

NOTICE OF THE PRELIMINARY DECISION TO ISSUE

A SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENT TO AN INDIVIDUAL AQUIFER PROTECTION PERMIT

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Pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code, Title 18, Chapter 9, Article 1, the Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality intends to issue a Significant Amendment to an Aquifer Protection Permit (APP) to the following applicant(s):

Individual Aquifer Protection: **Permit No. 512235, LTF 101257**
Facility Name: **Hermosa Project**
Permittee: **South32 Hermosa Inc.**

The facility is located in Santa Cruz County located in Section 32 in Township 22S, Range 16E and in Township 23S, Range 16E; and un-surveyed Sections 3 and 4, of the Gila and Salt River Baseline and Meridian.

The draft permit and related documentation are available for public review, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at ADEQ, 1110 West Washington Street, Records Management Center, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007. These documents are also available digitally by e-mail or print and mail (fee may apply), please call (602) 771-4380 or e-mail RecordsCenter@azdeq.gov 24 hours in advance to schedule an appointment to review the file. The permit and executive summary may be viewed online at <https://www.azdeq.gov/PublicNotices>.

The public comment period is in effect **from August 23, 2024 to October 6, 2024**. Comments may be submitted in writing at https://bit.ly/Comments_South32Hermosa, or post mail at ADEQ, Groundwater Section, 1110 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Comments must be received or **postmarked by October 6, 2024**.

A public hearing will be held on October 2nd, 2024, at Patagonia Union High School, located at 200 Naugle Ave, Patagonia, AZ 85624, from 6pm to 8pm.

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