

TOP TEN REASONS TO SUPPORT ROSEMONT

THE FACTS

This project benefits every resident because Rosemont:

- Must meet environmental protections following an exhaustive environmental review by state and federal agencies. Our proposed plan will go forward only if environmental protections are ensured through rigorous, independent reviews by these agencies.
- Is located in an established mining district, with reclamation starting Day 1. Our progressive approach means reclamation begins on the very first day of construction. Rosemont is funding a seven-year University of Arizona research grant to identify which native species and conditions will support the best revegetation.
- Has the lowest water use and guaranteed protection of local waters. Our water recycling technologies and progressive conservation will use less than half the water of traditional mines. We'll replace groundwater pumped by recharging water purchased from the Central Arizona Project. We've already begun storing groundwater and have guaranteed private wells in the Sahuarita vicinity.
- Has unmatched efficiency, resulting in the smallest footprint and highest yield. Rosemont's footprint will be less than half the size of other Pima County mines. Because we will employ the latest technologies with high efficiency, Rosemont will yield substantially higher amounts of copper per acre.
- Inject \$15 billion into our local economy over the life of the operation. The ASU study quantified Rosemont Copper's positive impact on our local, state and nation's economy, spread over a variety of economic sectors.

- Local governments would see a \$404 million increase in tax revenues over that same period. These millions of local tax dollars will be put to use by local government to provide vital services such as education, fire and police protection, and road repair.
- Will produce copper, which is essential for a green economy. Renewable, sustainable energy and new technologies such as transmission and distribution systems, hybrid cars, wind turbines, and solar panels all require large amounts of copper. A "green" home contains an average of 439 pounds of copper.
- Includes sizable permanent land conservation and protection. Rosemont will maintain a 30,000-acre working cattle ranch as part of our revegetation and reclamation effort. The cattle's grazing will help promote natural revegetation and the reclaimed mining area, along with the ranch, will continue as traditional ranching and wildlife open space after reclamation.
- Sustain 2,100 jobs in our region every year. An independent Arizona State University study found that Rosemont will directly hire 400+ employees for at least 19 years, and at least another 1,700 indirect jobs for contractors and vendors providing goods or services during that time will be created in our community. Historically mining jobs are among the highest paying positions in Arizona, averaging \$59,000 per year.
- Will reduce the nation's dependence on foreign sources of copper. Copper is an essential part of our lives. Yet, more than 30% of the U.S. copper supply comes from outside the country.

America needs copper. The average person will use more than 1,500 pounds of copper in a lifetime. And that number is growing, because more copper is needed to construct new, green technologies. With Rosemont, we have an opportunity to produce more than 10 percent of the U.S. copper supply, greatly reducing our reliance on foreign copper.