

Background

Resolution Copper Mining, LLC (Resolution Copper) was formed in 2004 to evaluate, design, permit, construct and operate an underground block cave copper mine located just east of Superior, Arizona and is owned jointly between Rio Tinto (55%) and BHP Billiton (45%).

The copper resource that has been identified is approximately 1.6 billion metric tons and is one of the largest undeveloped copper resources in the world. At currently designed production rates, it will produce the equivalent of more than 25 percent of the annual US copper demand for 40 years.

"The Resolution Copper project will create economic benefits from direct mining operations, supplier purchases and by salaries paid to workers who will in turn spend money in the economy."

Elliott Pollack

Economic & Fiscal Impact of Resolution Copper Company - Superior, Arizona

generate economic and employment opportunities for state and local residents. (Source: U.S. Congress Fact Sheet)

Economic Benefits to Arizona

A recent economic impact study conducted by Pollack & Associates concluded that the \$5 billion private investment to construct and operate the mine would create the following:

- ✓ 1400 direct jobs and 2300 indirect jobs (3700 total jobs) throughout the 40- year mine life;
- ✓ 3000 construction jobs (average) during the construction phase of the project;
- ✓ \$220 million in annual wages;
- ✓ \$61 billion in economic impact to the state of Arizona; and
- ✓ \$19 billion in federal, state and local tax revenues with \$16 billion allocated to federal tax.

Bi-partisan Cooperation

United States Congressman Paul Gosar and United States Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick are working together to continue Arizona's leadership in copper production worldwide. Together they are working to ensure congress pass The Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013 which will, along with many other provisions, allow Resolution Copper to exchange private land for federal land.

AZAGC applauds Congressman Gosar and Congresswoman Kirkpatrick for working together to make this important project a reality that will benefit all Arizonans. We encourage congress to pass the The Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013.

The Act

The Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013 would facilitate a land exchange that will bring into federal stewardship 5,500 acres of high-priority conservation lands in exchange for 2,600 acres of national forest system land intermingled with private land and blanketed by unpatented mining claims in the copper triangle in Southeast Arizona. This legislation shows we can protect land and water and have a strong economy with good jobs. It will conserve lands that advance the important public objectives of protecting wildlife habitat, cultural and historic resources, the watershed, recreation sites and aesthetic values, while enabling an important mining project to go forward that will

