

**RESOLUTION 38-2010**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE PLANNED COPPER MINE IN THE ROSEMONT CANYON AREA OF SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA**

WHEREAS, copper is an essential element needed in a wide variety of manufacturing processes, and will continue to be incorporated into high-end manufactured goods for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, currently 34 percent of the copper needed for U.S. industry is imported from other countries; and

WHEREAS, there is an estimated deposit of at least 4.2 billion pounds of copper within the proposed mine site in Rosemont Canyon, which at full production will add 10 percent to the total U.S. copper production annually; and

WHEREAS, through more modern copper production methods and recycling techniques to be utilized at the Rosemont mine, water consumption will be less than half of the traditional copper mine; and

WHEREAS, at full production, the mine will directly create approximately 406 full-time jobs at an average income of \$59,000, as well as creating 1,700 additional jobs indirectly in the three-county area in the immediate vicinity of the mine; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2009 economic study, the mine is expected to inject \$701 million in local economic stimulus each year for the expected twenty-year life of the mine, including \$19 million in additional local tax revenues annually; and

WHEREAS, this same study estimates an increase of at least \$3 billion in personal income in Southeastern Arizona over the life of the mine; and

WHEREAS, the mine operators have committed to an aggressive reclamation program beginning Day 1 of mining operations that includes a 30,000 acre working ranch and state of the art re-vegetation techniques of native species.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona that it hereby expresses its support for the planned Rosemont Copper Mine as a measured and reasonable means for substantial and sustainable economic development within Southeastern Arizona; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City staff is directed to continue to engage in discussions with Augusta Resources, the owner of the Rosemont Mine, to explore opportunities for direct economic development within Benson in support of the proposed mining operations in Rosemont Canyon.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA this 24th day of May, 2010.

  
MARK M. FENN, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
VICKI L. VIVIAN, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
MICHAEL J. MASSEE, City Attorney