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Ms. Bev Everson
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RE: SWCA's Statement of Qualifications Relating to Third-Party NEPA Services for the Proposed Rosemont Mine

Dear Ms. Everson:

SWCA Environmental Consultants (SWCA) is pleased to provide you with the following Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) demonstrating our ability to provide third-party NEPA services to the Coronado National Forest (CNF). SWCA provides a wide range of environmental services, including environmental planning and management, regulatory compliance, ecological research, and biological and cultural resources monitoring in southern Arizona. SWCA has also enlisted the services of Mr. John MacIvor, who was retained for his experience as a former District Ranger for the Forest Service. We feel that Mr. MacIvor will provide invaluable leadership to SWCA as a Forest Service Liaison and as the SWCA Interdisciplinary (ID) Project Leader.

SWCA has also contacted two additional firms, Montgomery Watson Harza and SRK Consulting, regarding their ability to provide expertise relating to geochemistry, hydrology, and mine reclamation. This team arrangement will allow SWCA to provide the CNF with comprehensive support for the proposed Rosemont Mine EIS. I will be happy to submit their qualifications upon your request.

SWCA has the ability to commit its Principals and assigned professional staff to the Rosemont NEPA process as needed. We currently maintain a staff of approximately 50 Environmental Scientists and support staff in the Tucson, Phoenix, and Flagstaff offices. Program Directors regularly coordinate with staff and with each other to prioritize project work and balance the workload of our staff so that projects can be completed in a timely manner.

If you have any questions or comments, or wish to modify the special terms and conditions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (520) 325-9194 or Ken Houser at (602) 274-3831.

Respectfully,

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Tom Furgason
Program Director

Enclosures: SOQ

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