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Dear Ms. Hartmann and Mr. Serraglio:

Thank you for your letter dated April 17, 2017 concerning the Rosemont Copper Project (ID # 2810-030502-POO-2007-001). In response to your concerns, Hudbay Minerals has not provided the Coronado National Forest with any additional information for consideration that deviates from what was analyzed in the 2013 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and two Supplemental Information Reports (SIR). While the Canadian Securities Administrators may require any publicly held Canadian mineral exploration and/or mining companies listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (TSX-V) or the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) to prepare a NI 43-101 Technical Report for their project, such studies are outside the jurisdiction of the Forest Service (FS).

Hudbay will be bound to abide by the findings and scope analyzed and disclosed in the FEIS, the two SIRs, and the final Record of Decision (ROD). The final approval of the mine plan of operations will be based on compliance with the mitigation and requirements of the final ROD. If Hudbay were to submit a proposed modification to the analyzed plan, the FS would review and make a determination as to whether or not additional NEPA analysis would be necessary.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Rosemont Project Manager, Sarah Baxter, at 520-388-8348 or sbaxter@fs.fed.us. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely

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