mile post 47.9, 49.2, and 52. It is anticipated that no new right-of-way will be required.

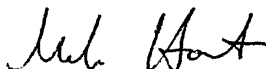
ADOT will design and construct the aforementioned project. Rosemont Copper will contribute one-hundred percent of the design cost and one-hundred percent of the construction cost. Design and construction costs will be estimated by ADOT. Rosemont Copper will remit to ADOT the estimated cost of design upon United States Forest Service (USFS) final approval of the Mine Plan of Operations (MPO). Rosemont Copper will remit to ADOT the estimated cost of construction twenty-four months after USFS final approval of the MPO. Upon completion of the design phase and construction phase of the roadway improvement project, ADOT will invoice or reimburse Rosemont for the difference between the estimated and actual costs.

Construction is anticipated to require approximately 90 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. Maintenance of the roadway improvements will be the responsibility of ADOT.

In a meeting between the USFS and ADOT on September 7, 2012, USFS communicated that it had requested from Rosemont Copper a traffic study that provides an operational analysis of transportation facilities beyond State Route 83. ADOT is in the process of reviewing this document. Depending on ADOT's findings, highway improvements in addition to what is communicated in this letter may be required by ADOT from Rosemont Copper.

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

Sincerely,



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