On January 11, 2013, the Queen Valley Homeowners Association passed a resolution opposing Resolution Copper's pumping of water past our community, as well as its proposal to locate its mine waste tailings pile in the Florence Junction area. The Queen Valley Homeowners Association represents 300 households in Queen Valley area and is a community located 12 miles down the Queen Creek drainage from the Resolution Copper mine.

Queen Valley has always been a beautiful spot in the desert. Because of springs and its location relative to different drainages, it was first a working ranch, then a nursery, and then our public golf course was built. The community grew as the ponds remained full with water from Queen Creek and there was ample water for all, including the abundant wildlife that flourished in the valley.

This is no longer the case! Resolution Copper has been pumping approximately 900,000 gallons of water a day down the Queen Creek drainage to a canal in the Florence, Arizona area where they receive water credits.

In the summer of 2012 the Queen Valley community water supply was at a historic low, and water had to be rationed on the community golf course. When the condition of the golf course deteriorates, so do our home values, as it is a vital part of the community. Residents and property owners of Queen Valley are concerned for our future water supply as well as our quality of life.

The proposed waste tailings site in the Florence Junction area will also decrease property values, taxes, tourism, and the economy of the area. This is a very popular recreational site with families coming from as far as Phoenix, to spend time in the area to enjoy camping and the numerous hiking and 4 wheeling trails, along with the beautiful desert scenery. There would be noise and truck traffic in the area that would also ruin it for any recreational activities, if Resolution Copper is allowed to haul its mine waste to this site. With predominately a south wind, hazardous dust would also be carried into our community from the 7,000 acre pile of waste that is proposed by Resolution Copper.

Resolution Copper is owned by two foreign mining giants, Rio Tinto and BHP, which have billions of dollars of profit every year.

We support jobs and economic growth, but not the at the expense of others.

Please consider who you are representing regarding any decisions made concerning Resolution Copper.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to your response.

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