

### **Commitment to sustainability of environment and community**

The Florence Copper project has always been and will continue to strive for the highest levels of environmental protection.

This past week, as part of the rigorous environmental process that requires the company to obtain 19 permits and authorizations from federal, state and local agencies, we received non-binding recommendations from an Arizona administrative law judge on one of these permits.

The recommendations included conclusions by the judge that our production test facility on Arizona State Trust Land just north of the Town of Florence will not have any impact on the drinking water wells in the Town of Florence, nor will it impact the wells owned and operated by the private local water company, which operates northwest of the project.

This finding paves the way for the company to finalize our State Aquifer Protection Permit and our other necessary permits to begin the test phase of the project. Once the recommended modifications to our Aquifer Protection Permit are reviewed and the final deliberations of the Water Quality Appeals Board adopted, and we receive the anticipated Underground Injection Control permit from the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Florence Copper project will move forward with a small-scale, two-year test phase to publicly demonstrate the safety and viability of the copper recovery process. During the test phase, we are committed to an open and transparent process that develops community confidence in our methods of extraction and demonstrates the highest level of commitment to protecting the water resources in our project area.

In September, copper producer Taseko Mines Limited made a bid to acquire the company. Taseko's interest in the company demonstrates great confidence in the success of the project, and they have the financial wherewithal to take the project to production.

Arizona has been the nation's largest producer of copper since before statehood – tens of thousands of high-wage jobs have been created because of the financial opportunities generated by the mining industry. The Florence Copper project offers a prime opportunity to stimulate the local economy using environmentally responsible, 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology.

Once in full production, the Florence Copper project will create 170 full-time jobs and involve 80 contracting positions in Pinal County, generating nearly 800 jobs statewide. The approximate \$835 million in capital investment will result in over \$468 million in new state revenues from taxes and royalties, of which more than \$100 million will be in local property taxes to help Pinal County schools, police and fire departments.

We invite everyone to take a tour of the site and learn about our project by contacting us at [www.florencecopper.com](http://www.florencecopper.com). Over 700 people have taken the tour and many have joined our team as



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supporters of the project. Please sign up for a tour today and see for yourself the new technology that will help create high-wage jobs and economic opportunity again in northern Pinal County.

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